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Rather House, Episcopal Seminary
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PLEIARY SESSION, WEDNESDAY, September 15, 1976

PRESENT: Anderson, Brown, Clark, Davies, Farmer, Glickman, Heaberlin, Headrick, Higgins, Hunter, Materka, Moore, Nobles, Peterman, Shlipak, Sugihara, Tilley, Titus, Wilbur; Offboard Chairpersons Duke, Keever, and Moon; and Joann Lovelace.

ABSENT: None

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. by introducing Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary replacing Diana Tilley, who has been appointed Publications Director, and Adelyn Duke of Victoria, recently appointed TCR Offboard Chairperson.

Small Committees had met September 14 and Core Committees had met early September 15. Also, September 14 Rep. Wayne Peveto (D-Orange), Chairman of the Property Tax Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, had briefed the Board on legislation which is currently being drafted.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. At Anderson's request Moon reviewed for the Board the present ramifications of the Administrative Procedure Act. The two main problems are (1) Citizen participation, and (2) the challenge to the integrity of the whole hearing process. However, she stated that it was the consensus among the group that this reform legislation is positive and jeopardizing the whole process would not be beneficial at this time. The Attorney General had stated that the new legislation has not been in effect long enough to completely evaluate it. Moon suggested a strategy of:

- A. LWV-T monitoring the implementation of the Act by the various boards and agencies.
- B. LWV-T keeping appropriate officials updated on observations.
- C. LWV-T informing local Leagues on importance of APA, the problems, and stimulating their involvement in monitoring.

Anderson asked if LWV-T should target any particular agencies, and the Water Quality Board, Water Development Board, and Water Rights Commission were suggested. It was mentioned that a hearing had recently been held in Victoria by the Board of Pardons and Parole.

There was general agreement that these are the directions in which we should proceed, and the report was accepted.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Clark referred to the "refined" consensus questions appearing in her preboard, and after discussion it was agreed to make small changes in several questions, increasing the number of questions to 13 with Question 13 being optional. Clark MOVED that the Board accept the consensus questions as changed. SECONDED. Davies MOVED to amend the questions by removing the word "optional" from Question 13. SECONDED. The amendment CARRIED with 11 aye's and 4 no's, and the original motion as amended PASSED, producing the following:

2. AJ (cont'd)

- BAIL - 1. Should bail be denied for a person arrested while out on bail for a prior felony arrest? Y N U
- COURTS - 2. What solutions would you support for court administration? A separate agency? Supreme Court Agency? Texas Judicial Council? Present System? Other?
- TRIALS - 3. The Texas Criminal Justice Standards and Goals recommends that the period from arrest to beginning of trial should not be longer than 90 days. Do you: AGREE? DISAGREE?
- EVIDENCE - 4. Should Texas permit oral confessions as admissible evidence? Y N U
5. Should Texas allow evidentiary search warrants? Y N U
6. Should Texas have a law allowing electronic surveillance? Y N U
- SENTENCING - 7. The Texas Criminal Justice Standards and Goals recommends that all sentencing by a jury be abolished. Do you: AGREE? DISAGREE?
8. Would you support measures to reduce disparity of sentences? Y N U
9. Do you favor enhancement (increasing) of a sentence for a crime committed with a firearm? Y N U
10. Should the Court of Criminal Appeals be given the power to review the appropriateness of a sentence? Y N U
- PROBATION - 11. The Texas Criminal Justice Standards and Goals recommends that probation services be made available statewide; that the state provide financial aid to counties for establishment and improvement of such services; and the establishment of a State Adult Probation Board under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary. Do you: AGREE? DISAGREE?
- JAILS - 12. Do you support a state commission, adequately funded, with powers to set and enforce minimum standards for city and county jails? Y N U
- DEATH PENALTY - 13. Do you favor the death penalty as presently defined in the Texas Penal Code? Y N U

Clark also agreed to produce a brief leader's guide with her postboard report.

3. FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT (PTR-PSF). Wilbur reported that she is considering having an LL person put together some kind of brief, possibly a backgrounder on zero-based budgeting.

She referred to her preboard report mentioning a ceiling on local enrichment, and stated that LWV-T position is that state funding for schools should be increased.

She asked how much information should go out to LL's on the legislators, and suggestions were to note "Confidential -- Do not reproduce" on all in-house material and to emphasize Representative Peveto's comment that 20 letters could influence a legislator.

3. FSG (cont'd)

Letters to PTR specialists are scheduled for about the same time. Some local Leagues have appointed two specialists, and several local presidents wish to receive the material also. Anderson asked Wilbur to get a firm mailing list to state office.

Wilbur's plans for a data bank have changed; it will still begin on November 1.

In view of the fact that Representative Peveto put greater emphasis on alternative ways of working to educate League members and senators, the board agreed to cancel the planned PTR conference. Calls for action from local Leagues should remind them to stress different ideas in their letters, rather than all appearing the same.

Shlipak called attention to LWV-Irving's Inform-A-Night on PTR on Tuesday, October 19, and the possibility of video-taping the program for later use was suggested. Anderson asked Shlipak to consider it.

4. CALENDAR. Anderson is presently compiling a revised calendar and stressed the importance of meeting calendar dates when getting material to local Leagues. The Juvenile Justice F&I distribution date has been moved from February to April 16, 1977.

5. VOTING RIGHTS. Sugihara reported that there are 30 bills presently being written or thought about, but the general opinion is that, without the Governor's support, few will have a chance of being passed. The bill prepared by the McBee Subcommittee (See May 19 Minutes, No. 15) possibly has a good chance of passing without his support and will be the one LWV-T will be watching carefully.

She passed around two sample forms on observer monitoring and open meetings prepared by LWV-New Jersey and asked for board comments.

6. AIR. Moon reported that LWV-T, with \$25,000 funded by Tenneco (the money has been channeled through LWV-Houston Ed Fund.), is moving forward with efforts to develop a factfinding group of national experts to consider air control strategies. A steering committee is being made up of representatives from the Texas Air Control Board, the Environmental Cancer Center, the LWV-Texas, Tenneco, the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and a lawyer-geneticist. Plans are for the steering committee to develop a work plan, to decide what kind of expertise is needed on the full committee, and to help secure those members.

7. ENERGY. Keever reported that there is still doubt as to whether or not the State of Texas will take advantage of funding offered under the Federal Energy Administration; the Governor's Energy Advisory Council has applied for a 10-day extension in the deadline for response.

She referred to her preboard and stated that representatives from at least 10 local Leagues will meet on September 21, with Rep. Joe Ventura, Associate Executive Director of the GEAC, and Sen. Max Sherman, (D-Amarillo), also participating, to discuss possible energy conservation legislation in the next session and implementation of the state conservation plan.

Discussion followed on the type of energy conservation LWV-T could support, and Keever stated there is no way to project, that we will have to look at it as it comes along, that in order for us to support it under LWVUS energy guidelines a bill must define and prescribe methodology, not just state "lifeline", etc. Analyzing bills with the carbon routine was discussed, and Anderson stated that possible examples are being worked out. In the meantime she asked Keever to be sure that HR Director Davies is included in all energy correspondence.

7. ENERGY (cont'd)

Keever reported that the Texas Building Commission will hold a public hearing September 29 on residential and nonresidential construction standards.

Since funding was not developed for the last three in the series of four energy seminars sponsored by the Texas Environmental Coalition and assisted by LWV-T and GEAC, participants are being asked to pay their own expenses. Keever is applying to LWV-TEF for \$90 registration fee (which includes food and lodging) for the next three meetings. Upon Nobles' inquiry Keever stated that 42 had attended the first seminar. They are attempting to cover seven areas of interest (utilities, government, universities, environmentalists, and consumers) and wish the same people to attend all meetings.

8. EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT. Anderson referred to her preboard, stating that all local League presidents who requested it are receiving ERA newsletters, and the ERA work is receiving support from several areas.

9. LAND USE. Higgins reported that there is not a chance of a land use bill in upcoming legislation, but hopefully coastal zone management will be something on which LWV-T can concentrate its efforts. Davies mentioned the value of monitoring land use bills that LWV-T will be against.

10. WATER. Headrick stated that LWV-T's No. 1 priority for the moment is action on two proposed constitutional amendments concerning water development bonds. She MOVED that LWV-Texas join Texans for Clean Water to support Amendment No. 2, explaining that our obligation would consist of accepting a position on the steering committee and attending a luncheon the second week in October at which the Governor has been invited to speak. She also stated that other groups have joined TFCW who do not support Amendment No. 1. SECONDED and CARRIED.

She has heard from LWVUS on the problem of supporting mitigation, and it was generally agreed to accept the committee's recommendation that we keep our members informed.

Headrick wishes to revise information to local Leagues on how to handle public forums, and passed around a report by Jan Coggeshall on the Galveston "forum", one of a series now being held by the TWDB on the Texas Water Plan.

She stated that in her July 1976 Position Paper on the two water amendments, the TWDB was reported to have claimed that Palmetto Bend Reservoir was not a transfer basin, however, a recent newspaper article quoted Bill Ivey, Director of the TWDB Fund, as stating that Palmetto Bend Reservoir is a transfer basin. Duke said that at an earlier hearing in Victoria, Executive Director Rose had stated that it was not and she agreed to send Headrick the information.

Adverse publicity relating the LWV-T to the amendment election was discussed; a headline showed LWV-T against a Water Plan and letters to the editor misinterpreting League's position have been appearing. Headrick is planning press releases for the weeks prior to the November Election. Sugihara stated that a protest might be filed against the "forums", as they may be against HB4, and that documentation would be needed to show the discussions are mainly on a ballot issue. Higgins suggested that a press release be handed out at the forums, which would supply on-the-spot correct information.

Headrick asked board members to take a supply of Citizens Against Water Taxes bumper stickers which read, "Vote No on Amendment 1" to local Leagues, paying for them later.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES. Davies reported that she had received 10 responses to the questionnaire placed in the June State Board Report, but felt the interrelatedness that should be between HR and NR is not happening. She would like to amend the wording of our HR position to include the elderly (not welfare recipients) to recognize their existence and the fact that services to them come under HR.

There was pro and con discussion on supporting legislation to remove the sales tax from utility bills, and Shlipak MOVED to table the decision until January board meeting, allowing time for an update on the subject in Davies' preboard. SECONDED and CARRIED.

12. TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. Duke stated that "revision" in connection with the Constitution has been the least mentioned word since November, 1975. Our positions still remain and efforts in the future will be piecemeal, getting rid of problems by legislation proposing amendments of single pieces or whole articles. She has received a July 9, 1976, publication entitled Reorganized Texas Constitution Without Substantive Change prepared by Louise Winecup of the Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, which will be helpful to those using the Constitution.

Most TCR action will come under other portfolios and she will funnel information to them. She has been in contact with Rep. Joe Wyatt of Victoria, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, who plans to introduce an executive article almost as it appeared in the proposed constitution. It may be possible to pass Sec. 24b if it is offered as a separate item. Wyatt plans to personally introduce an annual session bill and other legislation in the future, but it will be one step at a time.

ENERGY ANNOUNCEMENT. Kever talked with Joe Ventura, (see No. 7 these minutes) who had called Lt. Gov. Hobby to determine the state's intention concerning the application for planning funds under the FEA's energy conservation program, but had not been able to speak with him. Getting out an action alert and letters to Hobby and Briscoe were discussed, as the application can be received in Washington and processed by September 30. Anderson reported her conversation with Lt. Gov. Hobby.

Recessed 12:40 p.m.

Reconvened 1:35 p.m. Kever and Moon no longer present.

13. MINUTES. The May 18-20 Minutes were approved with the following corrections:

P. 2, No. 6, Line 3 - N. Texas should be S. Texas

P. 3, No. 9, Par. 2 should read, "She asked that the theme be ready by September board meeting, and prompted board members to plan to go early and stay late, participating fully, with LWV-Tarrant County providing Sunday evening lodging if necessary."

P. 5, No. 16, Line 3, (4), change "Active Attention" to "Standby".

P. 5, Last Paragraph, "Administrative Procedures Act" should be "Administrative Procedure Act" and "Texas Registry" should be "Texas Register".

P. 7, No. 21, Lines 6 and 7, should read, "She mentioned that LWV-T is being paid approximately \$25 per precinct for Bunny Sawin's work in cooperation with American Broadcasting Company Election Night reporting. Board discussion followed.

P. 7, No. 23, Line 2, "Kemper" should be "Kempner".

P. 7, No. 23, Par. 3, correct title is "The Administration of Injustice".

P. 10, No. 32, Par. 1, correct name of the committee is "Texas Coastal Management Program Citizens Advisory Committee".

P. 10, No. 32, end of Par. 3, add "SECONDED and PASSED".

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PP. 10 and 11, No. 36, change the motion to read "Clark MOVED that we approve the following tentative consensus questions:" and after the list of questions add, "Motion was SECONDED and PASSED".

P. 12, No. 43, complete the motion by adding "that we accept the LWVUS-EF Section 208 Planning Grant if offered to Texas."

P. 12, No. 48, correct spelling, "Sorrels" should be "Sarles".

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Anderson called attention to recent correspondence from LWVUS on current developments in plans for the Presidential Debates. Because of a Federal Election Commission ruling, money cannot be received from labor unions, corporations, or nonprofit foundations, and LWVUS also has decided not to accept contributions from the political action committees of either. Individual contributions are being sought; these are tax-deductible and have no dollar limitation.

Anderson recommended the appointment of the following Budget Committee:

Ethel Sturgis, LWV-Tarrant Co., Chairperson

Louise Chandler, LWV-Richardson

Jeanette Vanderwater, LWV-Houston

Barbara Materka, Director

Jan Wilbur, Director

(LWV-T and LWV-TEF Treasurers and President to be ex-officio.)

The board concurred. Sturgis has requested a job description for budget chairperson and Anderson has written one. Present and past budget chairpersons will be asked to review it, before adding to the State Board Handbook. The Budget Committee will meet October 25-26.

She requested that for better coordination directors notify state office of planned local League visits.

She referred to her preboard and asked for recommendations for committee members to be submitted to the National Commission on Observance of International Women's Year. The committee will coordinate conferences recently funded by Congress. Luz Elena Day of San Antonio, Maura McNeil of Dallas, Laura Doing of Wichita Falls, and Barbara Vackar of Austin, were named and those making nominations agreed to contact them.

There was general agreement to accept LWV-Austin's invitation to Council 1978.

Anderson has arranged with the state IR chairperson, Joan Kyre of Lubbock, for videotaping a program geared to developing the new UN consensus and stated the budgeted amount of \$30 for IR would cover the cost.

15. TREASURER'S REPORT. Glickman referred to the August 31, 1976, quarterly budget analysis and called attention to several small problems in reporting procedures. It was suggested that she use four columns with the noncash column appearing before the variance, with noncash figures being included in the variance. She notified the board that she is transferring \$34.25 in the TEF National Revenue Sharing account back to the LWV-Texas general fund because of a past error costing LWV-T more than that. She MOVED that the balance of all other TEF accounts carried in the LWV-T budget, \$618.22, be returned to the LWV-TEF general fund. SECONDED and CARRIED. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Break 3:05 p.m.

Reconvened 3:15 p.m. Duke no longer present.

16. DEVELOPMENT. Shlipak reported that since the Texas Committee for the Humanities turned down the Criminal Justice Conference proposal, that rather than resubmit it to them, she, Anne Pfaff of Irving, and AJ Director Clark have approached the Dallas County Community College District and obtained approval of up to \$2500 to hold the conference. Attorney General John Hill has agreed to be the keynote speaker, and it will be held Thursday, November 11 at El Centro College in downtown Dallas.

LWV-T has received \$5,000 from the Fikes Foundation (LWV-Dallas's share is \$1,500), and she stated that this may be only the beginning of contributions from them. They have asked that their name not be publicized without permission, and she will confer with them about using their name in the LWV-T Annual Report.

She mentioned that local Leagues continue to send in names of possible contributors. She has called on the Goddard Foundation in Dallas and should receive a reply in October.

Recessed 3:30 p.m.

Reconvened 10:00 a.m., September 16, 1976.

17. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. Peterman reported that two new consultants have been assigned; Davies to LWV-Midland and Tilley to LWV-San Marcos.

She reported that the prior evening's discussion of revelations and insights into local Leagues gained by trainers was most beneficial and will alert all board members to possible problems or situations to commend in local Leagues. LWV-Baytown and LWV-San Marcos have been selected for concentrated assistance, and Lobby Workshops are to be in Harlingen and Midland in an attempt to pick them up.

She has received many favorable comments from participants in the Houston Area Specialized Training. One-third completed the evaluation forms. Plans for next year will take into account the learning experiences of this one.

Peterman asked for written evaluations of the training from workshop leaders, and Hunter requested the trainers to make their evaluations and send to her.

18. MEMBERSHIP. Farmer referred to the contest for MALS mentioned in her preboard. She plans to send each MAL an invitation to take part in the contest and to come to Convention.

In postboard she plans to stress to local Leagues the importance of sending to state office names of members who transfer out of a League area so they might be invited to become MAL's. The committee recommends sending MAL's a brochure of some kind covering membership matters and ordering a slide show from LWVUS entitled "League Women in Politics" to be loaned to LL's for a membership tool. When Anderson asked about funding, Hunter replied that it will come from the Organization budget.

19. ORGANIZATION. Hunter reported that after some discussion the committee had decided that LWV-Waco has the qualifications for the Membership Pilot Project Module. Materka stressed the importance of not forcing the idea on them, and if they turn it down, there may be other LL's interested. Anderson and Headrick will discuss LWV-Waco's possible participation with them when there for consultation October 7-8.

Hunter reported that the committee plans to supplement In League to help LL's plan for their Annual Meetings.

19. ORGANIZATION (cont'd):

She has received the Interim Report on PLWV-Eastern Bell County and will forward it to LWVUS. They are hoping for publication of their KYC Survey in February.

She asked directors to look over the State Board Handbook for necessary changes.

In view of problems in membership and the need to "shore up" several Leagues, Anderson stated that Kathy Leabo is being recommended by the President and vice presidents for appointment as a director of LWV-T. Shlipak MOVED that Leabo be appointed. SECONDED and CARRIED.

20. VICTORIA EXPERIMENT. Sugihara reported that LWV-Victoria is a busy, healthy, respectable League with some complaints about LWV-T. She and Hunter had a profitable, tape-recorded session with them, and recommended that trainers take a tape recorder with them when attempting to gain information about problems, since in replaying the tape she heard many comments she had originally missed. She stated that they do not want to abandon the thoroughness of League study and wish manageable program items. She agreed to send her written evaluation to all board members.

21. POLICY GUIDE. Board approval was given for the following changes in the "LWV-T Policy Guide":

A. PROVISIONAL LEAGUES - Change quantitative factor from 35 to 40.

B. BOARD AND COMMITTEE EXPENSES-

Change travel reimbursement from 8¢ per mile to:

10¢ per mile for one person

12¢ per mile for two persons

15¢ per mile for three or more persons

to take effect immediately.

Change child care reimbursement from \$5.00 to not exceeding \$15.

It was decided to delay until next year a decision about allowing child care reimbursement to board trainers.

C. Retain and insert in the policy guide those guidelines on expenses of offboard program chairpersons that were included in the State Board Handbook.

D. Include in the policy guide a new paragraph as follows:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS ACTION COMMITTEE

For purposes of collecting funds and making expenditures when the LWV-Texas takes a position supporting or opposing a measure on the ballot in a state-wide election, the state board constitutes itself as a general purpose political action committee, to be known as the League of Women Voters of Texas Action Committee. The president or the state board shall designate a campaign treasurer who shall register with the Secretary of State, maintain in good order all records of financial transactions concerned with campaign activity, and file periodic reports as required by the Political Funds Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1975, Ch. 14, Vernon's Texas Election Code.

21. Policy Guide (cont'd).

Anderson requested that Hunter get this information to state office by the postboard deadline so that it will be available for use of the Budget Committee, and also asked board members to send any budget input they might have to Ethel Sturgis or a committee member before October 15.

22. SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT TASK FORCE. Higgins distributed copies of the report on the task force meeting of September 2-4, covering plans to develop a slide show, budget adjustments, revisions in program packet contents, and tentative scheduling of activities. The title of the program is "Project Safewater" and she reports that Leagues should have large amounts of material about the middle of October. Anderson congratulated Higgins on her good work.

23. LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOPS. Nobles reported dates of November 17 in Austin and November 20 in Dallas for the workshops and said that other dates will be firmed up and announced in her postboard. The committee has flexible plans for the agenda of each workshop which may be changed as experience is gained. She plans to send out forms to local Leagues and board members to report any meetings or correspondence with legislators and would like program people to send her information on what they are expecting in coming bills. Anderson inquired about personnel needed in each location and Nobles agreed to get names and their responsibilities to her. She would like a local legislator to be speaker at each workshop and mentioned some she is considering. Senator Agnich was recommended for Dallas as Senator Mauzy has recently participated in a Dallas event. There was discussion of ordering handouts for the workshops and other expenses. Peterman suggested, and there was board agreement, that they could be partially funded through Services to Local Leagues.

Nobles again stressed the importance of sending in any pertinent information on legislators to build files, and mentioned that Margaret Roach, staff person for legislative work last year, has agreed to take the job again for this session.

24. "BIG BASH". Higgins said the committee recommended a \$200 limit on expenses for the reception to be held January 12, 1977. Donna Green of LWV-Austin is handling catering, and Tilley will send printed invitations to all legislators and the top ten elected executive department officials after the November election. Anderson will call on the Governor to issue a personal invitation. The committee had considered inviting wives and/or staff, but decided against it for various reasons.
25. CONVENTION 1977. Brown reviewed her preboard and prior discussion of a theme, and it was decided a theme was not necessary. The names of Bella Abzug, Liz Carpenter, Shirley Chisholm, Betty Ford, Ella Grasso, Barbara Jordan, and Gloria Schaeffer were mentioned as possible speakers. Anderson was asked to invite Barbara Jordan first.
26. COMMUNICATIONS. Materka reported that the committee discussed the PR-VIP list and came up with approximately 20 different categories of people who they think should receive the LWV-T VOTER on a regular basis, plus such other publications of general interest as the elected officials directories, Voters Guides, and Register and Vote in Texas. The list will be completed, refined, circulated among board members for editing, and made available for the December VOTER mailing. Because of our bulk rate mailing, there will be little, if any, increase in the cost of mailing and less than \$5.00 additional amount for VOTER printing costs.

The committee also has developed a list of 105 institutions of higher learning in Texas, each having one or more departments of study related to League concerns. The list has been turned over to Tilley for contact about their possible interest in Public Subscription Service, and it could also be used by LWV-T committees wishing to

26. COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd).

consider a special distribution of its materials.

27. VOTER. Moore stated that the December VOTER will be directed toward legislators, emphasizing the new session and strengthening League image. The committee has recommended that a letter to the legislators be enclosed with their copies of the VOTER reminding them of the "Big Bash" and welcoming, particularly freshmen legislators, to Austin. She wishes to highlight some local Leagues' successes, and Anderson asked those who wish to send in their examples to Moore. Moore stated that PTR program material will also be included. The deadline is November 1 and the VOTER will be mailed the first week in December. Shlipak mentioned coverage of the Criminal Justice Conference and Moore agreed to consider the spacing and include it if possible.

After discussion of the September VOTER contents, it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED not to distribute that issue to legislators.

28. PUBLICATIONS. Tilley outlined plans appearing in her preboard about initiating a Public Subscription Service. She said the profit could be roughly 20 percent and that she presently has a binder full of publications which could have been sent under such a program. She proposed that it begin January 1, 1977, and that she contact approximately 200 junior colleges, colleges, and universities, anticipating that the return would offset expenses in making the contacts. She is also considering contacting other types of organizations about specific publications, offering a quantity discount. It was generally decided, if discounts help to move publications not being sold, to use them. Anderson asked for some research into discounts, and there was general agreement that organizations should receive half of the discount offered to members.

Tilley wishes to send local Leagues a list of appropriate publications which they could donate to their local libraries and schools, so that, hopefully, they might budget for them in the future.

She plans a publication catalog and proposes a separate one for members and the public; that decision was left for the committee. She asked about including in the catalog recently-published local League publications, and it was suggested that we look at national's "want ad" type handling.

It was agreed that in order to simplify ordering by the general public, all LWV-T publications' prices should include publication cost, tax, and mailing cost.

29. PROGRAM. Titus reported that legislative questions are being drafted by program chairs. Whether or not they can be used for the background information for legislative workshops was discussed, and Nobles stated that she would prefer more general questions directed to legislators' feelings and priorities. Titus asked Nobles to direct her suggested questions through program people.

Legislative priorities have been adjusted and, except for the NR Core, are more specific and go beyond those previously decided upon. She asked each program chair to watch carefully between now and the October program meeting for indications of upcoming legislation in each area. Natural resources priorities at present are:

1. Coastal zone legislation
2. Safe Drinking Water Act
3. Energy and continuing Energy Advisory Council
4. Transportation legislation concerning highway funds.

29. PROGRAM (cont'd).

Program people will need to gather material for "Lively Issues" to go out as a separate sheet with all local League VOTERS. Titus proposed that the material be sent to her by October 1, so it can go out in October 15 mailing. She also asked program people to send their material for the legislative workshops to her by October 1. Also, by October 1 she should receive material for the program update kits, a brief single sheet showing a simple way to handle the program item with a bibliography listed in descending order of importance.

30. DATES TO REMEMBER.

September 27	Postboard reports
October 1	Postboard Mailing
October 10	Deadline for President's mailing
October 15	President's mailing
October 25-26	Budget Committee meeting in Ft. Worth
October 27	Meeting of President and VP's
November 1	VOTER copy to Moore
November 11	Criminal Justice Conference in Dallas
November 15	Deadline for President's mailing
November 19	President's mailing
December 11	Consultant's reports to Peterman
December 13	Deadline for President's mailing
December 17	President's mailing
December 21	Preboard for January

Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Heaberlin, Secretary

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STATE BOARD REPORT

Betty Anderson (Mrs. John A.)
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MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

When the state board met September 14-16, we recognized that the League fall schedule is a challenging one--to say the least. Many activities are being organized which relate to local, state, and national happenings, but we hope that you will take time from your busy schedules and read the State Board Report (SBR) so that you will be familiar with the full scope of the work of the League.

A large part of the board's attention was directed toward planning for the 65th session of the Texas Legislature. Entertaining the legislators, preparing for lobbying and studying proposed legislation were thoroughly discussed by both committees and the total board. We urge you to attend the regional Lobby Learn-Ins November 8, 12, 16, 17, and 20. Check Barbara Nobles' report for details. Also, your help with legislative interviews and other pertinent information is invaluable to the legislative director and the Capitol Corps. Be clipping articles about future legislators for the state legislative files. We especially need information on new legislators. Contributing to our information on the League's top priority, property tax reform, was Rep. Wayne Peveto, (D-Orange), who came to the board meeting to discuss the bill his committee is drafting to recodify the state property tax. Any local information you gain on this important issue should be sent to Jan Wilbur.

Related to all our membership concerns is the inescapable fact that unwavering attention must be given to getting and keeping members. We are pleased to announce that Kathy Leabo will be joining the organization core of the state board as Organization Specialist. Kathy is a past state public relations vice president and is currently adviser to the Provisional LWV of Eastern Bell County. Her experience and organizational "knack" are enthusiastically welcomed. Diana Tilley, who joined the board this summer, has spent the last few months in the print shop--and received her "initiation by fire." We urge you to utilize the attractive, informative publications being released. Let's not hide them under a bushel (or bed).

Water, Water Everywhere--Thanks for your contributions to the forums being held around the state on Texas water planning. The timing leaves much to be desired, but we appreciate your adding this to your busy schedules. Many Leagues are scheduling meetings to explain our opposition to Amendment #1 and the maintenance of our support for comprehensive water planning. We have joined the group called "Texans for Clean Water, Amendment #2", the water enhancement amendment. Please cooperate in supporting this amendment in your communities. For more information, read and share the enclosed brochures. If the amendment passes, the state will be authorized to issue an additional \$100 million (most of the current \$100 million fund has been expended) for water quality (sewage treatment) plant construction.

The Safe Drinking Water task force (Project Safewater), directed by Bobette Higgins, has prepared excellent materials which are being distributed to the other nine states involved in the project--because the national project director felt they were so well done. We hope you will help us spread the word about the Safe Drinking Water Act later this fall. Remember that name: PROJECT SAFEWATER.

Attorney General John Hill will keynote the Criminal Justice Conference, co-sponsored by the LWV-Texas Education Fund and the Dallas County Community College District. Carole Shlipak and Anne Pfaff are co-directing the conference which will be held at

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El Centro College in Dallas, Thursday, November 11. Diana Clark is program consultant. The program is excellent, and we are very excited about the event; it can be a real bonus for the participants and the League.

State board members have been on the road--in addition to the state board members' annual visits for consultative services with local Leagues. Lucinda Headrick has been to Abilene and Plano speaking on water issues. Bobette Higgins has travelled to Dallas and Gainesville to speak to local Leagues as well as going to Coastal Management Program (CMP) hearings all over the state. Bobette's testimony to the General Land Office on the CMP was very well received September 1. Jan Wilbur is speaking to the Brazos Co. League on property tax reform. Fumi Sugihara testified before the Special Subcommittee on Presidential Primary Systems of the House Committee on Elections, September 24. I will be in Waco October 7 to speak during Baylor's Political Awareness Week, and then will be in the state office October 8-10.

Thanks for the great response to our appeal for funds for Texans for ERA. To date, \$294.41 has been collected. We appreciate it!

Essentially, the September meeting laid the groundwork for this fall's work, as we head toward another session of the Legislature and Convention '77. We hope to hear from you about budget suggestions, program ideas, actions taken and bylaws changes. Please let Ethel Sturgis or a member of the budget committee (see the most recent President's Letter) know your ideas about state League income and expenditures. This committee will be meeting the last week of October. The vice-presidents and I will be meeting October 27 at Meg Titus' in Plano.

We do hope to hear from you.

Betty Anderson

P.S.: Please note in your files: Kathy Leabo, Org. Specialist

Change of address: Mary Ellen Salinas, President, Edinburg-McAllen LWV

Meg Titus (Mrs. D. L.)
Program Vice-Pres., Nat. Resources Coord.

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PROGRAM MAKING---If your local League wishes to propose new study items or amend wording of present items for consideration of Convention delegates in April, the following steps should be taken during October and November: (and on into January)

- 1) Criteria for choosing program should be reviewed. They are:
 - A. Is the issue one on which state governmental action is needed?
 - B. Does this issue fall within League principles?
 - C. Is the issue important enough to inspire League interest and commitment?
 - D. Will the timing permit the League to be effective?
- 2) Present program should be reviewed (see We Support and State Program for specifics).
- 3) Decide whether all items should be continued or if any should be amended or dropped.
- 4) Decide if any items should be studied further.
- 5) Study and discuss the program-making information and proposals from state program chairs that will be sent with the October third-Friday mailing to each LL president. PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR NEXT VOTER in order that there can be membership discussion and local board evaluation of these proposals during November and December.
- 6) Notify me of your League's proposed changes, new study items or wording changes for further study by January 10th.

The state program committee will suggest program changes or additions based on your Jan. 10th reports. These will be considered by total state board at the January board meeting. Information on these state board decisions on recommended and non-recommended program items will then be sent to all local Leagues by March 7, 1977--six weeks prior to State Convention. The convention delegates will at that time consider and vote on adoption of these various proposed program items.

PROGRAM UPDATE KIT---State program chairs are preparing lists of important publications relating to each item in program. These lists will be included, along with We Support and State Program, in a Program Update Kit for provisional and new LLs. These will be sent to you with the October third-Friday state office mailing.

STATE PROGRAM---Each state program chair is writing an amplification of the positions under that portfolio with a new focus--the next legislative session as it relates to our program priorities. These single amplification sheets can easily be added to our three-hole-punched new publication, State Program, A Historical Perspective. This loose-leaf approach should make it easier to update information without pitching out the whole publication. These amplification papers will be included with the November third-Friday state office mailing.

Legislative Lobby Corps---I plan to meet with Barbara Nobles and her Capitol Corps the first week in October in Austin to develop legislative strategies, plan the Legislative Newsletter, and discuss the functioning of the legislative office and our communication network during the session, and-of course-the five regional Lobby Learn-Ins. If you have ideas or suggestions for making our efforts during the session run more smoothly please write to Barbara or me. In the meantime, utilize the issue-oriented legislative questions (sent out last month to LL presidents and in DPMs and Standing Orders this month) at candidates' meetings--large or small, informal or formal--and help our legislative chair build her pre-session files by sending Barbara the candidates' responses.

International Relations---Joan Kyre, our new off-board IR state chair, is preparing two 30-minute video taped programs on two aspects of the UN that we'll be studying this year: the US in the UN, and the Economic Issues. These will be suitable for use at unit meetings or small general meetings in preparation for our April 15th member agreement deadline. Details later concerning when they will be available. In the meantime, check your library or local corporate offices for video tape equipment that you might

borrow. You'll need to find access to one of these as we hope to have more video-taped program material for you later in the year.

Natural Resources--Will all LL presidents please send me the names and addresses of all your on and off board NR-related chairs as soon as possible, as we are hoping to receive a grant to expand both the content and the mailing list of Environotes. We hope to be able to direct-mail it to each Leaguer in the state with an NR portfolio. Would your League like to have us try to do a similar publication for updating your information on Human Resources items?

Convention--We're planning a smashing program workshop showing new techniques for handling program. Start making plans now to come to Fort Worth in April.

I'm concerned--Indeed, we're all concerned that several local Leagues are having guilt feelings about not taking part in all consensus (consensi?). Please don't berate your League or yourself, if you haven't done all of them. Just remember that we must have enough program study items to keep members interested and large Leagues busy. Relax and enjoy studying the ones your League feels it can handle.

Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert O.)
FSG/PSF/PTR Director

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PTR/PSF/FSG

In June, we held a PTR workshop in Houston to which LWVs from Beaumont to Austin to Waco to Victoria were invited. In spite of vacations and sometimes short notice, 32 persons attended representing eight leagues. We would like to have more. Please contact us if your LWV is interested in hosting a PTR workshop (funding would have to be worked out). Regional Legislative Workshops, scheduled for November, will devote some time to learning how to lobby for PTR. We hope they will be well attended.

PTR at the local level--Dallas zeroed in on PTR for their September units as did Houston--with emphasis on ACTION. Pearland has chosen PTR as the state item to which they will devote December, January, and February. Brazos Co. has invited me to speak (Sen. Bill Moore may be on the same program) and to tape a 30-minute TV show on October 27. Orange has scheduled two meetings and a public forum on PTR during October. The topic for Irving's Inform-a-Day, October 19, will be PTR. To date, 25 LWVs have named their PTR specialists. Material will be sent to the PTR specialists within the next two weeks.

Tentative plans for a PTR Forum in Austin in December have been shelved so that we can devote more time and effort to lobbying before the Legislature convenes in January.

Be watching for: Rep. Wayne Peveto anticipates that his Property Tax Subcommittee will finish the bill re-codifying property tax laws by mid-November. He hopes to have hearings around the state between then and January

The Houston POST, Sept. 19, 1976, reports that Comptroller Bob Bullock (along with the Texas House Ways and Means Committee and "some Texas senators") will hold a series of 16 "Texas tax forums" in 16 cities to "give irate citizens a chance to sound off about the state tax structure so Bullock can work up any necessary legislation before the session...".

FYI--There is a toll-free number for the Comptroller's office: [REDACTED]

Zero-Base Budgeting (ZBB)---Enclosed in LL presidents' packets is a copy (one per League) of a paper, The Budget - A State's Real Operating Plan, done by a consultant group at the request of the General Land Office. The paper looks at ZBB as a part of the overall budget process in Texas and points out what the authors consider to be weaknesses and/or misplaced responsibility in the process. We hope you will find this of interest. We did.

Furi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas)
Director, Voting Rights, Election Laws
[REDACTED]

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Voting Rights

Stage Center: County Election Administration Bill

This legislation (see September State VOTER) will be the focus of our efforts as far as election law is concerned. The McBee bill now satisfies most of our criteria for election administration, but we will have to be alert for weakening amendments introduced in committee and on the floor. A great deal will depend on your talking the bill up with your legislators before the session and making them aware of the importance of consolidating voter registration and elections functions into a single office under the direction of a capable person who can devote full attention to these matters. It is also essential that you try to get the active support of county officers, especially the tax assessor-collector, the county clerk, and the members of the county commissioners court, for this legislation. At least, try to get their opinions about how these proposals would affect your county, and send these comments to me. Remind them that the bill was drafted with the help of representatives of their state associations.

Waiting for a Cue:

The faithful adherents of recodification and revision of the election code are looking for the elements that would help this legislation survive the first act. League suggestions have been circulated to legislative staffs, and the responses have been favorable. Interest in eliminating the signature from the ballot stub is still fairly high in spite of the setback in federal court. We may be supporting one or more related bills on the subject. It is too early, however, to predict what our strategy would be.

Presidential Primary Elections

No, we do not have a position on presidential primaries, and I said so at the hearing on the subject on Sept. 24. I did stress, though, two things that were evident in the primaries this year: lack of training of the election judges and clerks, and lack of understanding of the system by the average voter.

If, as individuals, you have some comments to make on the presidential primary system as it was this year or as it should or should not be in the future, you should write to Rep. Sarah Weddington, chair of the subcommittee, or to the committee members: Reps. Lance Lalor, Susan McBee, Pike Powers, and Luther Jones. I personally think that if this system is to be made permanent, legislation must be passed at this coming session, so that there will be adequate time for voter education before the next presidential election year.

Attention: Voting Rights and Voter Service Chairs:

I have just seen the film strips produced by the Secretary of State's office for use in training election judges, clerks, and pollwatchers. A set will be sent to each county clerk in the state beginning October 1. Although they are not perfect, they are potentially a major step in providing uniform training of election personnel throughout the state. You can borrow them from the county clerk for your own training schools, League-produced television programs, or for updating your membership on election procedures. Be sure to preview them so that you will be able to respond to the questions that will result.

That election calendar for the November 2, 1976 election (compiled by the Secretary of State's office) sent to you recently was intended to help you in answering questions from the public. It can also be used to check on whether or not election procedures are being executed on time in your county.

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE:

For voter registration information and supplies: [REDACTED]

For information about election laws or complaints: [REDACTED]

Joan Kyre (Mrs. Martin)
International Relations, Off-board
[REDACTED]

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UNITED NATIONS

We are planning a rather ambitious project which hopefully will aid you in the international relations study concerning the United Nations. Our aim is to prepare two half-hour video tapes which could be used either in committee planning or unit meetings. One tape would concentrate upon the economic proposals of the developing nations and what we can do or should do in the way of expanding or refining League positions in the area of trade and aid. The other would involve a fresh look at the UN as an international governing body. Should we limit the expansion of our participation in various bodies of its system? Would placing conditions on American support help? Among the proposals for changing the UN system, are there any that the United States should support as being both desirable and achievable?

If you have access to a video tape player and if this type of program would be useful to your League, we would like to know as soon as possible. Please fill in the blank below.

Send to: Joan Kyre
[REDACTED]

The LWV of _____ would like to use:

tape 1 tape 2 (please circle your preference) the week of

_____ for a

committee planning meeting

or a

unit meeting (please indicate which).

2nd choice of dates _____

Carole Shlipak (Mrs. Louis)
Director, Development
[REDACTED]

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Administration-Development

1. Criminal Justice Conference - Plans for our Criminal Justice Conference are underway! It is being co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund (LWV/TEF) and the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD). The one-day conference, focusing on criminal justice bills coming before the legislature next session, will be held at El Centro College in downtown Dallas. The DCCCD is providing facilities, certain services, and payment for designated conference expenditures. Attorney General John Hill will be the keynote speaker, and all League members are invited to attend. Date and time: Thursday, November 11, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 2. Contributions - The Leland Fikes Foundation, a Dallas-based foundation, has contributed \$5,000 to the TEF as an unrestricted contribution. \$1500 has been designated as the LWV/Dallas share of the contribution. We are thrilled with this contribution.
 3. Prospects - suggestions for state development calls are coming in on a regular basis from local Leagues. Don't forget to send your prospect suggestion.
 4. Development Committee members - I am delighted to have the talents and expertise of Cynthia Biasca, LWV/Houston; Anne Dickson, LWV/Dallas; and Donna Green, LWV/Austin as members of the Development Committee.
 5. Special Recognition to the following local Leagues which have added that "extra effort" to their finance campaigns:
 - LWV/Houston - for securing a \$6700 grant from HEW to produce an environmental resource planning symposium, and a \$2500 contribution from Shell Companies Foundation for a massive Get Out the Vote drive this fall.
 - LWV/Victoria - for an excellent finance campaign that included professional-looking brochures, printed envelopes, and business cards for solicitors.
 - LWV/Abilene - for a well-planned campaign, using excellent brochures and a positive attitude.
- P.S. If you are interested in fuller details, write the above-listed local Leagues.
6. Now is the time to begin planning your 1977 Finance Campaign. Fund-raising experts stress that 80% of your time should be spent in thorough planning, and 20% in actual soliciting. Why? Because sound planning brings results! Start now!

Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop A.)
Director - Administration of Justice

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Administration of Justice

As a result of responses to my query in the May Board Report from a number of local leagues asked that the consensus questions proposed at that time be refined and expanded to include some which would relate to the proposals being recommended by Governor Briscoe and discussed by the Speaker's Task Force on Crime and its Control.

One reason for the delay of the materials was in developing information about these proposals from various sources. Included in the Leaders Guide supplement, enclosed in this mailing, are parts of the preliminary drafts of some of this legislation. Please consider these as working papers only, not final drafts, which will not be available until November at the earliest.

The State Board (and I) fully recognize the limitations on time and study by local leagues on the criminal justice subject. We are acutely aware of the problems inherent in attempting to react to current events with some consensus questions on narrow issues rather than on broad concepts. We project presenting for your consideration at the State Convention in April, a revised statement of positions on criminal justice concepts that will incorporate present and future consensus into a broader philosophy of change in the criminal justice system in Texas; a philosophy within which we can work on specific problems both in the legislature and with state agencies, but which will give the league more flexibility in influencing upcoming events.

Candidly, the inclusion of a juvenile justice study with the adult system, both to be covered in a two year period, has created problems unforeseen at the time. In order to do justice (no pun intended) to the adult system, it has required local league members to absorb an overwhelming amount of information (not to mention the state board director!). in too short a time period. It is most unusual to have two 8 page Facts and Issues and 26 consensus questions within a year's time, and I am the first to recommend we never do it again. However, we believe that it is necessary to understand the complex and detailed criminal justice system before we take positions and I, for one, do not regret the time and work involved. I am much heartened by most of your expressions of enthusiasm about the subject and I am proud of the interesting and innovative things many of you have been doing in your communities. We will be an important citizen voice in the upcoming legislative session on our criminal justice concerns, and in the future we hope to be an initiator of proposals rather than reactors to those proposed by others.

Juvenile Justice

FLASH Local leagues have the option to extend the Juvenile Justice consensus deadline to October 15, 1977. The reason for having a May deadline was to complete the study within the original 2 year time period.

After consultation, I discovered that it would be possible to extend the deadline if the material was in hand by local leagues prior to the end of the program biennium.

The material will be coming to you as outlined in the Guide to Calendar planning - a Leaders Guide and Facts and Issues in January, a VOTER supplement in March. and those leagues who have already scheduled meetings have the option of having them in the spring or postponing them until September. (One reason for the stretch-out was our discovery that some leagues were not doing the adult justice - courts, trials and sentencing because of the juvenile study.)

The Juvenile Justice Task Force (the Speaker is not the only one to have a "task force") is has been working hard all through the summer and will have a bibliography ready for you in late fall. There will also be a questionnaire for local leagues to use in interviews with juvenile officials. With the questionnaire will come a request for the answers to the questions to be returned to the committee. Results will be tabulated and recirculated to local leagues.

Gentle, the inclusion of a juvenile justice study with the adult system, both to be covered in a two year period, has created problems unforeseen at the time. In order to do justice (as we intended) to the adult system, it has required local league members to absorb an overwhelming amount of information (not to mention the state board director). In too short a time period, it is most unusual to have two pages of facts and issues and to discuss questions within a year's time, and I am the first to recommend we never do it again. However, we believe that it is necessary to understand the complex and detailed criminal justice system before we take positions and I, for one, do not regret the time and work involved. I am most heartened by most of your expressions of enthusiasm about the subject and I am proud of the interesting and informative things many of you have been doing in your communities. We will be an important voice in the upcoming legislative session on our criminal justice concerns, and in the future we hope to be an instigator of proposals rather than reactions to those proposed by others.

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Lucinda Headrick
Director, Water & Solid Waste

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WATER

First of all-I've got to say--you all are doing an absolutely terrific job gearing up for the election on the amendments. Your VOTERS are crammed with info and announcements of special meetings on the water bond amendments. Some of you have done an outstanding job educating your local news media. (Enclosed in the mailing to the LL Presidents is a sample press release you might want to take to the local newspaper and TV). So--RIGHT ON!

PUBLIC FORUMS

FLASH-----Note change of dates & times for Ft. Worth & Dallas area:

Dallas	Oct. 5	7:00 p.m.	Dallas Hilton, Embassy Room
Mid-Cities	Oct. 6	2:00 p.m.	Arlington Rodeway Inn, Hwy. 360
(Presidential Debate wins out)			
Ft. Worth	Oct. 22	7:00 p.m.	Hilton Inn, Times Sq. Room

Reports are coming in from the few that have been held to date. The format seems to be: James Rose (Exec. Dir. of TWDB) gives a slide show and PR for TWDB water development projects. It is inferred that the work must go on and that financing is necessary. He does not mention Amendment No. 1. When opposition does bring it up, he tries to claim the Nov. 2 money is for "more of the same"--not the water plan. But then later he twists and does mix it all up....Get the picture? No doubt about it. The Public Forums are not for water planning. They are to push for approval (with free publicity) of Amendment No. 1. Even the TWDB hand-outs imply this push.

Now--League Strategy-- Everyone attending the forums has a position. These people are not the ones we are trying to reach. We want the press to pick up our cry. Go ahead and stress the League's SUPPORT of comprehensive statewide water planning (refer to previous Action Alert.) However, make sure we state our OPPOSITION to Amendment #1 and SUPPORT of Amendment #2. Stress the "blank check" idea. Why should we sign on Nov 2 a blank check before the plan has been completed and presented to the people?

Tid Bits--Galveston LWV made a short, snappy statement which made the front page, versus the Sierra's long and involved one. They even "thanked" the TWDB for giving them the opportunity to publicly voice opposition to No. 1--and invited them back later when the plan is ready!

Have several copies of your statement to hand out to the press and TV (and send me a copy. I'm getting terrific ideas from you!)

Remember to be proud. The League is a credible organization. We stick to the facts and our opposition knows it. They are worried!

FYI AND CLARIFICATION

1. Our position paper is holding firm. As soon as the press obtained it, the TWDB suddenly announced Palmetto Bend is a transfer basin. They changed. We can document their earlier denials.

2. An Austin news column is making the rounds stating that eventually the General Revenue Fund will be paid back. That is not necessarily true. There is no law that forces repayment of a previous call on the General Revenue Fund. If revenues from water projects do come in, the principal and interest are paid to the Texas Water Development Bonds Interest and Sinking Fund. Any profits (which TWDB makes from

charging communities higher interest) goes into the Texas Water Development Fund which is a revolving fund. Get all that?

3. Watch out for statements saying "bonds have all been paid back on reservoirs in 1961-2-3, etc--therefore we support No. 1..." It was not until 1967 that the TWDB began having to dip into the General Revenue Fund.

4. This summer the State Auditor officially released the figure of \$26,200,634.08 as the amount the TWDB has taken from the General Revenue Fund to meet its current debt service requirements on Water Development Fund bonds. The Comptroller's office estimates this figure is to rise to \$36 million by the end of this fiscal year.

REMEMBER--CALL, WRITE, SEND PIGEON--IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, A PROBLEM OR A JOY TO SHARE (AND WE'RE GETTING SOME TOO!).

KEEP THEM CLIPPINGS COMIN'

Progress Report on PROJECT SAFEWATER

Bobette Higgins, Project Director

Funded by a grant to the LWVEF from the EPA, an eleven-member task force, made up of Leaguers from all over the state, has been working like beavers all summer on some really excellent plans for a public information campaign blitz on the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974.

We met in Dallas in August for an all-day session and again in September in Austin for 2 1/2 days of intensive gettin'-it-together. Jean Anderson, EQ chair, LWVEF, and Fern Summer, SDWA Project Director at the national level, joined us.

We are having a letterhead designed with our own special PROJECT SAFEWATER logo, on which we will print several fact sheets concerning the SDWA, sample press releases, how-to information for holding successful meetings, promotional flyers, letters to specially affected groups (farmers, ranchers, mobile home operators, etc.). A slide show (with six copies) will be available, as will PSA announcements for TV and radio stations. Samples of all printed material will be included in a packet (also specially designed for the project) to be distributed to local Leagues and any interested organization, school, or group, to assist them in organizing public meetings. In this way we hope to help inform our largely-unaware state of the ramifications of this most important act. We'll send you this material as soon as it is available, and you may order as many extra copies of any of the various fact sheets, etc., as you wish, at no charge, for distribution at meetings (as long as supplies last). You might want to start lining up prospective program locations now. Plan on having material by the latter part of October.

Incidentally, Texas' program material was approved before any of the other state League awarded similar grants (10 in all) and was distributed to them as examples of "how-to-do-it-right." We've had beautiful cooperation from the state agencies involved, and from our regional EPA office in Dallas. I think you'll be proud of the results.

Thanks to the task force, whose superb diligence and cooperation got the job done, and thanks to the EPA for making it possible.

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
Legislative Director

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The five regional Lobby Learn-In workshops will be held in:

Midland	Monday, November 8
Harlingen	Friday, November 12
Houston	Tuesday, November 16
Austin	Wednesday, November 17
Dallas	Saturday, November 20

The workshops will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

The exact locations will be sent to you with the next LL President's mailing. Mark the day that you want to attend on your calendars now.

The importance of local League lobbying, the function of the Capitol Corps, priorities, how to handle opposition, and handy "where's" and "how to's" while in Austin will be discussed. An excellent film on "The Governmental Process: The State Legislature", prepared by the Connecticut LMV with Aetna Life and Casualty will be shown. One of your local legislators will be asked to speak to us about what it is like to be a legislator. We will discuss bills we know will be coming up and why we may or may not support them.

As you can see, we are planning a full and fun day for our Lobby Learn-In. I will be there to learn from you who your legislators are, what their main interests are, and the best ways to approach them.

See you there!

Bobette Higgins, (Mrs. Wilfred)
Director, Land Use
[REDACTED]

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Program - Land Use

LAND USE

It was the decision of the NR committee and the state board to make the implementation of the proposed Coastal Management Program the top legislative priority in the area of environmental concerns during the coming legislative session. This developing program, at present, seems very promising, and is certainly a great improvement over the present situation on the coast. Therefore, coastal Leagues, be considering action in this area during the legislative session, and plan accordingly. INLAND LEAGUES, WE NEED YOUR HELP, TOO!

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets in Houston on the 6th and 29th of October, the 19th of November, and the 15th of December for the vital purpose of putting the current recommendations into a legislative package for the consideration of the legislature. This committee has worked together remarkably well so far, and I fervently hope this same condition prevails as we get down to specifics.

If you coastal Leagues are willing, I will hold another briefing in Houston at the Airport Hotel on the 16th of December (I KNOW it's awfully close to the holiday season) in order to go over the legislative proposals, and to "strategize" for action. I'll invite a staff member to brief us, too, perhaps Jep Hill who will have the major responsibility in drawing up the new proposed legislation. LET ME HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT THIS IDEA.

I have read the statements of all Leagues who testified in the recent CMP hearings held over the state in August and September. You're doing great work, and I hope you are joined by other Leagues in this effort. The San Antonio League gets the gold star for effort this round--not only did they testify at the hearing, they contacted other groups and solicited their testimony; they held a public meeting a few days before the hearing; they had TV showings of that lovely film, "Faces of the Coast,"; and got several newspaper articles printed. In fact, their efforts were so successful that one article credited the LEAGUE with the Coastal Management Program, a bit of misinformation that brought a grin to the collective faces of the people in the General Land Office.

ABOUT SECTION 208

A call from Betty Williamson, Public Information Officer of the EPA Region VI, informed me that Texas local Leagues (SOME of them) would be receiving grants to participate in the development of programs for public involvement in the 208 decisions ahead. I hope ALL OF YOU who are asked will take on this exciting responsibility. I will explore the possibility of scrounging some grant money to coordinate some group get-togethers of those involved, so we each know what the other is up to, and can swap techniques and ideas. Please let me hear from those of you who are involved in this project. (I've already heard from Houston.)

Laura Keever (Mrs. Phillip)
Off-board Chair, Energy

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ENERGY

Success!! I am very happy to report to you that the Governor has now applied for the planning funds available from FEA for developing state energy conservation plans under the Energy policy and Conservation Act. Your response to our Action Alert was great and obviously meaningful to the Governor's office. The fact that 49 states and 5 territories had applied on time also was a motivating factor. However, the Governor's office now knows that there are people out there who CARE about this program. Thank you for your telegrams, mailgrams, letters, and telephone calls.

The next step will be development of the plan itself, and we will know more clearly what is necessary with the issuance of the Final Guidelines--please watch for these to be published in the Federal Register sometime in October. The planning funds are to be received by the Office of Budget and Planning (in the Governor's Office); however, I expect that the Governor's Energy Advisory Council will be the agency that actually develops the plan. The plan will be due five months from the date of issuance of the Guidelines; I will keep you advised as developments occur.

For those of you who have not done so, I encourage you to obtain a copy of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, which President Ford signed on August 14. This is the so-called FEA Extension Act, but as the correct title conveys, there are several parts of the bill which relate to conservation. (See the last Report from the Hill). There is a title relating to rate design initiatives for electric utilities which requires that FEA develop proposals relating to (1) load management techniques which are cost effective; (2) rates which reflect marginal cost of service, or time of use of service, or both; (3) ratemaking policies which discourage inefficient use of fuel and encourage economical purchases of fuel; and (4) rates which encourage electric utility system reliability and reliability of major items of electric utility equipment. These proposals must be transmitted to Congress by February 14. Funds were authorized for demonstration projects relating to these areas as well as funds to allow FEA to intervene in any proceedings before a state utility regulatory commission on the request of a state or any participant in the proceeding. Grants are also provided for states to establish offices of consumer services to assist consumers in their presentations before utility regulatory commissions.

The Act also contains a title relating to energy conservation standards for new buildings, specifically providing for "performance standards for new residential and commercial buildings which are designed to achieve the maximum practicable improvements in energy efficiency and increases in the use of nondepletable sources of energy; and to "encourage States and local governments to adopt and enforce such standards through their existing building codes and other construction control mechanisms, or to apply them through a special approval process". The performance standards must be developed within three years.

Another title relates to weatherization assistance for low-income persons. FEA is to publish proposed regulations for this portion of the act by October 14 for public comment. The state may apply for these funds; however, if it does not submit an application, any unit of general purpose, local government of sufficient size (as determined by FEA), or a community action agency carrying out programs under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 may submit an application. Please watch for the proposed guidelines--as well as whether or not the Governor applies for the funds. I will be following this closely and keep you informed as well; we may have to both encourage him to apply for the funds, and then if he does not, approach this from the local level. The funding authorizations are \$55 million for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 1977; \$65 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, and \$80 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979.

Another portion of this title authorizes supplemental state energy conservation plans and relates particularly to public awareness programs. There will be more guidelines (due February 14) and a supplemental state energy conservation plan must be developed. The authorized (not appropriated) funding includes \$25 million for fiscal year 1977; \$40 million for fiscal year 1978 and \$40 million for fiscal year 1979.

Another provision of this title authorizes a \$200 million HUD demonstration program to encourage homeowners to make energy conservation investments. This includes subsidies of up to \$400 or 20% of a loan for conventional energy devices and of up to \$2,000 or 25% of loans for renewable resource (solar, wind, etc.) investments.

The final provision of this title provides for an FEA-administered loan guarantee program of up to \$2 billion for small business, industry, large commercial users, state and local governments, and private non-profit institutions. This program is designed to encourage investments in energy conservation and renewable resource technologies in order to meet federal energy efficiency goals. Individual loan guarantees are limited to 90% of the principal.

I anticipate reluctance on the part of some of our state officials to participate in these programs. Please give these programs your support at every opportunity.

Liz Davies (Mrs. Stanley)
Director, Human Resources
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Program - Housing

STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE ON FAIR HOUSING LAWS

When & where: October 19th & 20th, 1976
Travelodge Motel, San Antonio

Sponsored by: Texas Department of Community Affairs and Coalition on Women & Housing.

In the next few days the presidents of each local League in Texas will receive an invitation to a conference addressing existing Fair Housing Laws. The conference is designed to bring together legislators, advocates, officials in the various agencies of government on the national, state, and local levels, and representatives from attending fields such as credit and mortgage bankers. Invited participants include Earlene Jewitt of TDCA, Joyce Skinner and James Blair of HUD. Penny Murn of the LWV of Houston is also on the program.

The invitations are being sent to all organizations with statewide membership which have indicated interest in the need for adequate administration and implementation of fair housing laws.

Background: This conference has been planned by a coalition of individuals and representatives of organizations who first came together in 1974 to plan and present the San Antonio public hearing on "discrimination against women in housing." That hearing was held in February, 1975, funded by HUD through a grant to the National Council of Negro Women. The League of Women Voters was involved with the project from the beginning on the national, state, and local levels. The publication, Women & Housing, A Report on Sex Discrimination in Five American Cities, documents the findings and is available for \$3.40 from Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D.C.. Publication # [REDACTED]

As an outgrowth of the hearing, the San Antonio Coalition has stayed together, meeting on a monthly basis. This conference on Fair Housing Laws is the result of their continuing interest. I hope that local Leagues will send representatives...it will be worth the time & expense.

Diana Tilley (Mrs. Charles L.)
Publications, State Office Coordinator

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PUBLICATIONS

I. Old Business -- OR -- She's About To Give You The Business

I realize that your reaction to the following probably will be one of the following: 1) yes, we can try to distribute publications according to what's outlined; 2) yes, we've ~~already~~ done everything mentioned; 3) is she out of her mind!? We're lucky if we can manage to do the bare minimum in program, voters service and membership!

If your reaction is the latter, I want you to know that I understand--but don't like it any more than you do. I do think that with total board commitment publications can become a high priority as an important link between the national, state and local Leagues and the membership and community. Program committees can have a means of disseminating all the research they've dedicated months and years of their lives to gathering; CI/VS chairs can enhance their voter registration drives by promoting material on why to vote and how to use voting strategy; the Speakers Bureau can further punctuate their speeches by having related publications (or at least catalogues) available at speaking engagements; finance committees, using a variety of LWVUS, LWV-T and local League publications, can show a potential contributor that the League is doing SOMETHING that he or she might want to support financially; the treasurer will be delighted if you're able to turn a profit on publications sales, I don't think membership can survive without the show & tell publications provide; and on and on and on. My point is: relate what I've just said to your own portfolio, look through the national and state catalogues, and as a total board, begin to use publications (including multimedia) to your best advantage. And when budget time rolls around, don't forget that although publications used in citizen information/public relations ways will cost money and that the returns probably will be indirect, there will be lasting returns.

Update on Most Recent LWV-T Publications

Register and Vote in Texas: has been distributed through sales to local Leagues, LWV-T direct contact with military bases in Texas, statewide associations, large corporations, public utilities, groups with active voter registration drives. Remaining inventory to be used prior to spring elections.

We Support: Expect re-ordering by local Leagues for finance drives, new members, lobbying.

State Program, A Historical Perspective: Local Leagues should continue to promote as a "forever" publication every member will want to have. Also good for new member packet since it's informative, not too expensive, and big. (That may have been a self-revealing statement.)

HELP, Local League Program Directory: Be sure that at least your program vice-president (but preferably your program chairs too) has a copy of this. It's something you'll want to have available in your local office (which may be in a box under your bed) as part of your permanent files.

Criminal Justice System in Texas: Courts, Trials and Sentencing: Vitally important as a means of informing members prior to consensus. LWV-T has contacted the outside-of-League purchasers of the first AJ F&Issues (quantity orders). You might want to do the same locally--if you keep those kinds of records. For those of you who don't--I know, I know--"Is SHE crazy!? We're lucky if we can do the bare minimum"

SEE REVERSE FOR NEW BUSINESS

II. New Business

The state board has approved the creation of a LWV-T Public Subscription Service, a publications service to be offered to libraries of colleges, universities, and community colleges in Texas. The purpose of this subscription service is: 1) to disseminate League information, 2) to raise League profile, 3) to distribute current state League publications inventory, 4) to increase LWV-T income.

Within the next four weeks, we'll be sending a flyer describing this service, along with a sample of one LWV-T publication and one LWVUS publication, to possible subscribers. Based on what we could have made available this year, a subscriber would have received 44 select and timely LWV-T and LWVUS publications for \$15.00 including tax and postage. The service will begin January 1 and will cost \$15.00 per year, with publications to be mailed quarterly. We'll be sending a copy of the flyer in the October local League presidents mailing.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP: Although we're beginning with educational institutions, we're hoping to increase the number and scope of subscribers. Please submit names of local prospects as soon as possible.

Direct Sales: In order to share some of our fine research with others outside the League, we'll be sending sample copies of the most recent Facts and Issues to those appropriate department heads of colleges and universities. A cover letter will describe their potential use as curriculum material.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP: I need success stories--quick. Galveston College ordered 500 copies each of last year's FSG and AJ F&I's so they obviously were required material. Let me know of other similar instances. There's nothing like a good testimonial. Also, you might consider using this same approach with your local high schools--in your spare time.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO--OR HOLD OVER MY HEAD

Library List: LWV-New Jersey has provided their local Leagues with a list of publications suitable for placing on local library shelves. I know some of you already do this, but for those of you who don't, I'll be sending you (in the next LL Pres. mailing) a similar list, appropriate for Texas Leagues.

New Publications Catalogue: A new catalogue will be published in late Dec., to be effective Jan. 1. The state board has approved a change in LWV-T pricing policies to conform with LWVUS policies. Postage will be included in the per copy price, however, we will not require pre-payment of orders. THIS WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1 AND WILL REQUIRE SOME PRICE CHANGES.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP: First--the new catalogue will include a local-League want-ad section a la LWVUS' catalogue. Start thinking about what you might have to offer other local Leagues: local survey and study pubs., CI/VS information, pins, bumper stickers, etc. A want-ad form will be sent later. Last--I'd like to add a list of local League study and action publications (including slide shows, bus tours, etc.) to the HELP, LL Program Directory so that the booklet will better reflect the total activity of League program. I'd appreciate your sending me a list of those items you think are still current and/or would be of some use in terms of format, graphics, etc.

III. State Office Operations: Members change-of-addresses must be sent to the state office quickly. Return postage for the Texas VOTER is up to 25¢ a piece these days, and it's very painful to shell out those quarters. Also, please use those yellow LWVUS membership forms for reporting the changes.

I think it's important that members understand that to a great extent the efficiency of the state office is dependent on the information received from the local Leagues and state board. I can't tell you how lucky we are to have Joann Lovelace and her assistant, Sissie Potetz, in the office. The workload is tremendous, the pressure to meet promised deadlines is always there, and coffeekbreaks and lunch hours are non-existent. In spite of this, friendliness and helpfulness are their top priorities. The next time you're in Austin, stop by and see for yourself. In the meantime, we can help by following procedures and meeting deadlines--and guess who's typing her own late board report. Do as I say, not as I do!

Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester)
Director, Membership

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In order to increase the Members at Large (MAL), we are planning a contest among all MALs. Not only will we strive to increase the MAL membership, but we also encourage formation of Units at Large. A letter with all the details will go out to each MAL. The MAL who brings in the most new members will be given a prize and special recognition at the State Convention. We also hope to encourage attendance of all MALs at State Convention.

Will all Leagues please remember to send to the state office changes of address for all members who have moved to non-League areas of Texas. We know some Leagues do this on a routine basis but others never do. Please help us to keep the members we have.

Board members have all the fun--sometimes!! We know each League has a non-board member who works in the background and receives little credit, either by choice or by oversight. Now is the time to recognize that member. Will each League be thinking about your non-board members who have done something special for your League. Maybe one person has done many "invisible" but yet important things for your League. We hope to publish a two-page newsletter spotlighting members throughout Texas. This information sheet will either be given out at State Convention or be an every-member mailing, or both. We know there are so many special members that it would be impossible to spotlight each one. More than one name may be submitted. Tell us how this person has been special to your League. We shall try to make this as representative of as many Leagues as possible, but please don't be discouraged if we do not use all the names submitted. We also encourage you to send black and white pictures. Please help us to make this one of the most informative and interesting membership newsletter you have ever read.

I expect each League to submit at least one name. Start submitting those names right now!

The LWVUS has produced a new slide show entitled, "ARE YOU A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE: LEAGUE WOMEN IN POLITICS." This membership tool is a 35mm, color slide show that uses music and humor in revealing the League as the best training ground for women in politics. This new slide show will soon be available at the state office for loan to those Leagues which do not feel they can afford to buy this. Please reserve this by writing to the state office.

If your League has devised some successful membership ideas, why not share them with us so that other Leagues might benefit. Blow your horns a little.

Here's to a membership increase in every League during this year of the debates!

P.S. Your League would need to pay the postage if you desire to borrow the slide show mentioned above, but it will be less than the \$10.00 cost of the presentation.

Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert M.)
Texas VOTER Editor

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HOW TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION

Most local League bulletins are mimeographed, using typed stencils with hand-drawn illustrations. The great majority of bulletin editors care a lot about their publication and want to produce the best possible results. It is hoped that these tips will help you to achieve that desired end.

Read the directions provided in your package of stencils.

Be sure to set your typewriter ribbon control lever in the "stencil" position.

Use coated cushion sheet under stencil, glossy side up. Use typing film on top of stencil--it keeps your typewriter keys clean and produces a heavier-lined impression.

Try several settings of the "touch" regulator. A setting between 6 and 8 usually makes a good mimeograph impression.

Try to leave eye-pleasing margins on each page.

Give some thought to "matching up" pages which face each other.

Vary the arrangement of copy with columns, boxed items, varied widths of margins, etc.

Experiment with different characters on your typewriter to "draw" borders, divide columns, form boxes to call attention to special items.

- + Use a stylus with a firm, steady pressure
- + when tracing, drawing, or printing.
- +
- + Use a ruler to draw even the tiniest
- + straight line in a picture.
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- + Use a clear plastic protractor to make
- + circles and curves in your drawings.
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- +
- + Invest in as many different sizes of
- + styli, kinds of shading plates, and
- + styles of letter guides as your budget
- + will allow.

Basic and best investment: a mimeograph flexible writing plate and a mimeoscope, which is an illuminated drawing board.

Consider using an electronic stencil for your masthead. Check with office supply stores, office equipment or business machine firms, or the Yellow Pages, to find a place to cut the stencil. You can past up your own design. These stencils can be saved and re-used month after month, and are very reasonable.

Use stencil correction fluid to its maximum potential. If the directions on the box are carefully followed, and the fluid allowed to dry completely, a multitude of slips can be covered and many a stencil saved.

Keep an idea file of line drawings, layouts, and other samples from newspapers and magazines, advertisements, and other bulletins.

Be sure your equipment is kept in good repair. Take your time. Proofread. And then ENJOY the compliments that are sure to come your way as The Editor of your bulletin!

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AND NOW A WORD ABOUT SEX--
(NEUTRAL LANGUAGE, THAT IS)

McGraw-Hill Book Company, in its pamphlet, Guidelines for Equal Treatment of the Sexes in McGraw-Hill Book Company Publications, defines the word sexism as having been coined, by analogy to racism, to denote discrimination based on gender. In its original sense, sexism referred to prejudice against the female sex. In a broader sense, the term now indicates any arbitrary stereotyping of males and females on the basis of gender. The guidelines state further:

"We believe that educational and reference materials...should reflect a deep conviction that every human being has a dignity and worth that is her or his own, no more dependent on sex than on race or color, but rather reflecting that individual's own inner being...What is important is not particular forms of expression as such, but this pervasive sense of equality, personal worth, and the unhindered development of potential. Particular words and ways of using them, however, do often express such a sense of dignity and equality, or, on the other hand, may betray an insensitivity to it of which the writer may be quite unaware...."

Here are some specific examples of sexist language vs. sex-neutral language:

Sexist

Henry Harris is a shrewd lawyer and his wife, Anne, is a striking brunette.

Sex-Neutral

The Harrises are an attractive couple. Henry is a handsome blond and Anne is a striking brunette.

OR The Harrises are an interesting couple. Henry is a shrewd lawyer and Anne is very active in civic affairs.

"Women and men should be treated with the same respect, dignity, and seriousness. Neither should be trivialized or stereotyped...Women should not be described by physical attributes when men are being described by mental attributes or professional position..."

the girls)

)--(when adult females are the women
the ladies) meant)

lady (used as a modifier, as in
"lady lawyer")

lawyer ("The lawyer made her summation to the jury.")

libber (a put-down)

feminist or liberationist

When gender modifiers must be used, use "female" or "women."

Note that lady and gentleman, wife and husband, and mother and father are role words. Ladies should be used for women only when men are being referred to as gentlemen. Parallel language should be used for women and men.

congressman	member of Congress
businessman	business executive; business manager
statesman	leader; public servant
chairman	presiding officer; the chair; head; leader; coordinator; moderator

Insofar as possible, job titles should be nonsexist. Different nomenclature should not be used for the same job depending on whether it is held by a male or a female.

you and your wife	
you and your husband	you and your spouse

Language that assumes all readers are male (or female) should be avoided.

The McGraw-Hill guidelines point out that since the English language lacks a generic singular pronoun signifying he or she, it has been customary and grammatically sanctioned to use the masculine pronoun he, but that various alternatives may be considered, such as:

1) Rewording to eliminate unnecessary gender pronouns:

The average American drinks his coffee black.	The average American drinks black coffee.
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2) Recast into the plural: Most Americans drink their coffee black.

3) Replace the masculine pronoun with one, you, he or she, her or his, as is appropriate. It is suggested that one use he or she and its variations sparingly to avoid clumsy prose.

The fourth alternative suggests using he and making it clear it refers to both females and males. In League materials we so often assume that all members are female; we are sexist but discriminate against men! This alternative would mean continuing to use she and making it clear in the material that it refers to both men and women. This is clearly the least satisfactory alternative for us.

Remember that the concerns about sexist language are two-fold. It is important to consider how our words are heard by both males and females, but equally important to consider what sexist language says about the persons or organizations using it in their publications.

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CONSIDER THE MEMBER

The average member is not a member of the board of directors; may or may not attend a unit meeting every month; probably is not a member of a study or action committee; and, in some cases, depends solely upon your bulletin to keep informed about League activities on a local level, and on the Texas VOTER to keep abreast of statewide positions and action. When editing copy, look for the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and HOW that makes the article understandable to all--including the public (which always contains potential members). Make your communications vehicle an outboard, not an inboard!

Barbara Materka (Mrs. Wm. J.)
Director, Communications
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Administration - PR

TWO REQUESTS AND TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

First, a big thank you to those LLs which have been sending me copies of their newspaper clippings. Among the "regulars" have been Amarillo, Richardson, San Marcos, and Rockwall Provisional. Marshall/Harrison County Provisional recently sent some fine examples. I'm not mentioning all the names, but all efforts have been appreciated.

Request number one: Some of you have asked why League requests your clippings in the first place and what we do with them after receiving them, so I'll try to formulate a short answer. Of prime importance is the fact that it provides one more means, in addition to reading your VOTERS, of keeping in touch with, and informed about, what is going on at the local League level. Your activities are reported in your own VOTER, true, but the impact on your local community of those activities cannot be ascertained from the VOTER. Newspaper clippings, especially tear sheets, show this much more clearly. Also, in analyzing what was successfully newsworthy, we can be helpful to those local Leagues which ask for information on how to improve their newspaper image.

At a recent counterpart workshop in the Houston area, your Communications Chair assembled two posters of LL newspaper coverage to illustrate how different League portfolios can be the basis of good coverage and how that coverage benefits all portfolios. News photos were shown and discussed; illustrations of appropriate times to write letters to the editor were included. Examples of League-oriented editorials were featured. Without help from a number of you who sent in clippings, this section of the Media Workshop would have had to be eliminated.

So, in summary, please keep those clippings coming--they are useful and they are being used! One copy is all we ask, sent directly to me. This is an exception to the rule, "3 of everything to state office."

Request number two concerns the fact that LWV-T is trying to develop a "VIP list" of people around the state who, in addition to state legislators and elected officials, should be receiving the TEXAS VOTER on a regular basis. If you have a name or several names you would like to see included, will you please send those to me ASAP. Consider organizations and libraries.

The first recommendation is that, if you can spare \$1.00 from your PR budget or from your Board Tools allocation, do order a publication called Media Action Handbook. It is a well-indexed, easy-to-read, concise but complete encyclopedia on everything you could possibly want to know about your PR job. The format and illustrations are superb. Veta Winick, public relations for LWVUS, recommended it in a memo, I ordered one, and couldn't be more pleased. Do order Media Action Handbook from:

National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing
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(Cost: \$1.00, prepaid)

Recommendation number two comes as a result of the aforementioned area workshop in Houston. I had asked Mae Martin of the Houston LWV to do an illustrated talk on how to prepare a slide show, since she was doing one for their Voters Service use. Her presentation was so thorough and excellent that it seemed it should be shared with more League members. Therefore, she agreed to send information to any of you who might request it. Think of ways in which your League could utilize a slide show, then write for help to: Mae Martin, [REDACTED].

Barbara Glickman (Mrs. Barney)
Treasurer, LWV-T

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BUDGET ANALYSIS - 1st Quarter 1976-77
June 1, 1976 - August 31, 1976

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
A. Pledges	33950.00	8137.52	25776.48
B. Members-at-Large dues	450.00	60.00	390.00
C. Publications	5700.00	2154.57	3545.43
1. DPM	1080.00		
2. Standing Order	1176.00		
3. Leg. Newsletter	5.00		
4. Other	253.57		
D. Interest	215.00	-0-	215.00
E. Contributions			
1. Members-Cash	250.00	10.00	240.00
2. Members-In kind	500.00	149.14	350.86
3. Non-members-Cash (net)	1416.00	1200.00	216.00
4. Non-members-Non cash	400.00	-0-	400.00
F. Election Night Reporting	2000.00	-0-	2000.00
G. Anticipated Cash Res. Ins. Acct.*	-0-	1278.04	(1278.04)
H. Convention '77	5000.00	-0-	5000.00
I. LWV-TEF Reimbursement			
1. Overhead Grants Adm.	120.00	-0-	120.00
2. General Administration			
a. Office Overhead, 1/4 SO Costs**	4975.00	273.60	4701.40
b. Trustees Mtgs., 1/4 SB Mtgs.**	1200.00	407.45	792.55
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>56176.00</u>	<u>13706.32</u>	<u>40669.68</u>

* Balance in Gen. Oper. Acct.

** Actual Column reflects amount received for 1975-76 Fiscal Year

EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	IN-KIND	VARIANCE
A. State Office Operating Costs				
1. Equipment Maintenance & Maintenance Contracts	720.00	48.00		672.00
2. General Supplies	1810.00	370.25		1439.95
3. Postage	2400.00	694.65		1705.35
4. Telephone	750.00	164.56		585.44
5. Insurance & Bonding	230.00	17.00		213.00
6. Fixed Cost				
a. Rent	2700.00	800.00		1900.00
b. Salaries	9550.00	2715.90		6834.10
c. Payroll Taxes	717.00	249.47		467.53
7. Audit & Tax Report	300.00	16.15		283.85
8. New equipment (inc. accrual)	500.00	-0-		500.00
Sub total	19677.00	5075.98		14601.02
B. Board & Administrative Costs				
1. President				
a. Travel	775.00	148.30		626.70
b. Per Diem	200.00	10.00	16.50	173.50
c. Secretarial Assistance in Lubbock	-0-	-0-		-0-
d. Telephone	250.00	46.18		203.83
e. Representation	250.00	-0-		250.00
2. Treasurer	100.00	13.11		86.89
3. Board				
a. Tools & Material	400.00	315.50		84.50
b. State Board Meetings	4800.00	18.30		4781.70
c. Administration	200.00	58.56	2.60	138.84
4. Administrative Committees				
a. Development	200.00	4.50		195.50
b. Public Relations	175.00	-0-		175.00
c. Budget	150.00	-0-		150.00
d. Nominating*	150.00	28.40		121.60
e. Ad Hoc Financial Support	250.00	-0-		250.00
Sub total	7900.00	642.85	19.10	7238.05
C. Services to Local Leagues				
1. Organization				
a. Current Local Leagues	2100.00	358.82	34.78	1706.40
b. New Leagues	1075.00	115.77	62.25	896.98
c. Members-at-Large	315.00	7.33		307.67
2. Presidents Mailings	875.00	-0-		875.00
3. Local Program Supervision	25.00	-0-		25.00
4. Membership	150.00	.92		149.08
Sub total	4540.00	482.84	97.03	3960.13
D. Convention - Council				
1. State Convention '77	5000.00	-0-		5000.00
2. National Council, Delegate Exp.	800.00	-0-		800.00
Sub total	5800.00			5800.00
E. National Services				
1. Pledge	8654.00	2163.50		6490.50
2. PMP for MALs (30 @ 4.50)	135.00	-0-		135.00
Sub total	8789.00	2163.50		6625.50

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EXPENDITURES (cont.)	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	IN-KIND	VARIANCE
F. VOTER	1600.00	109.90		1490.10
G. Publications-Prod. & Distr. Cost				
1. DPM (100 @ \$15)	1500.00	-0-		1500.00
2. Standing Orders (200 @ \$7)	1400.00	-0-		1400.00
3. Leg. Newsletter (100 @ \$5)	500.00	-0-		500.00
Sub total	3400.00			3400.00
H. Position Support & Activities				
1. Program Supervision*	25.00	61.74		36.74
2. State Program Action				
a. PSF & PTR	125.00			125.00
b. Land Use	125.00			125.00
c. FSG	125.00			125.00
d. Administration of Justice	200.00	30.72		169.28
e. Human Resources				
1. ERA	25.00	11.53	1.50	11.97
2. Housing	25.00	1.17	1.50	21.33
3. Revenue Sharing	25.00	2.16	1.50	21.34
4. Welfare	25.00	2.16	1.50	21.34
5. Education	25.00	2.16	1.50	21.34
f. Natural Resources				
1. Air	50.00	6.25		43.75
2. Energy	75.00	17.06	7.50	50.44
3. Water & Solid Waste	100.00	48.66	10.00	41.34
4. Transportation	50.00	6.25		43.75
g. Voting Rights	50.00		8.01	41.99
h. State-Local Relations	-0-			-0-
i. Mod. State Govt.	15.00			15.00
j. TCR	-0-			-0-
3. National Program Action				
a. International Relations	30.00			30.00
b. Representative Govt.	40.00			40.00
c. Campaign Finance	-0-			-0-
4. Legislative Office				
a. Telephone	500.00			500.00
b. Director's Expenses	500.00			500.00
c. Secretary	1935.00			1935.00
Sub total	4070.00	190.86	33.01	3846.13
I. Professional Assistance	400.00			400.00
GRAND TOTAL	56176.00	8665.93	149.14	47630.93

* For 1975-76 expenses

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Budget Analysis

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<u>BANK ACCOUNTS, ETC.</u>	<u>BALANCE 6/1/76</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>BALANCE 8/31/76</u>
General Operating Account	1278.04	13015.07	9343.05	4950.06
TEF	652.47			652.47
Time Deposits	4212.84			4212.84
Reserves (Savings Account)	2228.43			2228.43
	8371.78	13015.07	9343.05	12043.80
<u>TEF ACCOUNTS</u>				
Legislative Research Material	553.51			
Public School Finance	34.92			
Financing State Government	28.67			
Voters Keys	1.12			
National Revenue Sharing	34.25			
	652.47			

The \$652.47 in the TEF Account will be refunded to the IWV-T Ed. fund.

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LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICES
June 1, 1976 to August 31, 1976

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>Accepted 1976-77</u>	<u>Amount paid to:</u>		<u>Balance</u>
		<u>TEF</u>	<u>Gen. Op.</u>	
Abilene	\$ 340.00			\$ 340.00
Amarillo	770.00		\$ 225.00	545.00
Austin	1770.00		442.29	1327.71
Bay Area	700.00			700.00
Baytown	555.00			555.00
Beaumont	315.00		204.25	110.75
Brazos County	750.00		375.00	375.00
Brownsville	310.00			310.00
Corpus Christi	1015.00		900.00	115.00
Dallas	4335.00			4335.00
Deer Park	300.00			300.00
Denton	810.00		202.25	607.75
*Eastern Bell County	225.00**			225.00
Edinburg-McAllen	320.00		160.00	160.00
El Paso	965.00			965.00
*Gainesville	300.00			300.00
Galveston	1600.00		400.00	1200.00
Garland	394.00			394.00
Harlingen	300.00		300.00	-0-
Houston	5500.00		1375.00	4125.00
*Huntsville	300.00			300.00
Irving	1380.00			1380.00
Lamar Co.	480.00			480.00
*Longview	200.00***		200.00	-0-
Lubbock	350.00			350.00
*Marshall-Harrison Co.	200.00***		200.00	-0-
Midland	535.00		535.00	-0-
Odessa	300.00		75.00	225.00
Orange Area	300.00			300.00
Pasadena	300.00		150.00	150.00
Pearland	300.00		75.00	225.00
Plano	300.00			300.00
Richardson	540.00		135.55	404.45
San Antonio Area	1500.00		750.00	750.00
San Marcos	420.00			420.00
Sherman	685.00		685.00	-0-
Tarrant Co.	2270.00		580.00	1690.00
Tyler	335.00			335.00
Victoria	600.00	150.00	150.00	300.00
Waco Area	510.00		254.18	255.82
Wichita Falls	500.00			500.00
Sub total	33879.00	150.00	8373.52****	25355.48
Added since Convention:				
*Rockwall	200.00		200.00	-0-
GRAND TOTAL	34079.00	150.00	8573.52	25355.48

- * Provisional League
- ** Prorated for fiscal year
- *** Paid in 1975-76 fiscal year
- **** Included in 1975-76 fiscal year

Bobette Higgins (Mrs. Wilfred)
Public Relations VP, Land Use
[REDACTED]

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Administration
Public Relations

PUBLIC RELATIONS

It was decided by the state board to honor newly elected legislators at a reception in January, to which we will invite all legislators and the top state elected officials. The reception will be held during the regular meeting of the state board in January, which will coincide with the opening of the legislative session.

One of the many benefits of having our state office in Austin, and holding board meetings there, is the opportunity of making numerous important contacts such as this reception will provide. Since the board meets in a handsome, stately old home on the grounds of an Episcopal seminary, we will have a perfect setting for this event. And we are particularly fortunate in having members of the Austin League (hello, Donna Green) cater this reception, in addition to supplying meals for all our regular state board meetings, at considerable savings to the state League, and a profit for the Austin League coffers.

We look forward to this reception, and urge you to mention it to your legislators when you see them in December, and remind them to attend.

Another type of contact with governmental decision-makers which is becoming a tradition at state board meetings (well, we've done it twice, and plan to repeat it-- "traditions" develop before your very eyes in our fast-moving world) is the practice of inviting a speaker or two to discuss a topic informally with us. Last time, Rep. Wayne Peveto (D-Orange) met with us to talk on our top legislative priority, property tax reform. At the previous board meeting, Senator Max Sherman (D-Amarillo) shed some light on the complexities of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Both of these are examples of what I call Purposeful PR. Let us know what kind of purposeful PR you're planning!

Adelyn Duke (Mrs. Ray)
Texas Constitutional Revision, Off-board

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Program - TCR

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Although Texas Constitutional Revision is presently low on the priority list for action, this does not mean we are any less committed to it now than we were this time last year. Because we set aside everything else and worked on TCR as top priority the past two years, other items are now in the forefront for timeliness and possible accomplishment. Even so, it is still imperative that we keep our members reminded of our TCR positions so that we can be ready to act should the occasion arise. It is generally felt that this is not the time to push for overall revision and that more can be accomplished piecemeal through amendments, article by article replacement, and in some cases, statutory change. It may be that this process can sufficiently deal with those portions that aroused opposition from special interest groups, thus making complete revision a greater likelihood at some later date.

League members should not feel defensive or apologetic for our support of the defeated constitution, nor should we feel anything but proud of our long-standing effort along the revision highway. Many experts had warned us that it would not be easy and that constitutional revision is rarely successful on its first try. As you talk with your legislators, be ready to fill them in on League positions and be sure to report any information you glean relating to TCR, although there are no specific questions included for the interviews.

Someone in each Local League--be it program vice-president, state program chair, TCR, legislative action, or membership--should assume the responsibility for seeing that every person who joins the League is oriented in TCR and becomes converted to this long-standing commitment of ours. Start now to build that dedicated nucleus of informed citizens who can be relied upon for concerted effort the next time around.

Helen Hunter (Mrs. John)
Organization Vice Pres.

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Now is the time to check your calendars and notify the appropriate people about those once-a-year chores. If you have not sent three copies of your budget, bylaws, and policy guide to state office, please do so. Don't forget to send three copies of your board minutes and one copy of your VOTER each month to S. O. Check LWV-Texas bylaws and send suggested changes to state office by December 15.

As we start the new program year, I hope you are planning new approaches to the unit meetings. Why not try one month having each unit plan their own agenda? A night unit does not necessarily have to have the same program as the day units. Have them develop their own program; or act as a committee to develop a new program. Have you tried having one unit act as an action unit? or VS unit? Be flexible.

Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin D.)
[REDACTED]

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Every local League in Texas has experienced, or has scheduled training or consultation with a state board member since Council. Remarkable, considering our geography and finances! The majority of Leagues requested "nuts and bolts" or individual portfolio training. Over one-third of the Leagues requested "leadership development training" to augment their own in-house portfolio exchange/training. The participant evaluation forms from the "area specialized" portfolio training included comments like:

- ...nice to become acquainted with state board
- ...great idea
- ...best one attended
- ...liked having Betty and Veta talk--gave a feeling of LWV unity on state and national level
- ...repeat two or three times a year

The leadership development committee plans to research additional training possibilities (such as management training) and attempt a course description prior to the round of training next year. All suggestions, comments, and training experienced with other groups will be researched and evaluated for use. Input from local League boards and members is welcomed.

Chris Brasher (Mrs. Thomas)
Director, off-board: Executive (MSG)

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THE "HOBBY COMMISSION"

Toward the end of the 64th session of the Legislature, Senator Bill Patman of Ganado was successful in getting a bill through the Senate and House which somewhat reflected the purpose of the "Little Hoover Commission." After fruitless efforts in session after session for the past several years, Senate Bill 319, sponsored by Patman, was finally adopted.

SB 319 created the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations, now widely known as the "Hobby Commission." Just as the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government became known as the "Hoover Commission" after its chairman, former President Herbert C. Hoover, so has the Texas version adopted the name of its chairman, Lt. Governor Bill Hobby.

The purpose of the Act creating the Hobby Commission is to promote the economical delivery of the services provided by state government by means of a comprehensive review of governmental structure and administration.

The Commission consists of Lt. Governor Hobby as chair, House Speaker Bill Clayton as vice-chairman, secretary of State Mark White, and nine persons appointed by the governor who are not members of the House or Senate, three members of the Senate appointed by the Lt. Governor, and three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker. Following are the appointed members of the Commission: Senator Grant Jones (Abilene), Senator Peyton McKnight (Tyler), Senator Bill Patman (Ganado); Rep. Charles Evans (Arlington), Rep. Bill Hollowell (Grand Saline), Rep. John Wilson (LaGrange), Alfred Davies, John Fainter, Herbert J. Frenslsy, Calvin R. Guest, Reagan Houston, III; Dr. June Hyar, R. J. Nunley, Harry M. Provence, Howard N. Richards.

The duties of the committee are to:

- (1) examine and evaluate the organization and methods of operation of the departments and agencies of state government;
- (2) develop proposals for improving the structure and administration of state government in order to assure the delivery of governmental services at the lowest possible cost;
- (3) recommend policies and programs to minimize creation of new departments and agencies of state government and to control the growth of existing departments and agencies; and
- (4) recommend suspension of government programs and services that duplicate and exceed in cost those same services offered by private business.

Upon request, staff assistance to the committee may be furnished by the Texas Legislative Council, the Legislative Budget Board, the Legislative Audit Committee, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the Division of Planning Coordination. Each department and agency of state government is also directed to furnish assistance and information to the committee upon request.

This Commission shall make its final report to the 65th Legislature when it convenes in January, 1977, not later than 30 days after that legislature is organized. Unless extended by the 65th Legislature, the commission is dissolved on May 31, 1977.

At the time of engrossment of the bill, it was estimated that an appropriation of \$181,000 would be required for the 1976-77 biennium.

Making its first attempt at trimming the cost of state government, the Commission on Friday, August 27, recommended limiting the size and scope of the Texas Department of Community Affairs, as well as cutting its operations budget.

The Department of Mental Health-Mental Retardation fared better as the Health and Welfare Subcommittee decided not to limit MHMR spending for the next biennium to the 1977 appropriations level. Instead, it was suggested that the next session of the legislature "closely review" any increases in MHMR budget requests "in view of the increased appropriations for levels of care and the declining populations in institutions under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of MHMR."

At this same hearing the Commission recommended abolishing the Texas Youth Council, a portion of the state Welfare Board dealing with the aged, and the Governor's Committee on Aging, and replacing them with two new state agencies with more duties. The proposed agencies would be the Texas Department of Child and Family Resources and the Texas Dept. of Aging and Special Services. The new agencies would have boards of six members rather than three. A temporary three-member board would supervise the transfer of personnel, property and other resources from the Youth Council and Welfare Dept. to the new agencies. The new alignment, the commission said, would reduce fragmentation and increase efficiency.

However, we foresee objections from the agencies involved, along with other problems of change; i.e. the involvement of federal funds for several social services (Title XX funds). Federal enabling statutes and implementing regulations in programs administered by the Dept. of Public Welfare provide for a single state agency responsible for the administration of the programs. As a condition for receiving federal funds, a state agency is prohibited from delegating to other than its own officials, its authority for exercising administrative policies. Any changes in the state plan would have to have the approval of the Dept. of HEW or the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Raymond Vowell, Dept. of Public Welfare, claims that the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Health and Welfare to create two new welfare agencies would deliver about 95% of what the present DPW is doing. Adding additional service responsibilities of 5% in the form of institutions for delinquent youth and congregate feeding for the aged still would require independent delivery systems whether in a large or small agency. Therefore, any reduction of service fragmentation brought about by restructuring only the state-delivered services would be minimal.

In defending his position that a more objective view of restructuring the DPW be considered, Vowell cited that some of the accomplishments of his department include the lowest number of ineligibles and overpayments to Aid to Families with Dependent Children and the Food Stamp Program. He further stated that the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program and the Training and Education Program for employees are considered among the best in the nation. Alternate Care for the Aged and Disabled has received national attention. "No other state can compare with our efforts in fraud prevention" said Vowell, "and our Vendor Drug Program has had wide acclaim."

In a letter to Speaker Clayton about the proposed changes, Vowell said, "If we want to get serious about the reduction of welfare costs and other maintenance costs, I suggest we look at why Texas has the largest illiterate population in the nation, why 40% of the students entering elementary school this year will never complete high school, and why many of those who will graduate still won't be able to read or write. We need to look at areas of the state like Galveston Independent School District which have demonstrated these problems can be overcome. I recommend that a statute be passed to mandate school districts to develop and implement plans to address these problems or lose their state financial support.

The "Hobby Commission" also recommended that the legislature not create any more senior colleges or medical schools without the approval of the College Coordinating Board.

And two members of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission, which was created in 1943 and was made an official state agency in 1945 to offset anti-American propaganda in Latin America

and particularly Mexico, vehemently defended the agency against an attack by Bill Hollowell on September 27. Hollowell, a persistent critic of the commission, questioned whether it had violated federal law by joining in the creation of the International Good Neighbor Council, which has approximately 1,200 members equally divided among Mexico and the U. S. In a curt exchange with two of the Good Neighbor commissioners, he stated that he did not think the agency should be retained. Commissioner M. M. Vicars of Brownsville responded that the commission had done many "good works" and "deserves the laud and praise of the legislature for what we have achieved on a very, very limited Mickey Mouse budget."

So it will be interesting to watch what happens to the recommendations of this commission which, like the original Hoover Commission, was established to seek ways of improving the efficiency of the executive branch, and of eliminating wasteful methods of operation. The Hoover Commission recommended sweeping changes in executive departments and agencies in its report to President Truman in 1949, little of which was ever realized. Will the Hobby Commission's recommendations also be relegated to a shelf to gather dust?

Another hearing was scheduled for September 29, and hopefully a final report will be ready for publication by November. As developments occur, you will receive an update so that you may better follow what action, if any, will be taken during the 65th Session of the Legislature.

Becky Moon (Mrs. Tom)
Director, Off-board - Air

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TENNECO SAGA, CONTINUED

Yup--there's still more--

Having sat out the storm and hopefully the calming of our adversaries, I have been actively working on the implementation of our joint effort with Tenneco.

Recall--Tenneco agreed to participate in and fund a fact-finding effort to look at the vital areas of concern when developing control strategies for chemical carcinogens (substances known to cause cancer).

It's called neutralizing the opposition: Tenneco & TACB--

- 1) I doubt that industry really wants any new controls
- 2) The TACB (Texas Air Control Board) staff rejected earlier the idea of others assisting them in the development of these control strategies.

A strained truce developed following the issuance by the TACB of the construction permit. We know there is more than one way to skin a cat, so we continued to build our relationship with the health specialists, the biggest fish in the pond. I not only wanted them to know the aim of our effort--I set out to convince them that they should serve as members of our Steering Committee. Overly optimistic was I, but thought I'd give it a try. One of the big fish. Dr. Charles Shaw, who has worked behind the scenes from the beginning, moved into the forefront when he agreed to serve. The next big fish tackled is a member of the board of the TACB and a prominent member of the chemical industry, Dr. J. Kilian. The man most capable of bringing stature to the committee, Dr. M. Key (past director of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration) agreed to serve this past Wednesday. Other members of the committee include a lawyer and representatives from the TACB staff, Tenneco, and LWV-T.

The Steering Committee's objectives: Get the ball rolling--

- 1) Define the areas to be considered
- 2) Delineate and assist in obtaining individuals with appropriate expertise to serve on the full committee.

We had dared to hope that we could gather experts together to evaluate ways of controlling these emissions.

- We obtained funding
- Three of the best individuals we could think of are serving on our Steering Committee
- The TACB has joined the effort.

In the light of our recent successes will Tenneco join forces and participate in a more meaningful way?

Becky Moon (Mrs. Tom)
Coordinator, Study of Public
Participation

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MSG - Executive
(Administrative Procedure Act)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION--MYTH OR REALITY?

Monitoring

The League has long aspired to develop mechanisms for meaningful citizen participation. The environmental and consumer advocates have joined the chorus since the early 1960's. Many have believed provisions for citizen input are a vital element of procedural rules governing agencies. In 1953, Texas members of the State Bar expressed interest in drafting an act which would delineate uniform administrative procedure for state agencies. Renewed interest in 1968 led to the unsuccessful introduction of bills in the 1971 and 1973 Texas legislatures. Its time had come. In 1975 the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) passed the legislature with unanimous votes.

The APA, a reform statute, represents a reaction to, and an attempt to correct, unsatisfactory administrative practices which have arisen since government by administrative agency became important in the 1940's. The APA is affecting more than 200 state agencies in Texas, each touching your life.

Although administrative procedure is generally thought of as a rather dull topic, the events resulting from poor procedure have long received front page news coverage. How many Americans and how many of us have complained bitterly about unresponsive agencies? We have found ourselves playing a game without rules or mechanisms for appeal.

The Administrative Procedure Act mandates agencies:

- 1) adopt rules to govern formal and informal procedure
- 2) provide for public participation in the rulemaking process
- 3) provide public notice of proposed rules and action through publication of the Texas Register
- 4) provide judicial review of agency action.

--Will the APA lead to more responsible state agencies?

--Is our dream for meaningful citizen participation becoming a reality?

The answers to the above two questions can be found as we watch our state agencies implement the APA. As an off-board state LWV chair, I have participated in and observed adjudicative public hearings held by the Texas Air Control Board, but this is only one of more than 200 state agencies. Monitoring the impact of this legislation on citizen participation has been adopted as a special project by the state board.

Under the APA, will meaningful citizen participation develop or just receive continued lip service? Others are looking to Leaguers, champions of public participation, for an evaluation of this legislation.

You can help me. Watch your state agencies in action. Clip articles. If you become involved in activities with a state agency, let me know.

--An agency on the front page last month: Texas Insurance Commission--hearing to consider new car insurance rates. Affects you??

--An agency on the front page this week: Texas Utility Commission--hearing to consider new telephone service rates. Affects you??

Your observations are vital to the success of our study of the APA.

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LHV of Texas

May 7, 1976

Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Bobette Higgins
RE: Special Pre-Board Meeting (Workshop) on Administrative Procedures Act

There will be a special meeting, Tuesday morning, May 18 from 10:30 to 12:30 to discuss the Administrative Procedure and Texas REGISTER Act with staff from Senator Sherman's and Rep. Von Dohlen's offices.

Although this meeting was planned for the benefit of the EQ Block Committee, all state board members are invited and encouraged to attend if interested in this extremely important and controversial Act.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Kirby Hall (we'll be using space in the Texas Environmental Institute offices)

STATE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 18-20, 1976

Tuesday, May 18

Noon	Lunch Presidents and VPs confer	
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Block I AJ LAI Media VOTER and Publications	Porch Living Room Music Room Sun Room
1:45 - 2:15	Block II VR FSG/FPS LD Development	Porch Living Room Music Room Sun Room
2:15 - 3:00	Block III Property Tax Reform Membership VS/CI	Porch Living Room Conference Room
3:00 - 4:00	Organization (Status of Local Leagues & Provisional Leagues) EQ Subcommittees (Energy, Transportation, Air) (Water, Solid Waste, Land Use)	Living Room Conference Room Porch
3:45 - 4:15	HR	To be announced
4:15 - 5:00	EQ/HR	To be announced
5:00 - 7:00	Dinner	
7:00 - 7:30	National Convention Report (Anderson, Titus, Wilbur)	Living Room
7:30 - 8:45	Organization Core Program Core	Living Room Conference Room
8:45 - 9:45	PR Core	Living Room

Wednesday, May 19

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Minutes	Heaberlin
8:45 - 9:00	President's Report and Fiscal Matters	Anderson
9:00 - 9:15	Budget Workshop	Wilbur
9:15 - 10:00	Report of Interim Committees Calendaring, New Techniques Lobby School/Legislative Day The Future of the VOTER	Titus Nobles Moore
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 10:30	Evaluation of Council	Moore
10:30 - 11:00	Discussion of Board Structure	Anderson
11:00 - 12:00	Discussion of Ventilation Workshops Program Organization PR	Titus Hunter Brown & Shlipak
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 - 3:30	TEF Board of Trustees	
3:30 - 5:12	17 Committee Reports (6 minutes each) Status Report of Committee Meeting (Where You've Been and Where You're Going) Surface Motions You Intend to Present on Thursday	
3:30 Program	AJ LAI VR FSG/FPS PTR Energy, Transportation, Air Water, Solid Waste, Land Use HR EQ/HR	Clark Farmer Sugihara Wilbur Wilbur Titus Headrick Davies Titus
4:24 Organization	Leadership Development Membership Organization	Peterman Hunter Hunter
4:42 PR	Media VOTER Publications Development VS/CI	Materka Moore Nobles Shlipak Brown
5:12 - 7:00	Dinner	
7:00 - 8:00	Trainers' Consultation	
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Planning and Research Committee Convention--Brown, Nobles, Anderson, Titus, Clark, Headrick, Moore	

Thursday, May 20

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Motions in Writing and Decision Making
Just a Beginning:

Adoption of Calendar	Titus
Approval of VOTER articles	Moore
Decision on LWV-T Position on November Construction Amendments	Headrick
Rockwall	Materka
National Coalition on Solid Waste	Headrick

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Evaluation of Board Meeting--Structure and Agenda
Wrap-up

Lunch

STATE BOARD MEETING
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Rather House
Episcopal Seminary
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ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

North Bedroom with Bath
Anderson
Materka

Bishop's Suite
Titus
Davies

West Bedroom
Higgins
Farmer
Moore

Porch
Headrick
Wilbur
Clark

East Bedroom
Peterman
Heaberlin

Third Floor
Shlipak
Nobles
Brown

Rape Crisis Center Room
Hunter
Sugihara

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Higgins
Shlipak
Wilbur
Heaberlin
Davies
Sugihara
Materka
Hunter
Peterman
Farmer

TRAINERS COMMITTEE

Hunter and Peterman

Brown
Anderson
Moore
Nobles
Davies
Sugihara
Wilbur
Headrick
Farmer
Clark
Materka

PROGRAM CORE

Titus
Higgins
Clark
Davies
Farmer
Headrick
Sugihara
Wilbur

ORGANIZATION CORE

Hunter
Peterman
Farmer
Materka
Heaberlin
Shlipak

PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE

Higgins
Materka
Brown
Moore
Nobles
Shlipak

COMMITTEE SYSTEM
(FOR TRIAL USE AT MAY BOARD MEETING)

BLOCK I	PROGRAM Titus	ORGANIZATION Hunter	PUBLIC RELATIONS Higgins
	AJ Clark Hunter Headrick Davies	LAI* Farmer Sugihara Glickman Peterman	Media Com. VOTER & Pub. Moore Nobles Heaberlin
BLOCK II	VR Sugihara Brown Heaberlin Nobles	FSG/FPS Wilbur Davies Farmer Glickman	Leadership Development Peterman Headrick Clark Tilley
BLOCK III	Property Tax Reform Wilbur Headrick Davies	Glickman Sugihara Nobles	Membership **Hunter Materka Farmer
BLOCK IV	EQ Subcommittees: Energy, Transp., Air Titus Sugihara Materka	Water, SW, LU Headrick Higgins Shlipak	Status of LLs & Prov. Brown Hunter Peterman Clark Tilley
BLOCK V	HR Davies Higgins Headrick Wilbur Titus	EQ/HR Titus Davies Higgins Headrick Wilbur	

* Less Active Items (MSG, SLR, TCR)

** Hunter will preside at the May committee meeting. Let's wait until we see the direction of Planning and Research before deciding on a director.

May 7, 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Betty Anderson

Barbara Glickman will not be able to be with us at the May board meeting. She has been confined to bed for approximately six weeks. I know you will be thinking of her.

The board meeting is scheduled from Tuesday noon to Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Rather House. We are again indebted to Donna Green and the Austin League for their hospitality. I plan to go to Austin Monday night and work that evening and Tuesday morning in the office. When we made budget cuts, it eliminated my April visit to the SO, and it is beginning to tell, although Diana T. has been great about handling day-to-day crises.

The committee system that is enclosed is the result of correspondence and telephone calls between the VPs and me. We have scheduled an hour on Thursday to evaluate structure and how we managed our time. We have asked Barbara Materka to become Media Director, because we thought it might be confusing to have a PR VP and a PR Director-- but if you can think of a better title we're open to suggestions. Peggy, we have placed you on both Less Active Items (LAI) and membership for this session. Let's wait until we see the direction of membership by Planning and Research before settling on a membership chair. We may need to find someone to come on board to steer membership, or we may need to shift portfolios.

On the third day we have allotted three hours for decision making. You are requested to have your motions in writing ready for the secretary on Thursday morning. On Wednesday afternoon, every chairperson will be expected to give a six minute status report of the work of her committee.

Consideration of Guidelines for Off-Board Committee Chairpersons

These guidelines can be found on page 33 of the LWV-T State Board Handbook, Jan. 1976. Please bring the Handbook with you.

Suggested changes:

1. Should attend assigned interim committee meetings.
2. Should receive all publications, including state agency mailings, relating to portfolio.
3. Should send state program VP a monthly summary.
4. Delete.
5. Should prepare, clear with Program VP and file copies.....
13. Delete (same as #9)

Add: Should expect expenses for interim committee meetings and board meetings (when requested to attend) to be paid from the state budget. However, Council and Convention expenses (if person chooses to attend) would be borne by chairperson.

Special Assignment for VPs: (Please)

1. Bring a chart of the communication network with off-board chairpersons as you envision it.
2. Prepare a summary of board happenings to include in LL Presidents Letter, which hopefully will go out May 21st (3rd Friday). Prepare a rough draft of what you expect will be the major happenings at the board meeting in each of your areas, and fill in the blanks and final decision-making before you leave Thursday. It can be done if we think ahead.

Special Assignment for State Board:

Please list, by approximate date, what you anticipate submitting to the state office for preparation and/or distribution between now and the next state board meeting. Include inter-board and outside-League communiques', as well as the distribution for LL mailings (e.g., DPM, SO, LL Chairs, etc.). Please keep in mind that the current mailing schedule calls for a standing order mailing in early June and LL Presidents mailings the 3rd Friday of every month.

In addition, please note the dates, if any, that you will be on vacation this summer.

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Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Meg Titus
RE: Program

Will all program people please bring the following to board:

- Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Program Update, 4/23/76
- Responses from Local Leagues during Program Direction & Program Questionnaire, 4/23/76
- Making An Issue of It, The Campaign Handbook, LWVUS Pub. 613
- Any program management ideas to help LWV-T and LL's handle the program workload

From reading LL VOTERs, program questionnaires, program direction and ventilation notes, it's clear that LL's are looking to us for guidance in program management. Let's try to come up with some innovative suggestions after studying their comments.

Property Tax Reform - Though LL support for this approach to the next legislative session is evident, it is also clear that they want every-member information and some background on why this priority has been selected. Jan Wilbur has agreed to prepare a VOTER article for the next issue on this. Please bring other ideas for every-member involvement to be implemented both now and during the session.

Less Active Items - It will be necessary to decide at this meeting how we might plan to handle TCR, MSG, and SLR both now and during the session. Shall we try to find Austin area members not involved in the lobby corps to monitor these areas and watch for possible bills we could support? Shall we follow one LL's suggestion and establish three program categories to be used for all three levels--study, action, and standby?

EQ Committee Meeting - In an attempt to bring EQ off-board chairs into the planning, Bobette, Lucinda, Laura, Becky and I met at Fairfield (about the half-way point between Dallas and Houston) for five hours on April 29th and discussed:

- The Tenneco permit hearing held by the TACB on April 24th and the implications for LWV-T of the new Administrative Procedures Act. (See Becky's air report for details about the hearing and the response to her Action Alert--it was very good.)
- The interrelatedness of our portfolios and how to improve our communications. (One decision was firm--to have more such meetings perhaps every month or six weeks.)
- Possible strategies for implementing our various positions through work with boards and agencies, and during the legislative session.
- Strategy for action regarding the \$400 million water development bond election in November, and the impact such strategies would have on various local Leagues.
- How to improve communications techniques both within board and with our LL counterparts.
- The possible use of additional off-board chairs in the future in the EQ-HR bloc.

All of these matters will be pursued at the various board committee meetings in order that we can bring some specific ideas to the plenary session.

Interim Committee on next year's calendar; consensus dates; utilization of new techniques in programming such as cable TV, regional workshops, meetings or briefings will meet at my house on May 10th. Bobette, Sue, Barbara G., Beth, Diana C., Peggy, Lucinda, and Barbara M. will put their heads together, and I'm sure will come up with some suggestions for total board consideration.

I won't take space now for details, but I'll put some brief reports in post-boards on:

- Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Construction Grants of the Region VI EPA. The Texas subcommittee to which I have been appointed was assigned the question, "What extent of public participation is desirable and what methods should EPA use to assure accomplishment?" As I was in Washington and had very short notice of the meeting, Bobette took over in my place during the meeting on April 22nd.
- Report of a panel discussion before the American Society for Public Administration on "Federally Mandated Public Participation and Its Impact on Public Agencies," where I was one of six panelists (two from citizen groups and four from federal agencies) April 21st.

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Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Jan Wilbur
RE: PSF/FSG

House education subcommittee to study alternatives to the property tax as a method of financing public education at the local level.

This subcommittee has been holding hearings around the state. The League was there. At the Feb. 10 hearing in Houston, LWV-H had a reporter who submitted a detailed summary of what went on. The specifics:

1. Many businessmen in the audience (probably to hear how or whether the idea of a corporate income tax was presented).
2. Hubenak (Ft. Bend County) suggested some other source (1¢ sales tax) dedicated to schools.
3. Noel Yarling (Ft. Bend County Taxpayers Assoc.) wants a sales tax; are opposed to an income tax--too expensive to police and collect. Enrichment programs should be cut; too much for athletics and administrative personnel; in answer to a question he said he would favor statewide appraisal on all property...
4. Morehead (Conroe ISD administrator) need a broader based tax--either sales or personal income tax (Yup, he really said it); tax on land should be according to use; maybe dedicate tax on mineral assets to education (Fox said no, it is not always going to be there); either revise or do away with property tax.
5. Mauzy (Harriet, that is) (Houston Teachers' Assoc.) would favor corporate income tax--sales tax is regressive; support well-head tax; do not want 100% state funding.
6. Grace Fefineto (Lamar ISD) - primary concern to correct inequities; assessment and tax ratio more equitable.
7. Robert Mullin (Farmers Union) any additional tax must be based on ability to pay--abolish ad valorem tax.
8. Richard Masson (San Antonio South Side ISD) cut school costs; special ed. costs too high; wants a sales tax--no income tax.
9. Adrian Meyer (Austin Co. Taxpayers) sales tax.
10. Johnny La Selka (Asst. Dir. Texas Assn. of School Administrators) make ad valorem more equitable; maybe local wealth of a district determined by personal income rather than by market value; local enrichment supported.

Edinburg, March 4

Mary Ellen Salinas (LWV Pres.) did a fabulous job of getting the wheels turning to get out the publicity on the hearing--even got pictures in the paper...

Oh, fiddle, I can't find the notes she sent me but seems like someone supported at least a corporate income tax. I'll have to look for the notes and report later.

Dallas, March 18

Ethel Sturgis (LWV-Tarrant Co. Pres.) made a statement with which Dallas and Irving concurred and Marilyn Forney (Program VP) sent me a report stating that 12 persons testified and all except LWVTC were school administrators or teachers of some kind.

Testimony to Texas ACIR, April 2 --first time I had ever appeared before a state agency. One thing it did convince me of was that we are going to get a lot more specific about what we want and don't want. I'm sure glad it was not a hostile committee; so the questions were fairly general just as my testimony was.

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May 7, 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Jan Wilbur
RE: Sex-Neutral Language
examples

In response to your request that I give specific examples of sex-neutral language, I sent for (and finally received) a nifty pamphlet "Guidelines for Equal Treatment of the Sexes in McGraw-Hill Book Company Publications." Here are excerpts from their guidelines.

"We believe that educational and reference materials..should reflect a deep conviction that every human being has a dignity and worth that is her or his own, no more dependent on sex than on race or color, but rather reflecting that individual's own inner being...What is important is not particular forms of expression as such, but this pervasive sense of equality, personal worth, and the unhindered development of potential. Particular words and ways of using them, however, do often express such a sense of dignity and equality, or, on the other hand, may betray an insensitivity to it of which the writer may be quite unaware. (emphasis added)...

"The word sexism was coined, by analogy to racism, to denote discrimination based on gender. In its original sense, sexism referred to prejudice against the female sex. In a broader sense, the term now indicates any arbitrary stereotyping of males and females on the basis of their gender."

Here are some specific examples of sexist language vs. sex-neutral language:

Sexist

Henry Harris is a shrewd lawyer and his wife Ann is a striking brunette.

OR

Sex-Neutral

The Harrises are an attractive couple. Henry is a handsome blond and Ann is a striking burnette.

The Harrises are an interesting couple. Henry is a shrewd lawyer and Ann is very active in civic affairs.

"Women and men should be treated with the same respect, dignity, and seriousness. Neither should be trivialized or stereotyped...Women should not be described by physical attributes when men are being described by mental attributes or professional position..."

"the girls" or "the ladies" (when adult females are meant)

the women

"lady" used as a modifier, as in "lady lawyer"

lawyer, as in, 'the lawyer made her summation to the jury'

When gender modifiers must be used, use 'female' or 'woman'

libber (a put-down)

feminist or liberationist

"Note that lady and gentleman, wife and husband, and mother and father are role words. Ladies should be used for women only when men are being referred to as gentlemen..." Parallel language should be used for women and men.

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(SEX-NEUTRAL LANGUAGE CONTINUED)

"TITLES: Insofar as possible, job titles should be nonsexist. Different nomenclature should not be used for the same job depending on whether it is held by a male or a female."

congressman	member of Congress
businessman	business executive; business manager
statesman	leader; public servant
chairman	presiding officer; the chair; head; leader; coordinator; moderator

"Language that assumes all readers are male should be avoided."

you and your wife	you and your spouse
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(In League materials we so often assume that all Leaguers are female; we are sexist but discriminate against men!)

PRONOUNS: The English language lacks a generic singular pronoun signifying he or she, therefore it has been customary and grammatically sanctioned to use the masculine pronouns in expressions such as 'one...HE', or anyone...HE'...Various alternatives may be considered."

(1) Reword to eliminate unnecessary gender pronouns.

The average American drinks his coffee black.

The average American drinks black coffee.

(2) Recast into the plural

Most Americans drink their coffee black.

(3) Replace the masculine pronoun with "one" "you" "he or she" "her or his" as is appropriate. It is suggested that one use 'he or she' and its variations sparingly to avoid clumsy prose.

(4) Alternate male and female expressions and examples.

(McGraw-Hill added a fifth alternative--use 'he' and make it clear it refers to both females and males. I think that's often a cop-out. But I thought in good conscience I ought to pass along their alternative. For Leaguers it would mean continuing to use 'she' and making it clear in the material that it refers to both men and women.)

These are some suggestions which I felt were helpful as well as some of the reasoning behind the concern with sexist language and what it says about the person using it and how it is heard by feminists. I hope it is helpful to you, too.

Hooray for the sex-neutral language in the nominating forms!

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TO: State Board
FROM: Diana Clark
RE: Administration of Justice

Hello from the 14th floor of the Gorham Hotel. Midtown Manhattan is full of women with yellow badges--all of us look just alike--the Hilton is just across the street. It's hard to concentrate on possible consensus questions at a time like this. Of course I should have done this last week (I'll drink to THAT-Diana T.) but I may prepare another view-scope show--this one to be called "Procrastination Pie--Or How To Write a Pre-Board Report at National Convention."

Enough of this foolishness--to business. The F&I is not yet written, but two farmed-out sections on sentencing and probation/parole are done in draft. Following is based on that material. I can't seem to get away from the "yes, no, undecided" kinds--I hope the rest of you will be able to rewrite, etc.

BAIL

Should bail be denied for repeat offenders trials--

- 1) Should Texas have a speedy trial law? If so, what is a reasonable time limit--
60 days, 90 days, other ?

[FYI] Federal Law is 60 days.

Sentencing

- 1) Should Texas continue to permit a defendant the option of being sentenced by a judge or jury?
- 2) What are your opinions of mandatory fixed sentences?
- 3) How can sentencing be made more uniform state-wide?
- 4) Should the Court of Criminal Appeals be given the power to review and modify sentences?
- 5) Should there be more specific laws regarding crimes committed with a firearm? Explain
- 6) What is your opinion of the death penalty?
(This may be a moot question if the Supreme Court rules on the issue this June.)

Probation

- 7) Should state funds for probation be provided:
 - a) in addition to local funds?
 - b) for total statewide probation?
 - c) not provided?
- 8) Should supervision be required for all probated sentences?
or for felony crimes only?

Parole

- 9) Should all prisoners released after serving a sentence be subject to supervision?
- 10) What should be the role of the state in developing community resources to aid released prisoners?

Some further thoughts on the previous consensus question, "Should Texas have laws aiding victims of crimes?"--

My recommendation at the pre-Council board was that we had a weak consensus and therefore should not include it. I have been having second thoughts as there might well be bills introduced in the next session along these lines. Please consider the following: 30 Leagues and three Provisionals (one is now a League--Plano)-answered. YES totaled 19, NO-4, UNDECIDED-9. Explanations: 13 mentioned restitution by offender when possible. Nearly everyone mentioned "with limits and guidelines," or words to that effect. 19 is more than half, and could we add to our consensus statement: "Support of state assistance to victims of vio-ent criminal acts including (where feasible) restitution by the offender." I recommend we do so.

The Juvenile Justice Task Force is hard at work. They might be through before me!

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May 7, 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Laura Keever
RE: Energy

On March 4-7 I attended an Energy Conservation Institute in San Antonio sponsored by the Texas Environmental Coalition through a grant from the Conservation Foundation which is operating under a grant from FEA. I served on the steering committee for this conference and had the pleasure of moderating both a workshop on conservation in buildings and, along with Walter Richter (of the Texas Environmental Coalition), the meetings of the Texas delegation to the conference. The delegates represented industry, utilities, government, university, and environmental interests. We had approximately 20 delegates from Texas and, after many soul-searching hours, we were able to agree on a number of conservation issues. We also agreed that it would be valuable for follow-up work to be pursued by the delegation. In that connection, Char White (the TEC conference director), Walter Richter and I have approached FEA for further funding. We have also submitted a proposal to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council for their input and support in connection with the funding. The proposal consists of a budget (minimum \$10,800; maximum \$14,400) to have four 1/2 day meetings between now and January to develop energy conservation strategies relating to (1) utility rate structures; (2) building design; and (3) government procurement practices. The paragraph in the proposal which relates to us--if you approve--states:

"The series of meetings will be sponsored by the Texas Environmental Coalition assisted by the Governor's Energy Advisory Council and the League of Women Voters of Texas."

"Assited by" is the terminology requested by Joe Ventura, Associate Executive Director of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. I strongly encourage you to allow the League's name to be used in this manner. It is my understanding that Board action is needed in this matter. It requires no LWV money--only my time.

I have reviewed the Draft Substantive Rules for the Public Utility Commission. Unfortunately, there is very little mention of conservation in the proposed Rules. I have therefore written a response for LWV-T which encourages the PUC to include conservation as an element of rate making design. As the comments were due in 30 days and there was no money for a special mailing to local Leagues to alert them of the potential for action in this regard, I have chosen several Leagues which have been active in energy and sent them a special mailing encouraging their support of this action. We are also writing Gov. Briscoe, Clayton and Hobby to request their support.

I am also hoping to make a statement in any further hearings relating to lifeline rates. There are three committees that are considering lifeline--a special House committee chaired by Rep. Uher (with no name--that's why I couldn't find it out, Betty); the House Committee on Energy Resources; and the Senate Consumer Affairs Committee. The statement will point out the problems of lifeline and encourage the committees not to limit their investigations of utility rate structures to lifeline, but to look at some of the other rate structure proposals that are being tried around the country--i.e., peak load pricing, flat rate structures, etc.

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(LAURA KEEVER-ENERGY PRE-BOARD CONTINUED)

I have changed my estimation of whether or not there will be a special session on utility rates. It seems less likely now (I would say maybe a 25% chance). Joe Ventura has advised the Governor not to have a special session--and all of the special committees are getting hung up in the very real problem of lifeline. (See my speech which you should be receiving soon as a Houston FOCUS.) This means that all these matters will be shifted to the regular session, so please do not forget this in your legislative planning. I also hope to support continuation of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council (it has but a two-year life span); funding therefor; and legislation required under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act relating to lighting and thermal conservation in buildings as well as government procurement practices. I still have no proposal to make to you relating to coal slurry pipelines--that's still in the "clarification" stage.

I have been appointed chairperson of the Conservation Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. We will be having our first meeting the latter part of May.

I have to tell you that energy has been chosen as the top priority for the Texas Environmental Coalition. While the Coalition's work has to be educational as it is tax-deductible--I was delighted!

And five-hour core committee meetings are marvelous.

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TO: State Board
FROM: Bobette Higgins
RE: PR and Land Use

PR

I talked briefly to Jan Moore about looking into the possibility of doing the VOTER newspaper style, in order to compare costs. Be thinking about how we might handle the VOTER to increase effectiveness, everybody.

Carole is doing GREAT work in raising money. She may need help, let us know Carole.

NOBLES: I do not handle solid waste, only land use. Lucinda does solid waste, so send her stuff from the Register. Let me know about stripmining reclamation, coastal zone management, land use, and 208 stuff.

DURING OUR PR TIME SLOTS, WE WILL ASSESS OUR PAST YEAR, AND IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR, WHERE YOU INTEND TO PUT EMPHASIS, WHAT AND HOW YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH, IN EACH PORTFOLIO.

Let's each try to keep the gab down and under control during the plenary sessions, and make our committee sessions productive, so we do not have to do committee work during plenary sessions.

LAND USE

After we got back from our meeting at Sam's, I found an article in the paper, which I wish had come out BEFORE the meeting! Briscoe has put the 208 planning under the state Soil and Water Conservation giving it to the farmers and ranchers. He is making Rose the head honcho over ALL water agencies, and combining the three into one super-agency sort of. Yantis and the TWQB are on the skids, Rose is getting it all. We will have to talk over strategy with this new information. WHAT WILL THIS DO TO ARMSTRONG'S PLAN TO UPGRADE THE ICNRE FOR THE CZM PROGRAM? I BET HE KNEW THIS WAS IN THE WIND. BRISCOE WILL MAKE ROSE HEAD OF THE NEW ICNRE (HE IS ALREADY HEAD OF THE OLD). BOY, IT'S GETTING THICK. I'll call Bob before board and see what is in the works, and what he knows.

I have the complete ruling from the AG on our question, very cut and dried, and not one bit like Sam said it would be. I just bet a cookie that Briscoe put the clamps on it, maybe they knew about the combination of the water agencies, or something, it just looks fishy to me. Someday I will have a talk with Troy Webb about it all.

Jan W. I am bringing a study done by a bunch of consultants on the state zero based budget process, which they gave to us at the CZM meetings, and I think you will find it GREAT.

ALL: We will need to confirm our affiliation with the Texas Environmental Coalition by paying our yearly dues, of \$25.00. I recommend that we keep up this contact, they are really gearing up for action. By the way, they have started a fundraising drive, have a goal of \$40,000 this year, and money already coming in. Big company in El Paso sent \$500. I'll find out which, so Carole can hit'em-up for us!

PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE: You have all received a copy of the presentation at Council. Now we need to go over this carefully, and flesh it out, discard ideas that don't seem feasible, and come up with new ones. **BE THINKING ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE BOARD STRUCTURE UNDER THIS SYSTEM, HOW IT MIGHT BE STREAMLINED TO FIT THIS PLAN. I THINK** at the end of this session, we will want to turn this over to Organizational to use as they see fit. So also be thinking of new areas we might want to look at. **ANYTHING YOUR LITTLE HEARTS DESIRE!**

LHV of Texas
May 7, 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Jan Moore
RE: Texas VOTER

Helen, Jan, Jane, and I met on April 28 as an interim committee to explore VOTER philosophy, and make suggestions as to what we would like the VOTER to be next year, within our budgetary limitation. Our philosophical discussion led us to the conclusion that the VOTER is, indeed, a public relations tool, as well as a tool for program, organization, membership, and TEF. The group felt that as a PR vehicle, the Texas VOTER should serve two needs: (1) internal PR, and (2) external PR. Its goal under (1) is to be read by members, to enhance pride in membership, and to focus awareness of the League as a statewide organization. It seems to us that our goals under (2) would automatically follow.

Getting down to specifics, we addressed ourselves to the three C's--content, costs, and circulation.

CONTENT--We would like to see each issue of the VOTER contain: (1) at least two pages of program material; (2) an Inter-League News column (brief mention by name of local League successes, innovative ideas, etc.); (3) TEF news; (4) a state planning calendar; (5) pictures of local League activities, to be solicited from them, with those not used in the VOTER placed in a scrapbook to be exhibited at Conventions and Councils; (6) state board member activities (brief mention of "where board members have been to get to where the League is going"). The space to be used for each of these columns should be flexible to allow for additional articles on voter service, voting rights, development, League philosophy, etc.

To facilitate VOTER planning, we recommend that each vice president be responsible for determining the subject matters under her portfolio to be covered in each issue of the VOTER, and making the appropriate assignments for the preparation of copy. For instance, Meg could divvy up the space allotted to program into short articles on many subjects, or two long (one-page) articles, or whatever is timely and best serves the needs of the program chairs. Helen could collect the bits and pieces of news and compile the Inter-League news column, and assign periodic articles on topics under her leadership, and Bobette could compile the state board activity column, and assign space for voter service, and the other portfolios under her leadership.

COSTS--We feel confident that the adopted budget of \$1600 for next year will permit the publication of four 4-page VOTERs of the same quality as in the past, provided that we continue to use the same printer. We would like to explore the possibility of getting TEF funding for the space used by the TEF News column, as well as the educational program study material which is printed in the VOTER. If a certain percentage of the VOTER could be TEF funded each issue, we might then be in a position to expand at least one of the four issues into a six-pager.

CIRCULATION - A four-times-a-year VOTER, should be circulated roughly quarterly. Ideally, the VOTER content would be determined at state board meetings, the copy deadline would be approximately ten days to two weeks later, and publication and mailing would be approximately four weeks after deadline. Without knowing at this time when state board meetings will be scheduled, but using this past year as a yardstick, we envision a publication schedule something like this:

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(JAN MOORE-VOTER-PRE-BOARD CONTINUED)

Circulation

late August (so that members have the VOTER before the new League year goes into full swing in September)

Content would be determined at May board meeting.

Copy deadline would be beginning of last week in July.

late November - Content would be determined at September board meeting.

Copy deadline would be beginning of last week in October.

late February - Content would be determined at January board meeting.

Copy deadline would be beginning of last week in January.

late May - Content would be determined at March board meeting.

Copy deadline would be beginning of last week in April.

OVER THE RAINBOW - Someday, somehow, we'd like to see larger VOTERS, published more often each year (six is a nicely rounded figure). And, somewhere in that larger VOTER, we'd like to have a Q&A column, in which local League questions (propounded by their presidents) are answered by the state board.

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Think about this a bit, won't you, and drop me a line if you have further suggestions. I hope to refine it at the pre-board PR committee meeting, for recommendation to the board.

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Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Helen Hunter
RE: Organization

As I packed and prepared to move I had all kinds of ideas about the LWV organization. Now I'm not sure I can get them on paper but here goes. No solutions. Just questions.

What to do about the LWV organization and program workload. The organization would not exist without the program--and the good program that we do--but what good is program without members? Why do we worry about the number of members? Why not quality instead of quantity? Is it the knowledge and ability that we display that impresses our legislators, congressmen/women, city council, etc. or is it the number of members? We know that many who join won't work, don't read the material and don't come to meetings and they are costing us money. (I know Ruth Clusen doesn't agree--see latest VOTER.) Are they worth it? Should we expect all members to participate by at least attending unit meetings? Only then do they have a say about LWV program and action. If they don't care enough about their own in-put, should we let them seek another cause--common or uncommon? Do we spend so much time servicing the apathetic that we lose track of the interested members? Do we have the time to seek them out and encourage them? Are we trying to please so many that we please none?

Should non-active non-participating members pay more dues? Or should everyone pay more dues to service inactive members and pay some of the expenses of the active members, i.e. boards, especially presidents, provide baby-sitters for unit meetings and general meetings?

How do we change the structure of the League to accomodate the working member and full-time students? Without changing so much that we lose the "full-time" Leaguer. How do we coordinate night meetings and day meetings where both are necessary? In small Leagues where the number of members does not call for two or more units? or for board meetings?

How do we combat the "League-like" syndrome of the older members who discourage change and likewise discourage new members? And you know I don't mean "little ole grey haired ladies." How do we encourage new ideas and new structures to meet the needs of today and maintain the best of the old?

What about the heavy program load? How do we provide all the program services for the larger urban Leagues and not overload the small Leagues? Many of them are unhappy. The A of J outline Diana sent to Longview was very good. Could program people use that idea for all program? For those of you who didn't see it, Diana pointed out the most interesting parts of the Leaders Guide material, recommended F&I for all members, five of the consensus questions and gave them suggestions on how to handle their meeting. This type of outline could go with the full study material for small Leagues who can't handle the full load. Or could we use the format for the "program update" for provisional Leagues on new program for small struggling Leagues? Yes, I know, time and Money.

Another problem--some of the Leagues do not want to cut back on their program and allow other Leagues to reach consensus and speak for them. One League even complained that "even if we don't do all state and national program we still have to pay for it."

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(HELEN HUNTER--ORGANIZATION PRE-BOARD CONTINUED)

What about Leagues that don't grow, don't change, have the same board year after year until they are worn out? How much time, effort and money do we spend trying to save them? The Reorganization Guidelines have been adopted by several Leagues and, I hope, will give them new life. These Guidelines for Reorganization were written for the trainers, consultants, and organization department to recommend to ailing Leagues. Have we done this? Do we always recognize the problems before it is too late? Many of those now on reorganization asked about it when recommended by a state board or ex-state board person in their League or after a desperate call for help. Should these guidelines, as recommendations, be sent to all Leagues so they will know what alternatives they have?

We know it was successful in Brownsville. It seems to have revived Pearland. We will watch for results in Edinburg-McAllen, Tyler and Garland.

There must be answers. Let's have everyone's ideas. Think about it.

LWV of Texas
May 7, 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Barbara Materka
RE: Membership
Total Board Responsibility

Files are wonderful--when we get around to looking through them and using them! Mine on membership contained the beginnings of a look at our own portfolios as they might be related to membership. The canvass of the state board was never completed, but never fear. Instead of hounding you, I've used what was available plus some material that originally came from the LWV of Georgia to come up with a few ideas. Some are admittedly pretty obvious; in the blank space provided, please add your own contributions, since what is here is mainly something to stimulate your own thinking. THINK MEMBERSHIP!

TOTAL STATE BOARD EMPHASIS ON MEMBERSHIP

President: Routines--relay to membership chair inquiries about membership, names of member transfers, ideas about membership found in other states' VOTERS and state board reports; schedule agenda time for discussion of membership at board meetings; send letter welcoming each new member-at-large over personal signature.

V.P. Program: Try for program topics that appeal to a wide range of interests. Add a new item fairly frequently in order that new members can start at the beginning of a study instead of just "catching up." Push for every-member involvement in legislative action.

V.P. Public Relations: The more visible the League is, the more likely to expand its membership. To publicize LWV successes is especially effective. Distribute as much state material as finances will allow to public officials, libraries, schools, the media, etc. Have membership flyers available wherever the League speaks. Send them to libraries and schools.

V.P. Organization: See that members are adequately serviced by the state LWV, especially members-at-large. Arrange for local League workshops on membership when requested to do so. Oversee good consultant and adviser training in the area of membership.

Secretary: Reflect in the minutes the concern state board members have for the problems of membership. Send letters recognizing outstanding accomplishments of individual Leagues and members.

Treasurer: Keep accurate records of dues payments and notify membership chair and state office at time of payment. Replay any inquiries about membership to state office and membership. Send anniversary dues notices and reminders. Send list, monthly, of new members and drops to LWVUS, state office, and membership chair.

Voters Service: Distribute voting information as widely as possible. Gear the material to be understood by all literate citizens. Work with P.R. to get publicity for activities in this area. Plan Go-See tours at the state level.

Publications: Update catalogues frequently and see that all members are supplied. Help select publications that every MAL should receive, both at the time of joining and annually. Set up a state-wide publications subscription service for members and possibly non-members, such as educational institutions and libraries. Arouse member interest by means of "blurbs" about current publications in the state VOTER.

VOTER Editor: Recognize individual member accomplishments in the state VOTER. Print a calendar of events of special interest to members, such as election dates, absentee voting periods, important statewide hearings and conferences. Emphasize League success stories.

Development: Think of contributors, their wives or husbands, their employees as potential members. In explaining the work of the League provide information on membership and membership application blanks.

Program Chairpersons: Provide material that is succinct, easy to read, and has an attractive format. Above all, without sacrificing necessary facts, shorten it as much as possible. Develop audio-visual materials to stimulate interest and cut down on the amount of reading. Emphasize participation as opposed to lecture method for discussion leaders. Suggest Go-See trips wherever possible. Never use initials unless they have been positively identified in the same piece of material.

Budget Committee: Include funds for plenty of membership flyers, both state and national publications catalogues, and samples of program and action materials for state office to send out to member prospects and for LWV-T speakers to distribute at public meetings. Include funds adequate for necessary state board visits to local Leagues. Provide a key to the budget that can be understood easily by all of the members. Be generous in allocations for the expenses involved in the formation of new local Leagues.

Nominating Committee: Consider the effect on the general membership and on any prospective members of the personality of the person being asked to serve in a board position.

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TO: State Board
FROM: Jane Peterman
RE: Leadership Development

To date I have received copies or correspondence from eight Leagues requesting board training. I would appreciate being informed by the trainer of the actual date decided upon, and those who will be assisting.

Area sessions have been requested by Plano, Richardson, Garland; and Pearland, Bay Area, and Baytown, Deer Park, Pasadena are being invited to join Pearland and Bay Area. If you have a suggested agenda for these area sessions, please bring them to the board meeting--the mechanics of these need refining.

CONSULTANTS: Bring with you, or arrange at the May board meeting for file exchange. Be sure you have the consultant files for your assigned Leagues for this year. Materials for each League is to be kept two years. The assignments given to local League presidents at Council continue until Convention '77. Please allow time in your busy schedule to carefully read your assigned League minutes, VOTERS, publications, letters, etc. Then send a summary report to me one week before the pre-board is due.

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TO: State Board
FROM: Barbara Nobles
RE: Legislative/Lobby Day

The committee, composed of Fumi, Liz, and myself, has been exploring many ways to handle this aspect of League life. We have discussed and rejected the traditional two days in Austin all at once. We also have rejected (2-1) preparing kits and leaving LL's on their own. What seems to be emerging at this point IF THE LL'S WANT TO PARTICIPATE is a regional Lobby Preparation Day sometime before the session. At this meeting LL's could give the Legislative Chair a rundown on their legislators, because by then they will have finished interviews! LL's could specify areas of special interest to them and let us know which areas they would be willing to track. Later in the session LL's would come to Austin at the call of the Legislative Chair when their efforts are needed in a given area or on a given person. If preparation were well done ahead of time by the Leg. Ch., briefings in Austin could be held to a minimum and be given by the Observer Corps.

The five regions would include Dallas (Ft. Worth, Denton, Wichita Falls, Tyler, Gainesville, Sherman), Houston (Beaumont, Orange, Galveston, Huntsville, and Victoria if they want), Central Texas (San Antonio, Austin, San Marcos, Waco, Victoria), South Texas (Corpus and Valley LL's), West Texas (El Paso, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, Abilene, Amarillo).

Fumi has suggested that right after this board meeting we send a questionnaire to LL's to see if they would be willing to participate in whatever we come up with.

Although it would be super, if we were rich, to have the Leg. Ch. go to each regional meeting, the Leg. Ch. could prepare materials that the closest board member could present to the LL's.

It is the feeling that if we could have a good training session at a regional meeting, the trainees could go back to their LL's and train members to be more effective with the legislators when they are at home. It's what the home folks say that counts. Obviously water will never be big in W. Texas, but maybe the oil and gas people could be convinced that property tax reform won't be all that bad!

Which leads me to the 2-1 vote. Would LL's have time and money to participate in a Property Tax Seminar/Workshop and regional Lobby and Austin Lobby events. A valid question.

Please be thinking about this so we can be constructive and brief at SB meeting. Feel free to send me comments.

LHV of Texas
May 7, 1976
Pre-board report

TO: State Board
FROM: Jane Peterman
RE: State of the Leagues

ABILENE Minutes and Voter continue to indicate revitalized League. Installed LHV phone--received 200 calls on their Hot Line election day.

AUSTIN Busy and well. No new local study proposed. Old office equipment sold, purchasing IBM selectric, printing of minutes is much better. Units preference appealed to those attending.

BROWNSVILLE Minutes and skippy Voter continue to indicate revitalized League. Conversation with president at Council indicated pressure with results of the past year, psychological effect of removing the program burden was tremendous. Proposed budget up almost \$200., voters service was excellent (assisted voter registrar's office in getting out certificates., Adm. of Justice study and super.

DALLAS Active and well. President was invited to attend State Dep't briefing with H. Kissinger. Finance drive kick-off with annual meeting. Joined several coalitions.

DEER PARK 11/6/75 minutes, and Jan-Feb Voter are only information received. Membership orientation meeting held in LaPorte in Nov. Proposed increasing dues to \$15 plus \$3 subscriptoin service.

EL PASO Appears fine. Revised Member Handbook distributed at annual meeting. Raised \$513.50 in 1 day on finance drive--two more days of solicitation planned, plus other fund raising if necesseary to reach goal. Girl Scouts helped distribute Voters Guides.

GARLAND Letter sent to membership 3/18/76 asking them to meet 4/8/76 to decide their future.

HARLINGEN Fumi talked briefly with immediate past president at Council --she is very discouraged about the future of the League in Harlingen. The board members are the membership. They will not change their habits--like meeting in the evening once in a while. Both the secretary and membership chair resigned in January because they were moving out of town. No Voters have been received.

HOUSTON Active and well. LHV-Housotn Education Fund has been established. Will continue to solicit funds for LHV-TEF as well. Annual report printed for finance calls. Education Workshop held to discuss myths and facts surrounding integration. "Get out the Vote" drive approved for fall.

ODESSA March minutes indicated president resigned. Former serretary nominated according to Annual Meeting Notice announcement or Voter. Replies to questions for voters guide sent to El Paso LHV.

PASADENA Sketchy minutes of every meeting received. No Voters printed. Propose raising dues to \$15. Consensus reached on Executive, Adm. of J., Financing the LHV. Registered voters, reporting for election central. Will particiapte in Strawberry festival and pass out flyers explaining League and inviting interested persons to join.

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SAN ANTONIO AREA Well and busy. Finance drive began Feb. 25. Did not send bylaw to national suggesting name change. Participated in Great Decisions, joined SAA Women in Housing coalition, participating in Child Care '76 conference, joined in advisory capacity only U.S. National Women's Agenda. Offered expertise to PTA councils to produce own voters guides for school board elections.

TARRANT CO Their membership priority has increased their membership to \$15. Sponsored Campaign Techniques Workshop for Women. Units preference month was considered very successful. President-elect is moving to Wyoming, new appointment was made.

WACO AREA Received letter from national approving their name change. The single-member district suit was won. This should give them a boost. Voter registration drive extended candidate guides to be prepared for school district and city council elections. No Voters since Dec. issue.

HUNT CO. UAL Materka attended March luncheon meeting. Urged them to reach out into community and try to enlarge their membership (10 members). Also suggested "get out the vote" or voter registration campaign for visibility. They have had one meeting, Sept. through May, on state or national program.

ATTENTION: Corpus Christi, Deer Park, Edinburg-McAllen, Garland, Harlingen, Lamar County, Lubbock, Odessa, Pasadena, Pearland, Tyler, Waco Area. The above Leagues need careful board training and consulting with during the year because their minutes do not adequately reflect board action, or minutes are not being sent. or because they are not printing or sending Voters. Check on them.

Consultant reports were not received from: Clark, Farmer, Kissinger, Leabo, Nobles-- that adds up to 23 Leagues. I will assume it is confusion about changing consultant assignments. Nevertheless, reports up until Council should have been reported here.

Repeat: If you have not already exchanged or received the files of the Leagues to which you are the '76-'77 consultant, bring to or arrange for this at the May board meeting.

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TO: State Board
FROM: Fumi Sugihara
RE: 1978 Council, 1979 Convention/Voting Rights/Election Laws

1978 Council, 1979 Convention

So far no one has come up with a suggestion for a site for either the Council or the Convention. If the LWV-T wants to go to a noncommercial place like a college campus, we may have to get our bid in by this fall. Please think about the possibilities, ask around, and if you can, give me the names of persons to whom we can write for information.

County Elections Administrator Bill

I've been asked to represent the League on May 10 at a meeting with the McBee Subcommittee, House Committee on Elections, to discuss a County Elections Administrators bill. Others invited are from the District and County Clerks Association, the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association, and the Association of Counties. I have devised a strategy based on our positions and the concurrence on the model. I will probably need much more direction from the board after this meeting.

Houston and San Antonio Voting Rights Conferences

Apart from the opportunity to talk a lot and to meet a number of very interesting people, these conferences gave me some insight into the desperate need for verbally dispensed information on the federal and state Voting Rights Act, the open meetings and open records acts, how to monitor elections and how to lobby. There are so many people who cannot cope with problems involving the government because they don't know the law, and they don't know how to find out. They are generally suspicious of lawyers. As far as they are concerned, however, the written word is impenetrable, and so they also need help in using the law effectively. Do you suppose there exists a local League that would like to develop a module for citizen aid and information along these lines? It could develop into a spinoff from the League.

Sad News about the Ballot Stub Signature Requirement

MALDEF and Dave Richards lost the suit. The three-judge federal district court in Austin said that the plaintiffs (some Mexican-American registered voters) did not present enough proof to substantiate any of their claims of injury, intimidation, or abuse of the stub. As for the equal protection argument--that voters who use voting machines do not have a similar requirement--the court said that there was a compelling state interest in being able to identify a person's ballot because paper ballots and punch cards could be altered. (They didn't seem to know that machine totals could be altered also, or that stub boxes are often not very zealously guarded.) The subtle ways in which people are given the impression that they way they vote will be known just cannot be documented. Would you feel uneasy if you knew that an election judge carried the ballot box and stub box in the back of his pickup truck all weekend after a Saturday election because the Court House was closed? The openings of most stub boxes are large enough that the stubs can be shaken out, without disturbing the seal. Well, we're back on square minus one.

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(FUMI SUGIHARA--PRE-BOARD REPORT CONTINUED)

Flyer on Restoration of Citizenship Rights of ex-Felons

Since the constitution revision failed, there has been a revival of interest in getting this information to people on probation and parole, ex-convicts, and lawyers. Persons who are placed on probation after conviction for a felony get their citizenship rights back automatically when the court discharges them from probation. If a person is sentenced to the state prison, however, only the governor can restore citizenship rights. The Board of Pardons and Paroles can recommend restoration after the person has been on parole for twelve months, and again just before he/or she is discharged from parole. This does not mean that it is recommended, or if it is, that the governor will grant restoration. Any time afterwards, the ex-felon can ask the Board to consider recommendation by sending the Board his/her name, prison number, county of conviction, the offense and the length of sentence.

Do you think that putting out a flyer at this time is a good idea? If we do put out a flyer, it could be a one-page sheet that could be offset cheaply. But it must be designed attractively. It has been suggested that the Bar Association, the Corrections Association, labor unions, groups interested in rehabilitation of prisoners, as well as the Board of Pardons and Paroles would be interested.

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TO: State Board
FROM: Beth Brown
RE: Convention Liasion

I met with those TC members directly responsible for convention arrangements on April 30. The following facts, questions, suggestions, requests, and proposals came out of that meeting.

Facts: Local convention chairs are: Sue Jacobson, on-board; Mary Catherine Monroe, off-board. As per a fleeting discussion with Bobette in some hallway somewhere, Mary Harding is in charge of all convention publicity both local and statewide in coordination with Bobette.

The convention is scheduled for April 19, 20, & 21, 1977 at the Fort Worth Hilton and the Tarrant County Convention Center. All convention sessions will be at the Convention Center, which is a walk across the Ft. Worth Watergardens from the hotel. Caucus rooms, convention office, press room, etc., will be at the hotel, as will banquets, luncheons, etc., subject to recommendations which follow.

Question: How much direct approval from SB does the local committee need regarding matters not directly related to convention business, agenda, etc.? For example, the committee is playing with the idea of asking each League to design and bring its own heraldic banner to decorate the meeting room--maybe even a contest. Can decisions on all such matters relating to stirring up interest, local color, etc., etc., be made locally with my approval? Surely I would know when reference to SB was necessary and would so insist. It is obvious, I think, that the committee wants to be free to move on as many matters as possible between SB meetings.

Request: The committee respectfully requests that a theme be established at the September SB meeting. SB members would submit their suggestions to me. These would be combined with those from TC (one with quite attractive possibilities) and circulated to SB in advance of the September meeting. TC further suggests that the theme be emphasized in all official sessions, luncheons, dinners, etc., and that TC would be free to run with a local "Fun in Ft. Worth" approach at all other times.

Proposals: A tour of the historic northside stockyards area for Tues. a.m. This area has been recycled, reclaimed, refurbished by federal community development funds and exemplifies many League positions, i.e., EQ, Land Use, Housing, Save the Cities (a League position?), and preservation of neighborhood character (??aw, c'mon, you get the point.)

A museum tour. A MUST! On Wednesday afternoon.

The committee is fully aware that the expense to delegates and observers of two tours is unacceptable and is prepared to work toward no more than a nominal fee for at least one of the tours.

Box lunch in the Watergarden with wine.

An entertainment of about 45 minutes with content relating to women's issues which is excellent; committee needs to know when and where it might fit.

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(BETH BROWN--CONVENTION LIASISON CONTINUED)

Suggestions: Throw out all past agendas and think creatively. Do we need a formal sit-down banquet? Does the high-powered speaker need that kind of surroundings?

A good high-powered speaker is good for publicity and attendance and is important, but can we present the speaker with some kind of format other than the formal banquet?

The committee respectfully suggests that the agenda be roughly complete by January 1. What is sought by that date is a roughed-out agenda indicating morning, evening, and all-day sessions, with creativity attached, so that TC can begin to lock in on the "Fun in Ft. Worth" approach and also deal with the hotel and Convention Center for room requirements.

The committee also suggests that counterpart activities be on the basis of League size rather than by portfolio.

If convention business or a speaker is to be in conjunction with a meal, local chairs need to know 90 days ahead in order to plan the appropriate type of meal.

SB Concerns Surrounding Convention: Sunday night is reserved at hotel for SB based on SB meeting Monday a.m. The TC League is prepared to provide private accommodations for SB Sunday night, plus a meal. I feel that if we ask them to do this, no entertainment is required in addition to the bed and board. Do we go for hotel on Sunday night or private accommodations?

Thursday night is also reserved at hotel for SB post-convention meeting. TC suggested that they might again find private housing. I vetoed that idea; if SB needs to meet, it needs to stay at a hotel and meet. Therefore, SB could avoid expenses for Sunday night but would bear expenses for Thursday night. The TC committee needs to know all this by September.

It must be clear from the content of this pre-board that the TC committee is ready, eager, and unwilling to deal with any last minute decisions that can be avoided by forethought. This report represents the tip of the iceberg of things discussed at our meeting. Systems in TC are "GO." They know well that the fall-apart time will inevitably come. In the meantime, they want to cover all the bases possible.

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TO: State Board
FROM: Beth Brown
RE:

Feedback from LL's regarding the unfamiliar method of handling statewide candidates has been minimal to date. Two of the urban Leagues have indicated a cash savings or an ability to publish more guides; one has indicated both a savings and ability to publish more guides. An indirect rumble at Council from a medium-sized League suggested increased costs, but I'm not sure of the basis for this. In my postboard report I'll ask again for frank and earnest evaluation from LL's.

Whatever the feedback, it seems to me senseless to change the process for the November guide. I've had no opportunity for a VS committee meeting before this pre-board but hope to before June 1. Does SB wish us to propose additional or different questions for U.S. Congress and the statewide candidates? Or shall we simply reproduce answers as received for the primaries? It has been done both ways in the past. The latter alternative would presumably be easier for LL's and less expensive for LWV-T. I have received the impression from some LL's that our questions for Congress were excellent and elicited eager responses from candidates. In case SB wishes to consider the first alternative, I'll try to obtain by phone ideas and reactions from my committee to bring to board meeting.

The final draft of the Voters Key went to Publications Barbara before April 15; she will report on that matter.

When the subject of profit on state VG's came up a year ago, it was said that there had been none because SO costs were not included. In the following cost analysis please note that a year later we are still unable to assign dollar values to labor and materials at SO.

Cost Analysis

Primary Guide - May 1976

I. Expenses Incurred at Ft. Worth, Texas

	<u>In Kind</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Reproduction:			\$ 71.50
50 copies of 22 pages @ \$3.25	\$67.82	\$ 3.68	27.88
Postage		27.88	8.93
Manila Envelopes		8.93	21.40
Telephone		15.65	
	\$73.57	\$56.14	\$129.71

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(BETH BROWN-CI?VS PRE-BOARD REPORT CONTINUED)

II.

Assigned Costs at SO

	<u>In Kind</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Postage: Two mailings		\$30.64	\$30.64
Memo to LL Presidents and VS Chairs (January)		\$ 2.40	2.40
Memo to LL Presidents and VS Chairs (February)		2.40	2.40
Transportation at 8¢/mile (to obtain lists from party			
hdttrs., to post office)			
	\$.80	\$35.44	\$36.24
Total Known Costs to 5/1/76	\$74.37	\$91.58	\$165.95

III.

Labor & Materials at SO
(Dollar values not assigned)*

Labor: 10 hours in-office, 2 hrs. out-of-office	\$35.28
Total 12 hours @ \$2.94/hr. (Exec. Sec.)	
Telephone: Eleven telephone calls to candidates**	9.28
Materials:	
46 envelopes (outside & return) @ 2¢ ea.	.92
46 questionnaires (two to ea. candidate) 6¢ each	2.76
23 letters (1trhd. w/carbon) @ 3¢ each	.69
5 stencils (included in cost of questionnaire)	
15 follow-up letters (1trhd. w/carbon) @ 3¢ each	.45
15 envelopes @ 2¢ each	.30
	\$49.68
Total Costs*	\$74.37 \$141.26 \$215.63

*Completed by State Office 5/5/76

** Cost does not include telephone calls from State Office to CI/VS Director as these charges are considered part of state office operating costs.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 19, 1976

I. ADMINISTRATION

Minutes of March 29, 1976

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Treasurer's Report

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G. Carmichael submitted a voucher for \$124.21 for expenses. He only submitted air fare from Jackson, Miss. instead of Boston (a saving of \$210.04).

Have received the final payment from Houston Production (\$10,600.). \$500 has been replaced in the regular savings account in Waco. We now have an endowment fund of \$25,100 invested at 8.06%(net yield).

Timing policy for sending money to LL's from their Trust Funds.

Possibility of establishment of a Lois Braunagel Fund as a memorial in her honor.

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II. REPORTS OF LL PROJECTS

Austin and Corpus Christi

Nobles

Beaumont

El Paso

Galveston

Houston's final report on Drilling in Memorial Park

Peterman

Others?

III. REPORTS OF STATE PROJECTS

Voters Key

Brown & Nobles

Juvenile Justice

Clark

Statement to the Texas ACIR, April 2, 1976
Stephen F. Austin State Office Building, Room 118
Austin, Texas 78701

I am Jan Wilbur, chair of the Financing State Government/Public School Finance committee for the League of Women Voters of Texas. The League is a group of citizens whose members choose items for study and member agreement. Over the past several years a number of our study items have led us to positions relating to taxation in general and property tax in particular.

Four years ago, League members across the state voted to study the system of financing public schools in Texas. As you well know, one cannot study public school finance without looking very closely at property taxes since they are the cornerstone on which our system of public school finance is laid. Likewise, one cannot look at the system of property taxes in Texas without becoming aware of the desperate need for reform of this widely used and heavily depended upon tax.

In 1975 we studied the total tax structure in Texas. This led us to another look at the property tax as one of the major taxes in Texas and to positions regarding taxes in general. That is, a 'good' tax is one that is equitable, is easy to administer, and is consistent with desirable economic and social goals as long as there are sufficient safeguards. These criteria should be applied to proposed taxes as well as to existing ones--including the property tax.

Today, I will address my remarks only to the system of administering the property tax in Texas. We will be addressing the issue of the property tax base at a later time.

Basically we support property tax administration which assures that equitable and uniform taxing and assessing procedures are used throughout the state. This requires:

1. Standard manuals and methods for appraising the different classes and classes of property to be used throughout the state. Residential property in East Texas should be appraised using the same guidelines as are used to appraise property in Austin, for example. Appraisal of commercial property requires different methods to arrive at true market value, but the same procedure should be followed whether the property is in Amarillo or Victoria.
2. Statewide supervision to provide for:
 - a. coordination to include adequate staff to provide assistance to appraisal units when needed as well as to carry out oversight and monitoring functions.
 - b. sanctions or corrective action to assure that the standard manuals and methods are used by each appraisal unit.
 - c. audits to verify that the appraised values are within acceptable deviations from true market value.
3. Smaller number of appraisal units. No more than one for each county. This is probably the most important single step which can be taken toward meaningful property tax reform. It is virtually an impossible task to determine exactly how accurately the 2200 plus taxing units are appraising property now. This determination must be made. With no more than 254 appraisal units, it would be possible. This step would eliminate much duplication of effort and would allow more accurate appraisals to be made and for appraisals to be more frequently updated with the same expenditure of money.

4. Professional training be required for tax assessors.

Someone once said the property tax does not have to be inequitable, it just turns out to be so. I am not sure I would agree that the property tax is not by its very nature inequitable, but certainly the evidence is clear that it is inequitable as it is administered in Texas in 1976. It is a situation which must not be allowed to continue.

Thank you.

May 10, 1976

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To: State Board
From: Lucinda Headrick
Re: Water and Solid Waste

WATER

The following, hopefully, will help each of you to then collectively make what could be one of the most crucial decisions this present board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas will make!

Nov. 2, 1976 along with a "zillion" other decisions on the ballot-- the voters of Texas will have to decide whether or not to approve two (2) constitutional amendments dealing with Water Development Funds:

1) "A constitutional amendment to increase from \$100 million to \$200 million the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued for water quality enhancement purposes." If approved becomes effective Jan. 1, 1977.

Better known as water enhancement funds, these monies are used for loans or grants to political subdivisions mainly for the purpose of sewage treatment and laying of lines to and from such facilities. I see no problem with this amendment--in fact would suggest we support it.

2) The sticky one is-- "A constitutional amendment authorizing an increase of \$400 million in the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued on approval of two-thirds of the legislature and in accordance with Senate Joint Resolution No. 49 as pass by the 64th Legislature in regular session." If approved by voters is then effective on date of the final canvass of the returns.

Now, what does S.J.R. No. 49 have to say:

1. No single water development project using over \$35 million of bond money can be undertaken unless:

a. the expenditure is approved by majority vote in each house of the legislature;

or

b. the project is a part of a statewide water development plan approved by concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members of each house of the legislature.

2. Funds may not be used for the development of water resources from the Mississippi River.--This does not rule out importaion from other sources. In fact we are already importing in certain areas.

3. S.J.R. No. 49 does not allow for "revolving" funds.

In making your decision I would suggest for your consideration the following points:

1. There is no question of the severity of the water situation in several areas of Texas and for the need of a comprehensive state water plan.

a. We know the W. Tex. problems

b. Houston-Galveston area must go toward surface water. However, there is some question as to the amount really needed. At present there are large sources unused because of political, economic, and water quality reasons. Also population projections differ from agency to agency.

c. It is anticipated that San Antonio area will be facing severe

water shortages because of population growth not only in the urban areas but also in the "stream flow source zone"--the land above the recharge zone of the Edwards Aquifer which contributes 90% of the recharge water. However, what is interesting in this problem as well as most of the others throughout the state is that the TWDB projected pop. figures do not jive with other figures from other sources such as COG's, Corp of Engineers, or U.S. Office of Business and Economic Research. Invariably TWDB's are higher. In an interview with Gen. Rose (Ex Dir. TWDB), Dorothe Erwin of the Dallas Morning News asked whose figures will be used for the revised Texas Water Plan. Rose answered, "We are developing our own."

2. We have received a very thoughtfully worded letter from the Lubbock LWV asking us to carefully weigh our decision and understand their very precarious position as it relates to membership and finances--not only for their League but for the others in W. Texas.

3. According to law the bonds are suppose to be paid off by the customers. In fact with bonds already issued--\$187 million with \$78,882,383 in debt service as of Jan. 1, 1976--the TWDB had had to call on the General Revenue Fund of the state to pay \$29,460,720 to make up the difference between revenues on the projects and the amount needed to pay off the bonds. In other words the bonds do not pay their way.

4. On March 16, 1976 the TWDB issued a new Policy Statement Concerning Development of Water Resources in Texas. I hope those of you who receive TWDB "Water for Texas" will carefully read it in the April issue.

As I read it, basically it is designed to "sell" the amendment with references to how desparately the bonds are needed because of population growth, small town needs, and the implications of what impact the "Safe Drinking Water Act" (SDWA) will have on water sources, particularly in North and W-Central Tex and S. Tex. The SDWA will have a significant impact, but as I read the policy statement, it says the Water Development Funds will be needed to provide "the necessary level of treatment of such supplies to meet specified standards." This is true--but Water Development Funds is also the legal terminology for Water Enhancement Funds. In other words, I personally find this part of the policy statement a bit misleading.

Finally throughout the statement references are made to consideration of environmental impact--but that is all there is to the references--"consideration of environmental impact." Then in the next breath it states that the TWDB will Not provide mitigation (restitution) for wildlife habitat loss due to construction of non-federal water supply projects. It further states that as far as federal projects mitigation should be ~~decided~~ decided on a project-by-project basis. The Fed. Fish & Wildlife shot back a letter from their regional office in Albuquerque that in effect said, "Boys, that is against the law."--provisions of the Fed. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Acts.

5. Revised Texas Water Plan (TWP)

The TWDB is in the process of revising the TWB. Rose says it will be completed by the middle of October for the voters to see--then presented to the legislature at the first of the session for a vote. According to the "flow chart" of the work plan for the TWP the only reference to public participation is at the top of the page "Continuing dialogue and input public, special interests, Fed., State, local entities." To date we are unaware of any approach to the public for input.

Under Environmental Impact Analysis on "flow chart" it says "Identify policies regarding mitigation costs; examine design alternatives for habitat enhancement; options for intergrating archeological displays, recreational areas with reservoir and route planning; options for reservoir operation and management to enhance environment and recreation use."--Again, those of you who receive TWDB "Water for Texas" will find the chart in the March issue.

6. Rules and Prodedures of the TWDB

New under the Administrative Proceedures Act of which we should know more Teūs. May 18.

7. Other tidbits

a. The TWDB has started a policy of holding some of their monthly meetings around the state. Houston ~~000~~ was the location for April. The Houston LWV was notified and attended. Lubbock is the site for June.

b. the little Hoover Commission held hearings May 4 in Austin concerning consolidation of the three big water agencies TWDB, TWQB, TWRC with Rose as head. Gov. Briscoe's executive Order The League was not invited to testify, although the Div. of Planning considered asking us.

c. Importation discussions are occurring with Oklahoma and Arkansas. At the Houston TWDB meeting Rose stated "In the Importation Planning work, we shall be searching for a source of water at a higher altitude than the Lower Mississippi, keeping in mind that the present plan from the Lower Mississippi has been developed and can be updated and implemented at any time. It has not been abandoned."

d. Palmetto Bend--There is no question but that this lake is to be used as a transfer basin for water to S. Texas although TWDB insists the water is needed by area residents. This is simply not true. Plenty of ground available and no large industrial or population growth is expected in area. Nor do the 12,000 Jackson County residents know how they are going to pay their share--ending eventually with the state of Texas assuming the cost.

e. Do we really understand ~~000~~ and know how W. Texas people feel and believe and ~~are~~ we really coming out and addressing that problem?

Our decision can be:

1. No position
2. Support
3. Oppose--if oppose
 - a. come out blasting
 - b. soft pedal at state level publicly but work actively through "safe" LL's and/or state involvement working "under-ground" through coalitions.

All my resource papers will be available to you at board meeting. Forgive the length but this could be another 80 pages!

May 11, 1976

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To: State Board
From: Lucinda Headrick
Re: Solid Waste

June Kachtik of San Antonio LWV received an invite and wondered if the LWV/T could join a National Coalition on Solid Waste sponsored by the ~~2000~~ Environmental Action Foundation (EAF) --a group I find to be reliable. The EQ Core has received copies of the coalition policy and strategies. I have carefully checked them and find them to be compatible with the LWV's positions.

I suggested to the EQ Core that June be made an off board chair and handle this. Liz Davies does not believe June should be made an off-board chair and I respect her judgement. She further believes that Texas Environmental Coalition TEC should handle this alone. The EAF states that several persons or groups could be used in a state and I personally would like the League to get involved in this. However, I am anxiously looking forward to further discussions with Liz at board meeting. So for the those of you not on the EQ Core committee-- come to plenary sessions to find out how we make out!

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Betty Anderson (Mrs. John)
President

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Grantsmanship. LWVUS has obtained grants for two projects--Safe Drinking Water (SDW--\$9000, program to be designed at the state level) and 208 Planning. We have agreed to participate in these projects. They are program-related projects and our budget will benefit. Bobette Higgins has been designated as project director. Carole Shlipak has prepared a proposal for a Criminal Justice Conference for the North Central Texas Area. This application will be made to the Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy. More details will follow.

Board Shuffling. Barbara Materka of Dallas will assume a new position as Communications Director and Special Membership Projects Director. She will work with the media while Bobette Higgins continues as Public Relations Vice-President; she will also spearhead the modular strategy developed by the Research and Planning Committee. Peggy Farmer will take the balance of the membership portfolio. MSG has been divided into chunks--with Helen Hunter taking the judicial and Barbara Nobles taking the legislative items. Off-board chairs will be secured for executive, State-Local Relations, Revenue Sharing and TCR.

Program Management. We are suggesting dividing the state program agenda into four categories:

- I. Special Attention
AJ; FSG/PSF--Property Tax Reform; Voting Rights
- II. Working Hard With Other Groups
Air; Energy; HR (ERA); Land Use; Water (Water Bond Election)
- III. Watch Well
HR; MSG (Judicial); Solid Waste; State-Local Relation
- IV. Standby
MSG (Executive-Legislature)
TCR
Transportation

Water Bonds. Constitutional Amendment Election in November. The Board voted to support the \$100 million Texas Water Development (TWD) bond issue for water quality enhancement purposes. This money would be used for grants to political subdivisions to be used as the local governments' portion to the Federal government's matching funds. We voted to oppose the \$400 million TWD bond issue for water development. After prolonged and agonizing analysis, we agreed that state constitutional and statutory law does not guarantee adequate environmentally and financially sound safeguards in the planning and building of water resources financed by these reports.

State Program 1976-77. This publication containing the details of our state decisions will be ready for distribution in August. We Support, 1976-77, the small, four-fold statement of our LWV-T positions will be ready in July.

Please submit copies of your local League study items and local League positions to Meg Titus immediately if this has not already been done. A publication containing all Texas local League program will be compiled and mailed as soon as all the information is gathered. Only eleven have been received to date.

Administrative Procedures Act. Sen. Max Sherman of Amarillo, sponsor of the Administrative Procedures Act in the Senate, came to Rather House and discussed the Act with us. He gave us the legislative history of the Act. He said that the intent of the Act was to open up the system, but that he recognized, in reality, that it sometimes became more difficult to participate because legal counsel was often times necessary (Air-Tenneco--case in point).

Organization. We are delighted to announce that Rockwall County has been recognized as a Provisional League.

The LD Committee has received 16 requests for training. If you opt for the leadership development training, please stress to your board members the importance of staying for the complete training sessions.

Another important reminder: Please send three copies to the state office of your Annual Meeting minutes, adopted program, budget, bylaws, and list of officers and directors.

All Around the Town

Fumi Sugihara represented the League on May 10 at a meeting with the McBee subcommittee, House Committee on Elections, to discuss a County Elections Administrations bill.

Laura Kever and Bobette Higgins attended a Public Utilities Commission meeting May 17th. Regulations were discussed. Laura is the chair of the Conservation Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. The subcommittee last met the last week of May.

Carole Shlipak called on three prospective contributors in Austin during the week of the state board meeting in May. See the Development report for an "early return" on one of her calls.

Always on the lookout for talent, the national board spotted the expertise of LHV-T Off-Board Air Chairperson, Becky Moon. Becky will be serving on the national Environmental Quality Committee next year. She will be attending the first meeting of the committee June 25. Congratulations, Becky!

I will be in the state office June 24-25.

Peace,

Betty

POSTSCRIPT

Carole Shlipak has just advised me that Texas Utilities has contributed \$1500 to LHV-T. A total of \$5000 has been raised by Development just in the last ten weeks! These monies will be shared by the state, Austin, Waco, Dallas, and Tarrant County Leagues.

PLEASE NOTE:

Changes of Address:

Helen Hunter

[REDACTED]

Beth Brown

[REDACTED]

Until further notice, please send mail for Barbara Glickman to the state office. She is in the process of moving to another address in Wichita Falls.

Meg Titus (Mrs. D.L.)
Vice-President, Program

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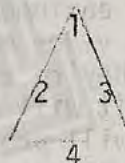
PROGRAM

CALENDAR PLANNING

The adopted LHV-T calendar for the coming year is enclosed with this mailing. Get your board or committee together, fill in your local League dates and add these from national, and "Voila" your League plans for the year are charted.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The following action categories were adopted at the May state board meeting. The triangular presentation of the four categories is intended to convey that categories 2 and 3 will receive equal, though different, treatment in acting on our priorities.



- 1) Special Attention--Administration of Justice, Financing State Government/Public School Finance, Property Tax Reform, Voting Rights
- 2) Working Hard With Other Groups--Air, Energy, Human Resources (ERA), Land Use, Water (Water Bond Election)
- 3) Watch Well and Act When Needed--Human Resources, Modernizing State Government (Judicial), State-Local Relations, Solid Waste
- 4) Standby and Monitoring--Modernizing State Government (Legislative and Executive), Texas Constitutional Revision, Transportation

Strategy plans were developed for property tax reform for the coming year--see Jan Wilbur's FSG board report. The state board voted to oppose the \$400 million water bonds at the November general election--see Lucinda Headrick's board report for details.

Currently LHV-T has no legislative director, and we need one badly by September board meeting if we hope to implement our plans effectively. In the interim various program directors are trying to monitor--or have monitored--many interim committees, boards, and agencies related to our positions.

All program chairs are preparing issue-oriented questions for your use this summer and fall as you talk with and question legislative candidates. These should be mailed out with the August President's Mailing. Make plans now for contacting your candidates to raise League issues and do a little subtle lobbying BEFORE they are elected. PLEASE send their responses to the state office as we are attempting to compile files on each issue and each legislator for lobby corps use during the session.

PROGRAM UPDATE

A program update kit has been planned which will include State Program, 1976-77--a revision of And Now Action; We Support--a revision of This Is Our Stand; and a list of publications now being compiled for each study item by the various program directors. The two above mentioned publications must include our latest consensus on FSG and therefore cannot go to press until that member agreement position paper has been compiled and approved by the board. We project that We Support can be in your hands by mid-July, and that State Program which will take a bit longer as we plan to include some background information on how we arrived at our various positions will be sent to LLs in mid-August.

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LOCAL LEAGUE PROGRAM DIRECTORY

If a directory-summary of local League program items and positions is to be published this summer--and many of you have asked for it--I need to hear from the rest of you. Eleven LLs have sent me their programs and positions. If you as president or program veep have not sent yours, please do so immediately. It will be very useful as a tool for examining local lively issues, for forming coalitions with other like-thinking Leagues, for possible concurrence with some already-adopted positions.

NEW PROGRAM TECHNIQUES

The board is exploring innovative techniques which might possibly be used to inform members on various program items. At National Convention the New York League held a workshop on one possible method--video taping. Would your League like, for example, a video-taped program on PTR (property tax reform) to use before the next legislative session? We plan to check with technical schools for aid in filming, and we're asking you to check your community for video equipment you might utilize. Ask corporations in your area which have this sort of in-house equipment if you could meet at their offices. Ask if schools in your community use such equipment and if you might use it--perhaps for evening meetings. Ask if your library has video equipment. If not, encourage them to apply for a federal grant to obtain it--they're available. We need to know the brand of the equipment and the type of video tape it will accept. If there are enough LLs to make this program technique feasible, we will proceed to try to prepare the kind of programs you feel you need most. Tell me what sort of thing you would find most valuable when you write me about the available equipment. Other techniques such as regional lobby schools and regional workshops on PTR are in the planning stages for fall.

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

LHV-T and LHV-Houston have been among the first to participate in the public hearing process under the new TEXAS APA (see Becky Moon's report). Several board members met with Mary Anne Ward of Rep. von Dohlen's office, and the total board heard Max Sherman, the Senate sponsor of the bill, describe the Act and its possible value to increased meaningful public participation by such organizations as the League.

LIVELY ISSUES

Traditionally the September issue of the Texas VOTER has contained ideas for state program making at Convention in April. I've heard a few suggestions that this be omitted as local Leagues seem quite able to come up with enough program ideas on their own. We might call this PPPP, or postponing possible program proliferation--a matter lots of you were concerned about at the last Convention. If you think lobbying other local Leagues to adopt a new item is sufficient, we'll make this change. If not, and you want an article outlining timely program "lively issues," write me. We'll do it if you think it is valuable.

STATE PROGRAM COMMITTEES

A reorganized committee system was tried at this past state board meeting in an attempt to better utilize our meeting time, to improve our decision-making techniques, and to involve board members in matters outside their own portfolios. Small committees of four to six discussed possible alternatives, these were presented to a bloc committee, and the bloc committee (program, in this case) considered these recommendations and sent those having merit to the total board plenary session for consideration. This seemed to help us make more effective use of our board time and will be continued at the September board meeting for those at least having program portfolios.

ENVIRO-NOTES

The back section of this board report will be the summer issue of Enviro-Notes. It will not be published as a separate mailing to EQ-related board members until further notice.

Bobette Higgins (Mrs. Wilfred)
Vice-President, Public Relations
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

We're trying a new system. Barbara Materka will be handling a new slot on the state board, christened Communications, which means she will be doing all press releases and making media contacts as she sees fit. I will work with all other PR aspects, special projects, etc.

At the last state board meeting, Senator Max Sherman was invited to speak to us on the ramifications of the new and important Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act. We plan to do much more of this kind of bringing-the-decision-makers-to-us at future state board meetings (one of the blessings of meeting in Austin is being able to do things like this).

From now on, send your press clippings to Barbara. And let us hear!

Bobette Higgins (Mrs. Wilfred)
Vice-President, Public Relations, Land Use

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TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL LEAGUES IN TEXAS
FROM: BOBETTE HIGGINS, CHAIRMAN, PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE,
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS (ALTHOUGH SOME WILL SAY IT
SHOULD BE RESEARCH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, BUT WE HAVE NOT
YET REACHED MEMBER AGREEMENT ON THAT KNOTTY PROBLEM)
RE: POSSIBILITIES FOR LOCAL LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL ADJUSTMENTS,
WITH EMPHASIS ON MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT/INVOLVEMENT, AS
PRESENTED DURING COUNCIL IN GALVESTON

The above is an example of exactly what we hope this proposed project is NOT: mere wordswords!

At Council in Galveston, those of you attending heard a presentation (which follows) on suggestions for strengthening local League membership through some organizational changes. These suggestions developed out of the very informal and unstructured meetings of the state board Planning and Research Committee (lots of blue sky what-iffing, lots of soul-searching, lots of debate, lots of CARING, some hollering). We have only scratched the proverbial surface of possibilities, but we believe that now is the time to turn to YOU. So we are searching for a local League which would like to try some of these suggestions for a year, with State Board member Barbara Materka serving as guide and mentor. We need a League willing to work with this somewhat adventuresome endeavor. We need a League searching for answers to all those old League problems of Not enough womanpower, Too much program, How do we meet the needs of our members in the BEST WAY, (and on and on). We need a League willing to experiment a little, to think fresh thoughts, to try new ways, and to let us know what works (and why) and what doesn't (and why). We need a League to help DEVELOP plans, not merely to implement those handed from the state board on a platter. WE NEED A LEAGUE!

SO:

We ask that you

- Read CAREFULLY the following statement.
- Talk it over with your board and members.
- Let us know if YOUR League would like to serve as a pilot project for the next year.

When you write, tell us WHY you want to participate, describe your thoughts on this proposal, tell us what you hope the outcome to be.

SEND YOUR LETTERS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 TO HELEN HUNTER, ORGANIZATION VICE-PRESIDENT,

As presented at Council '76 by Bobette Higgins
LWV-T Public Relations VP

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ISSUE: LEAGUE LEADERSHIP--SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

At the national LWV Convention in Atlanta some years ago, there was a strong push from delegates for the League to study itself. This was in response to the feeling on the part of some members that, while the League was a jewel of an organization, we were perhaps not all we could be. The attempt was aborted when the national President, Lucy Benson, banged her gavel smartly and ruled that this was an impossibility since League bylaws stipulate that we confine our study to governmental issues. At this time, there is a new movement in Leagues around the country for a League self-study, and this time, perhaps, some "League-like way" will be found to make such a study possible. The study, to assess the effectiveness of the League as a force for good government, and also to examine its ability to meaningfully serve its members, might prove fruitful.

The national League is well aware of the need for an examination of League structure and is in the process of preparing new material on membership. The state League has also been aware of the need for re-evaluating League structure, most especially the membership aspects. We have had at the state level this year a new committee called Planning and Research, a loosely structured body which has, in fits and starts, attempted to take a free and unencumbered look at the League, and to attempt to think and plan new ways of doing things which might be an improvement over the old.

Before we go into this subject any further, it is appropriate to pause for some baby-and-bath-water disclaimers. Because some League members feel it is time we took an objective and dispassionate look at our own organization does not mean that the League is not functioning well, is not growing, is not making significant contributions. Obviously, the League has much going for it. This is made extremely apparent by newer organizations who copy our structure, copy our terminology, copy our causes, both common and uncommon. It is also surely obvious to all of you who, with all the demands on your time and talents, and all of the new opportunities available to women and men today, have chosen the League of Women Voters as being the organization most worthy of your attention and efforts. Therefore it is not the purpose of the proponents for League change to recklessly and witlessly tamper with the structure of an organization which has served so well for so long. Rather, it is an acknowledgement that there are straws in the wind indicating that it is perhaps time for League members to examine their own needs, and those of the various levels of government, and to measure these needs against our organizational structure, with the same thorough, dispassionate thoughtfulness given to our program studies. We need to determine if we are indeed growing, serving, and mattering to the maximum extent.

Reports from over the nation as well as the state indicate that there is reason for concern. Leagues complain of lack of womanpower to do all the things we attempt, of not enough time, of declining membership, and increasing lack of member participation in League activities. As an example, a local League in Texas expressed great frustration with the recent Administration of Justice consensus questions, saying that they had not nearly enough time "to do them justice." This same criticism accompanies each study we do. Another concern expressed by local Leagues is too little action, too much study. Local Leagues ask for help in interesting the inactive member--the member who, for one reason or another, does not have the time or inclination to accept responsibility for any measure or type of League activity.

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The Planning and Research Committee on the state board determined that a look at membership was in order. (This paper is largely a result of those free-wheeling committee meetings.) But we soon discovered that it is difficult to consider "membership" in isolation, since so many other factors affect membership. We came up with some ideas, some nebulous hunches, some blue-sky plans. We did not come up with dogma. We offer no pat solutions to problems. We mean to stimulate your creative thoughts, to encourage meaningful and open consideration of change, of fresh ideas. We abjure anarchy, and do not suggest you go home and burn the bylaws, but look with new eyes at old problems.

In considering League membership, the following questions come to mind: What kind of people are League members? Is the League keeping pace with fast changes in the lifestyle of women? Is the League adapting itself to the male member, making him welcome, assuring that our ways are relevant to his needs? Is the League an organization in which it is impossible for working people to effectively participate? Do League members feel committed to the purposes of the organization? Should we make greater efforts to attract varying types of people? Have we become a bit insular, narrow, lacking in vision? Is our League structure a help or a hindrance? We don't know the answers, but we are taking a long look at some options.

And the public, including those governmental bodies with which we are most concerned are viewing us as a flag waving, whip snapping, book-wormish, microphone-mad octopus of an organization. Probably all of these views are valid, depending on the perspective from which the League is seen.

There is no question that we are a good organization. The only question is HOW good. And how long will we BE an effective organization. And, can we change to meet the changing needs?

Some sober thought needs to be given to the way we work. Do we ask so much of provisional Leagues that they are discouraged from attempting to become full-fledged Leagues? Do we study so many items at so many levels, that genuinely effective action is an impossibility? And do we, oh heaven forbid, put up barriers of study, structure and restrictive procedures, so that only intellectual masochists feel comfortable in our midst? Are these the reasons why we are not attracting large numbers of new members, and new Leagues?

If we can fearlessly examine governmental issues, we should also be able to give ourselves an equally fearless look. Here is what we might find.

Large city Leagues with a membership of 700 (WHY only 700, why not thousands?) who gain fifty new members in one year, and consider that a triumph. (It is, really?) Or other large city Leagues who lose fifty members in a year, and are anxious. Smaller Leagues who feel constantly inadequate because they cannot cope with all of the studies and action and voter's service and the endless organizational tatting needed to hold the League doily together. League boards at all levels who tell members, "No, we cannot join the coalition, it is against the rules," or "No, we cannot do...(whatever it is)... because that's not the League way." Leagues who worry about making waves in the community by taking some controversial action. League board members who spend time poring over bylaws in order to use these, not as a useful tool or guide, but as tactics for power plays.

Now let's have a look at League activities at the local level as these are frequently carried out, and see how these might affect membership. In the program area, there

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may be fifteen or more items for study and/or action, with as many committees responsible for these. Large city Leagues have more. Small Leagues may have less. Voters service activities, including getting out the Voters Guides, candidates forums, and other similar activities take a big chunk of time and effort. Board, fund-raising, PR work, all occupy much time. We are all used to this process. But many members, for whatever reasons, are never involved, or only on rare occasions. And many people who COULD be, SHOULD be League members, never join, and we wonder why.

Now let us look at possible structural changes and procedural arrangements which might alleviate problems and serve members better. Do you suppose it is within the realm of possibility to limit a local League's study and action to, say, three items of their choosing--one at the state level, one at the national level, and one at the local level?

Having bravely wiped out dozens of pet program items, let us now look at the unit structure. The old endless study/action cycle, which seldom leaves much time for action (because having studied and reached consensus we FEEL we have ACTED, when indeed we have not) could perhaps be replaced by a module method. One (or more) modules could continue to function exactly as the old units. Other goal oriented, project oriented modules with single specific purposes could be alternative or concomitant activities, depending on how much time a member wished to give to League, and depending on member interest. Such modules might be organized for the purpose of planning and carrying out a workshop. Or perhaps one module could learn the intricacies of grant applications, and write proposals, and implement these. Perhaps one module would be devoted to achieving a local charter revision. Or to establishing a mobile library. Or to form an environmental coalition. Or to develop a literacy program--WHATEVER COMMUNITY NEEDS AND MEMBER INTEREST AND LEAGUE GUIDELINES DEEM APPROPRIATE. Modules would self-destruct at the completion of the project. Some modules might be very large, others quite small. At times, all League effort might be aimed at a single project deemed by members to be of utmost importance. Thus Leagues could have the freedom to add to the basic structure as many goal-oriented modules as it could successfully accomplish, or to limit itself to only a few. THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR OF THIS PROCESS WOULD BE THE ACCEPTANCE, WITHOUT GUILT, OF THE LIMITATIONS OF TIME AND STAFFING. AND THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT FACTOR OF SINGLE PURPOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD ALLOW AND ENCOURAGE ACTION. NOT FRAGMENT AND DIFFUSE ACTION, 'TIL NO VICTORIES WERE POSSIBLE.

There are obvious faults with such a program, and obvious gaps. It is difficult to chart new paths. We are so used to "going by the book" that attempts to find new ways can become too iffy, too chancy, so that we become discouraged and return to the one tried-but-no-longer-so-true methods. Working out new systems is nebulous process and especially uncomfortable for people like us who have come to depend on highly structured and specific organizational processes. It is also possible that innovation for the sake of novelty may lead to superficial palliatives rather than solid remedies to problems. It is also possible that new ways, while seeming attractive at first, may not stand the test of time and will need to be abandoned or modified. So be it.

If we can carefully and realistically simplify the structure of this organization, providing a supportive framework to enable us to carry on the work of the League--if we can add to this framework program and activity modules according to the needs of the communities and the interests and capabilities of members--then League structure can become the carefully designed and meaningfully exciting organization which will be able to welcome to its midst all those members whose needs we are not now serving.

League members are fond of saying that we look ahead and anticipate needs far into the future. We are perhaps seeing a future need now--that of a fresh approach to our own organization, in order that it may continue to serve effectively. Let us consider and evaluate this new need and respond appropriately and fearlessly--that is, truly, "the League way."

Barbara Materka (Mrs. William J.)
Director, Membership/Units
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GONE WITH THE WIND

That tornado that swept Dallas this week (within a few blocks of my house!) is sweeping me right out of this job as M/U Director, but before I go on to other endeavors--see Bobette's report on the P&R "project" and on Communications--let me remind you about those membership questionnaires passed out at Council. We do intend to complete that survey, even though as of now we have received only 11 replies out of a possible 39. Thank you, you 11 who were prompt, and PLEASE may we hear from the other 28 so that results can be made available to use in making your membership plans for the fall. Send them to me, even though Peggy Farmer will carry on the work of M/U, beginning June 1.

And now for some news that is more exciting to the League than tornados. Our newest League was formed Tuesday night, May 25, when the organizational meeting for the Provisional League of Rockwall County took place in the high school library, with former state senator Ralph Hall as the principal speaker and with the following public officials in attendance: Rockwall Mayor Harry Meyers, Heath Mayor Doug Hall, Rockwall City Councilmen Garvin Tate and Glen Burks, Royse City Councilmen Jack Bostick and Roy Walker, newly-elected Rockwall District Attorney Bill Bell, and Rockwall Independent School District Trustee Bob McKinney--all introduced by Rockwall County Judge Derwood Wimpee. To top it all off, there were 50 paid-up members before the meeting ended, including the mayor of Heath, the county judge, the former state senator, and the district attorney, plus one other male citizen. We salute all the temporary chairpersons and their committees, who have done such a marvelous job of launching this new provisional League and wish their president, Pansy Dobbs, and her new board BON VOYAGE as they embark on this new adventure. May their winds be fair and their sailing smooth!

Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin)
Director, Leadership Development

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

It has been brought to our attention that some of you have not differentiated between the three possibilities for board training.

NUTS AND BOLTS is one to one portfolio consultation between local chairpersons and the designated trainer. During each of these sessions the League-published tools, operating procedures, portfolio plan for the year, and potential problem areas are discussed. Two days are generally necessary to schedule a conference with every portfolio person. Also, the meaning of "total board responsibility" is explained and discussed.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT is for the entire board and off-board chairpersons if they can attend. This requires adequate space for all persons to sit around a common table and at times, space for dividing into two or four separate groups. All persons must be committed to arriving on time and remaining until the end. Five hours is needed to participate in:

- defining the problem
- identifying the goal
- priority setting
- strategy planning
- leadership management

Some of the above can be accomplished in three hours, but no less. At least two leaders, time to plan, and time to reproduce materials for the session are necessary. A question to help explain part of leadership development is: How does every portfolio fit into an overall plan to accomplish a defined objective and what leadership style is necessary for each step?

SPECIALIZED TRAINING by area might be explained as counterpart sharing and technique workshops. Requests have been received from Beaumont, Brazos County, Galveston and Houston. Plans are progressing for area workshops in early September somewhere in Houston.

Attention: If you have not already sent three (3) copies to the state office of your annual meeting minutes, adopted local program, adopted budget, revised bylaws, and list of officers and directors, please do so immediately. Also, please send your standing order and DPM requests immediately. Thanks.

Carole Shlipak (Mrs. Louis)
Director, Development
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DEVELOPMENT

Direct Contributions-- our Development campaign is going as planned. Another contribution has been received since the last report. Tracor, Inc. of Austin has contributed \$300 to LWV-TEF, of which the sharing formula (including the 10% finder's fee) provides the Austin League with \$107.50. (Tracor had previously contributed \$25 annually to LWV-Austin.)

Prospect suggestions have been received from the San Antonio, Houston, Tarrant County, Richardson, and Dallas Leagues. Please use the forms for Development Prospects that were sent to you, and write the State Office if you need additional forms.

Grants-- I have submitted a grant proposal to the Texas Committee for the Humanities for the funding of a one-day Conference on the Criminal Justice System in Texas (to be held this fall). Notification will be received in late June--here's hoping it's successful!

Future plans: More of the above --- your ideas and suggestions are most welcome...

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
Director, Publications, Special Projects

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"REGISTER AND VOTE IN TEXAS"

Enclosed with this board report are three copies of "Register and Vote in Texas." This flyer should be useful to you in your voter registration drives this fall. "Register and Vote in Texas" replaces our "Voters Key" and will not go out of date until Texas registration laws are changed.

Perhaps other groups in your community would be interested in purchasing "Register and Vote in Texas" for their memberships.

"Pick a Candidate" (LHVUS #618, minimum order 100 for \$3.00) is reprinted from the national VOTER. You should get a copy soon with your national DPM. It is a beautiful publication that speaks directly to our "Issues, Not Images" theme this election year. Order directly from LHVUS.

Publications Order Form
League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, Texas 78701

NAME OF LEAGUE _____ DATE _____
PERSON PLACING ORDER _____ SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS _____
SHIP TO _____ BILL TO _____

ALL ORDERS WILL SHIPPED 3RD CLASS UNLESS SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED.

Quantity	Title	Price

For office use:

Date shipped _____ Quantity discount (if applicable) _____
Date billed _____ Sales Tax (if applicable) _____
Postage or bus bill _____
TOTAL _____

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
Director, Publications, Special Projects
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LEGISLATIVE/LOBBY DAY

This year a new format is being planned for Legislative/Lobby Day. Instead of a "Plague of Women Voters" descending on Austin at one time, we plan to be more efficient and much more effective.

Five regional lobby preparation day workshops will be held during November 8-19, 1976. At these workshops areas of interest will be defined and upcoming legislation that covers these areas will be discussed. Lobby techniques that work best for each area delegation and individual members of each delegation will be examined. The five regions will be: Dallas, Houston, South Texas, Central Texas, and West Texas. More details about this after September state board meeting.

The Legislative Director will prepare materials and with a local state board member will present the workshop. Your responsibilities are to gather information on members of your area delegations--campaign promises, types of campaigns run, answers to questions in Voters Guides, main supporters, and anything else pertinent to our program.

After the session starts in late January each area will work closely with the Legislative Director and then will come to Austin, probably in March or April, when the particular areas' impact is most needed. It may be to get a "good ol'" bill out of committee or defeat a "bad ol'" bill on the floor. When you come to Austin the Legislative Director and the Lobby Corps can brief you quickly and you can spend your time lobbying.

With the knowledge gained at regional workshops and briefings in Austin the League as a whole should become more effective in working with their legislators at home on the weekends as well as in Austin.

Beth Brown (Mrs. Warren A.)
Director, Citizen Information/Voters Service
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CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE

Now that the primary elections are past, it is imperative that we evaluate the changed process compared to the previous method in which local Leagues purchased a Voters Guide on statewide candidates from LWV-T. I am aware that the unexpectedly large number of candidates filing for the U.S. Senate and the Railroad Commission increased printing and paper costs far beyond what had been anticipated. Were your costs for the primary greater than they would have been if you had published a purely local guide and then purchased an equal number of state guides at \$16/M (the price last charged by LWV-T)? In addition to this cost comparison, please let me have your frank and earnest comments on all aspects of the primary operation. I sense dissatisfaction and need as many specifics as possible for future reference.

There is at present no plan to alter the process for the general election. Eight statewide candidates will be on the November ballot. The state CI/VS committee will submit questionnaires to those not contacted before the primaries, John Onion and W.T. Phillips. We will provide this and other relevant material to local Leagues by September 1. Two constitutional amendments will also be on the ballot. Because LWV-T supports one and will work actively to oppose the other, no pro-con is planned. We do suggest that local Leagues publish the amendments as they will appear on the ballot in order to alert the voters.

I hope local Leagues will make use of the new national publication Pick A Candidate (LWVUS #618, minimum order 100 for \$3). It contains material from the National VOTER and is attractive and eye-catching. A new LWV-T publication is also available, Register and Vote in Texas. It is this year's equivalent of the Voters Key. Both publications represent citizen information of special relevance between now and the general election; they would be excellent to distribute during your September voter registration drives.

This spring has been incredibly busy (harried?) for Voters Service people. My reading of your VOTERS indicates that you have done a great and imaginative job. Let's hope that the worst is behind us and that November will seem simple by comparison.

DON'T FORGET THOSE EVALUATIONS!

Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop A.)
Director, Administration of Justice

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

A draft of proposed consensus questions on phase 2 of the AJ study as approved by the state board are included with (but separate from) this report for easy transfer to your AJ study chairman. You will note that three of the questions ask for concurrence rather than consensus. Each League has one copy of the Standards and Goals report and supporting material pro and con will be included in the forthcoming material.

Also considered at the board meeting was the addition of an additional consensus position on aid to victims of crime. The AJ committee and the full board has re-evaluated the responses to this question from the March consensus together with the additional comments from the various Leagues. A final statement will be forwarded to you in the July mailing from the state office. Probable wording will be:

"Support of: state assistance, including restitution by the offender, to victims of certain criminal acts."

Calendar planning for 1976-77 occupied a considerable amount of time at the board meeting. Consideration has been given in scheduling state program deadlines, especially the AJ portion, in order to give each League time to prepare for consensus taking, as well as consideration to not overload Leagues with justice materials.

The Juvenile Justice Task Force is very busy compiling data for the spring of 1977. They plan to have a questionnaire for local League use sometime this fall.

A committee of legislators appointed by the Speaker of the House has been holding hearings on proposed criminal justice legislation recommended by the Governor. Some of the new consensus questions are designed to focus attention on some of the issues raised by this task force. Some, such as wiretapping, will not be dealt with by the League at this time.

AJ dates from the calendar:	July, 1976	Leaders Guide Materials
		Questionnaires
	August-September, 1976	Facts and Issues
	January 15, 1977	VOTER article on Bail
	January, 1977	Consensus deadline
	March, 1977	Juvenile Justice Facts and Issues
	April 6, 1977	Juvenile Justice VOTER supplement
		Juvenile Justice Consensus deadline

Liz Davies (Mrs. Stanley)
Director, Human Resources

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HUMAN RESOURCES

NAME OF LOCAL LEAGUE _____

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

YOUR TITLE _____ ON-BOARD _____
OFF-BOARD _____

DO YOU HAVE A HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE? _____ IF NO COMMITTEE, HOW DO YOU OPERATE?

ARE YOU AND/OR COMMITTEE PRESENTLY PART OF ANY H-R COALITIONS? SPECIFY. _____

IS THERE A FOOD STAMP TASK FORCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY? _____

IS YOUR LEAGUE A MEMBER? _____

IS THERE A SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST MONITORING PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY? _____

IS YOUR LEAGUE A PART OF IT? _____

IS THERE A CHILD ABUSE COUNCIL OR SIMILAR PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY? _____

DOES YOUR LEAGUE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE? _____

IS THERE AN ON-GOING PRO-ERA COALITION IN YOUR COMMUNITY? _____

WHAT ROLE DOES YOUR LEAGUE PLAY IN THIS ORGANIZATION? _____

WHAT IS YOUR OWN MAJOR INTEREST IN THE H-R AREA? _____

WHAT IS THE COMMITTEE'S MAJOR THRUST? _____

WHAT IS YOUR LEAGUE'S PRIORITY FOR THIS LEAGUE-YEAR IN THE HR AREA?

Study _____

Survey _____

Action _____

General Meeting Topic _____ (If no HR Gen. Mtg. planned, how will you inform membership of your work?) _____

HOW CAN THE HR COUNTERPART AT STATE LEVEL BE OF MOST HELP WITH YOUR PORTFOLIO?

HOW CAN THE HR SECTION OF THE STATE BOARD REPORT BECOME A REAL TOOL? _____

Note: I really need this information for the new League year. Please use the back of this sheet for any and all input.

Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas)
Director, Voting Rights, Election Laws

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VOTING RIGHTS/ELECTION LAWS

Have you ever heard so many complaints about registration and elections in your life? All sorts of irregularities seem to have cropped up. I just hope all those voters who called me will really follow through and do something to change the situation in their communities. If you have had a high incidence of irregularities in your community, please let me know about them. There could be a pattern, statewide.

Galveston League responded to the many questions and complaints it received about the April 3 local elections with positive action. It appointed an election study committee composed of two election judges, representatives of the city and county of Galveston, representatives of the Galveston Independent School District, the chief deputy of the county clerk's office, the deputy in charge of registration in the tax assessor-collector's office, and three members of the League. The first meeting of the committee on May 19 concerned steps which might be taken to facilitate the elections to be held in April, 1977, when the school board and city council elections will be combined for the first time. Cooperation and long-range planning are absolutely essential for the smooth operation of joint elections, and in many areas of the state, the local League is the only organization with knowledgeable members who can spark this effort.

Abilene LWV not only does a superb job of training election workers and answering voters queries on election day, but it keeps an eagle eye on elected officials in charge of election matters. Members discovered that the master voter registration lists for the county had voters' telephone numbers on them in violation of state law; they are now in the process of getting those numbers removed.

Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act

Speaking of eagle eyes, keep them trained on the Texas Register. We have been assured that "in the area of elections, any guideline issues by the Secretary of State's office which has general applicability, and which implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy," will first be published as a proposed rule in the Texas Register, and the public will be invited to comment on the rule before it is adopted, either in writing or orally. An opportunity for a public hearing must be granted if requested by at least 25 persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having at least 25 members. So any local League can ask for a hearing, but be sure to let us know before you do.

The first proposed rule has finally appeared in the Register, Vol. 1, No. 41, May 25, 1976. (If you can't find a copy in the public library, ask your city secretary or county clerk to let you see their copies and Xerox the rules.) It is the directive to tax assessors-collectors on voluntary deputy registrars, first sent out on January 27, 1976. The nature of this directive prompted a letter from President Betty Anderson to the Secretary of State asking if his directives were considered "rules," and if they were rules, why they were not published in the Texas Register.

A question has been raised about whether a tax assessor-collector can refuse, under these rules, to deputize a qualified voter in the county on the ground that his/her services are not needed. Please let me know if you hear of anyone who has had difficulty getting deputized. There aren't many counties where additional deputies would not be useful.

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Two emergency rules were published earlier on April 6, 1976 (Vo. 1, No. 27). One prescribed procedures that registrars should follow if a person's permanent address was not in the county in which he/she applied for registration. The other authorized deputy registrars at the polling places of certain counties in the first primary elections on May 1. Emergency rules are effective for only 120 days.

From the reports I have received, having a deputy registrar at the polling place as one of the clerks was highly successful. The deputy updated information that the registrar lacked about the voter, such as given name and date of birth, supplied applications for transfer of registration to another precinct to those who had moved, accepted applications for replacement certificates, and was able to find solutions, in many cases, to voters' registration problems. If you think that this rule should be made permanent or should be prescribed for all counties in the November elections, we can petition the Secretary of State to do so.

Challenge Procedure

One good result of the confusion generated by the new registration law and its confrontation with the Federal Voting Rights Act was an increased awareness on the part of some voters of the effect of certain election laws. One of the complaints that surfaced in many places was dissatisfaction with the challenging procedure. If an individual's right to vote is challenged at the polling place, he/she may vote after signing an affidavit and, if the presiding judge requires it, producing another voter in the precinct to vouch for the truth of the sworn statements. The complaints were based on the fact that in machine voting counties, it is impossible to disqualify the ballot of the challenged person in a contested election if it is proved that the vote was illegal. In paper ballot counties, the stub box would be opened in a district court, but since some voters do not sign the stub or write something other than their own names on it, many more than the challenged person's ballot would be thrown out. In many states, a challenged voter casts his/her vote on a ballot similar to the one provided to voters who vote absentee by mail, with the same safeguards. After a challenged voter's qualifications to vote have been confirmed, the ballot is counted with other absentee ballots. In many cases in which illegal voting is alleged in paper-ballot counties, the stub box would not have to be opened. If you know of any other ways of handling challenged ballots, send me a line as soon as possible.

Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks

Each local League president has received a newsprint copy of the Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks for Use in Primary and General Elections. As you are undoubtedly aware, a different version of this handbook is issued for each of the authorized voting systems--paper ballot, punch-card, and lever machine. They are free of charge and are available in reasonable quantity upon writing or calling: The Election Division, Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone: 1-800-292-9603). Be sure to specify which voting system you use.

They can be adapted for use in any kind of election, and would be excellent handouts when you train election workers, pollwatchers, monitors and inspectors, or update your own membership. Take copies to your city secretary, persons in charge of school board elections, and officers of other governmental units to make sure that they know that these handbooks are available.

County Elections Office Bill

There is reason for optimism about a county elections office bill that we can support during the next legislative session. On May 10, the McBee Subcommittee of the House Committee on Elections held a roundtable discussion in Austin with invited participants--representatives of the District and County Clerks Association, Tax Assessor-Collectors Assoc., the Assoc. of Counties, the Sec. of State's Office, and the League of Women Voters.

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Based on this discussion, a bill is emerging with many of the features that we advocate. All possible legal wrinkles are now being researched and ironed out. I will send particulars of the bill for your comments when I receive a copy sometime next month.

Subcommittee members are: Rep. Susan McBee, Chair; Rep. R.C. Nichols, Vice-Chairman; Rep. Hamp Atkinson, Rep. Pike Powers, and Rep. James E. Laney. Many of the participants were from counties where Leagues are located, and they were properly cognizant of League influence. They were: Oscar Soliz, District Clerk, Mueces County and President of the Association; Larry Murdoch, Dallas County Clerk; Paul Lee, Grayson County Clerk; Doris Shropshire, Travis County Clerk; Alicia Chacon, El Paso County Clerk; C.R. Johnson, Galveston County Clerk and president of the Association; Reed Stewart, Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector; Tolley Moore, Bell County Tax Assessor-Collector. When you see these participants, be sure to tell them how pleased you are that they are working for improved election administration.

Law Requiring Fixed Dates for Local Elections

The temporary law prescribing four dates during the year for local elections is in trouble, and there seems to be considerable pre-legislative activity to kill it altogether. I have received beautifully prepared, detailed reports from Midland, San Antonio, and San Marcos describing their elections, and suggesting improvements in the law. I would appreciate word from other Leagues, if only to say that you approve of the law as it stands, would like to see it improved, or would prefer to see it die a quiet death. Even if you cannot reach a conclusion or don't care, please let me know by postcard. If we support the bill extending the life of the law, it has to be on the basis of voter convenience, greater voter turnout, and economy and efficiency of administration. If the present law does not make any advances toward these ends, we will not support it.

Suit Contesting Constitutionality of the Requirement of the Voter's Signature on the Ballot Stub

As many predicted, it was too difficult to demonstrate misuse of the ballot stub signature requirement to intimidate voters or potential voters or to prove actual violation of the secret ballot. The suit brought by MALDEF was lost. On April 14, a three-judge federal district court in Austin unanimously ruled that the plaintiffs (Mexican-American registered voters) did not present enough proof to substantiate any of their claims of injury, intimidation, or abuse of the stub. As for the equal protection argument--which was advanced because voters who use voting machines do not have a similar requirement--the court said that there was a compelling state interest in being able to identify a person's ballot because paper ballots and punch cards could be altered. (They did not consider that machine totals could be altered also, or that stub boxes are often not zealously guarded after the election.) It is now back in the hands of the legislature, which may be reluctant to act so soon after the court ruling. Talk to your representative about it.

Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert)
Director, Financing State Government

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PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

1. The House Education Subcommittee to study alternatives to the property tax for financing public education at the local level is holding hearings around the state. Six have already been held and two more--San Antonio, June 4, and Austin, June 25--are scheduled (see January State Board Report).

Penney Murn of the Houston LWV reported on the February 10 hearing in Houston. There were many business people in the audience--probably to hear who said what about a corporate income tax. Of the first nine speakers, four favored an increase in sales tax, one a corporate income tax, another a tax based on ability to pay, and one a 'broader based tax--either a sales or personal income tax.' Five speakers spoke directly to the need to reform and revise the property tax and two suggested abolishing it. Four administrators, one Representative, two taxpayers' associations, the Farmers Union, and the Houston Teachers' Association spoke.

Mary Ellen Salinas, president of the Edinburg-McAllen LWV did an excellent job of seeing that some publicity was put out for the hearing in Edinburg on March 4. She reports that the tenor of the meeting was that districts in the Valley need a lot of financial help but there was no strong feeling about where (which tax) to get it. The legislators expressed some concern about Briscoe's "no new taxes" pledge. Three school administrators, a representative of Texas State Teachers Association, and a member of the State Board of Education spoke. One favored and one opposed full state funding. Three speakers spoke to reform of the property tax.

Ethel Sturgis and Marilyn Forney of the Tarrant County LWV reported that approximately 100-150 persons attended the hearing in Dallas on March 18. Ethel presented testimony for the Tarrant County LWV and Dallas and Irving LWV's concurred with it. Among those presenting statements was a representative of Texas Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Assoc. who wanted the committee to know how much the oil and gas industry is paying in taxes. Marilyn noted that no one in the audience or the committee picked up on either a corporate profits tax or personal income tax. State lottery was mentioned by a committee member--to get reactions, he said.

Thanks to Penney, Mary Ellen, Ethel, and Marilyn for your reports. They help me identify statewide groups with whom we can work, and to see what is being proposed--who is even mentioning corporate or personal income tax, for example. Very valuable.

2. Looking ahead. We will begin in earnest to develop the data bank this September. We will compile for each school district we can: Local Fund Assignment 1975-76 and 1974-75, Market Value assigned by the Governor vs. what the district collects taxes on; tax base per pupil for last five years, if possible (or to establish a trend); local enrichment 1975-76 and 1974-75; who appraises property for the district (separate office, the county, the city). Our goal is to compile this information for every school district in which we have League members. We will gather as much information as we can from Texas Education Agency material; the Governor's Office; and other state-level sources. There is a time lag for this data, and we will need you to fill in some blanks. If you have the information now, we would like it now but we'll really be gearing up for this effort in September.

Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert O.)
Director, Financing State Government

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FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT (FSG)

The start of another League year is an appropriate time to take an overview look at the Financing State Government program item and the responsibilities of, and interaction between, the state program chair--me--and the local League--you--during the coming ACTION year.

OVERVIEW: Positions under FSG, as it is affectionately known, have been developed in each of the last four years. Our positions supporting "fiscal measures to equalize educational opportunity" were developed in 1973 (see "This is Our Stand", 1973); in 1974 our study resulted in "support of constitutional provisions for flexibility within a coordinated finance structure" (see pp. 35-36 of "And Now Action" or Texas VOTER, June, 1974, p. 6); our support of "an equitable system of taxation which assures an adequate revenue, is easily administered, and is consistent with economic and social goals" was approved in April, 1975 (see Texas VOTER, June, 1975). This year's study and consensus is in process and will be out this summer. "And Now Action" and "This is Our Stand" are out of date and out of print, so are not available from the state office, but maybe you can find them in your files in case you want to start getting ready right now. An updated version of each (including our new FSG consensus) will be coming to you within the next few months.

If you are new to this item, I suggest the following for getting started nice 'n' easy: Articles in the Texas VOTER, particularly:

- "School Finance: TWO Views", July, 1972, (discussion of the Rodriguez case)
- "School Finance", September, 1975, (the bill adopted by the 64th Legislature for financing public school in Texas)
- Facts and Issues: "Texas School Finance", September, 1972, 30¢. (The section on the formulas used in computing the Foundation School Program and on the economic index are no longer applicable, but the issues raised and historical perspective are still valid. The problems and inequities of the property tax are covered rather well in the F&I.
- If you have access to the "Legislative Newsletter" put out by the League during the last session, you might follow through the process of what can (and does) happen to a bill during the session. Look for the "School Finance" sections and references to HB 1463 (Peveto's property tax bill) which the League supported. Keep in mind that the school finance bill ultimately adopted as HB 1126 was a substitute during the very last days of the session, and bears no resemblance to what was in HB 1126 up through issue Number 15 of the "Legislative Newsletter"!

There are other League materials relating to FSG, but the ones listed above will be enough to get you started and if you need more to read and can't find anything in your files, let me know.

Relationship of Financing State Government (FSG), Public School Finance (PSF) and Property Tax Reform (PTR).

PSF is a distinct part of FSG, and it is more descriptive to use this title when testifying or seeking school finance information. Some local Leagues are fortunate enough to have a PSF chair as well as an FSG chair. PTR has now been added (or

extracted) as our priority for the next session. This relationship can be shown by:



You will be receiving material labeled Property Tax Reform (PTR), Public School Finance (PSF), or Financing State Government (FSG).

All ACTION materials and reports aimed at achieving Property Tax Reform will be labeled PTR and should be directed to your Property Tax Reform Specialist (see PTR report).

PSF label means it relates to school finance ACTION other than that directed at property tax reform.

FSG label covers all other activity under this item. After the consensus is finished, there probably will be very little under this title, particularly as we approach the legislative session.

We hope this label system will be helpful to you in sorting through material, assigning it to the proper person, and getting and keeping our priorities straight.

All our activity during this year will come under the heading of ACTION and "In League" has a great section on program action, pp 38-42.

The state board role in ACTION is to keep up with what the agencies, interim committees, and elected officials are doing and to relay this to you in a timely fashion. We will be working either formally or informally with statewide groups whose interests coincide with ours.

In order to represent you it is extremely important that we know what is being said and done in your community. We count on you to keep in touch with, and to inform, your state representatives and senators. It is vital that we know what the situation is in your area with regard to property tax, with regard to school finance, with regard to your activities in the community relating to these issues...what groups you are working with, for example.

We are going to build as complete a data bank as possible before the session starts because we certainly don't have the time to collect information after it starts. This is where you are extremely important in the success of our legislative efforts. It would be most delightful to have information on every school district in which we have a local League; to know exactly how (and how well) the property tax is administered in every taxing unit in which we have LNW members. We realize this is an impossible dream but with your help we will come as close as possible to this goal.

****Above all, it is important that we keep the lines of communication humming.**

Now to the specifics:

1. Consensus: the deadline is past and we will be compiling the results and the state board will approve (by mail) our position so it can be included in "State Program, 1976-77" (revision of "And Now Action") and in "We Support" (revision of "This is Our Stand"). We commend you for hard work on this study item!
2. While our major emphasis will be on property tax reform, we will spend some time monitoring the Texas Air Control Board through the budget preparation and budget adoption phases and will keep you up to date on the method and techniques we use as well as the results of our efforts.

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from
The League of Women Voters of Texas
Environmental Quality Chairs

Meg Titus
Natural Resources Director

This is an experiment-----

We have heard lots of good things about previous issues of Enviro-Notes and have been searching for a way to continue publication without separate funding. If you find that it is satisfactory to group all of the EQ--or shall we now say NR for Natural Resources--reports in one place for easy reference and for distribution to your NR chairs, we will continue this format. If you find the previous method of mailing a separate publication to the appropriate local League board members better--WRITE.

NR (formerly EQ) BLOC MEETING

Because two directors of NR portfolios--air and energy--are off-board positions, we are searching for ways to communicate and meet at times other than state board meetings. The bloc consisting of Bobette Higgins (Land use), Lucinda Headrick (water and solid waste), Laura Keever (energy), Becky Moon (air), Liz Davies (transportation), and myself as NR director hopes to meet regularly, that is, once every six to eight weeks, to plan for our portfolios. The first meeting was held in late April at Sam's Restaurant (great barbeque) in Fairfield. This seemed to be a half-way point for each of us. Five hour meetings are really marvelous and everyone seemed to feel that this approach would help us deal with the problems of our inter-relatedness. A second meeting is being planned for late August to develop plans for fall action leading to the January legislative session.

SPECIAL NOTE TO NEW LAND USE CHAIRS:

Bobette Higgins

Welcome!

Now then, dig out the files and begin reading, if it's all new to you. Start with the state Facts and Issues of 1973: "Whatever Happened to our Home on the Range?" Also check some of the starred items in the bibliography that came out at the same time, and read a couple of these if you have time. Maybe peruse the Leader's Guide. Then read the series of fine LWVUS publications on land use. READ CAREFULLY both the state and national League positions on land use. Now you're ready for anything.

(MORE)

Land Use (continued)

This year, we'll be concentrating our attention on:

1. The developing Texas Coastal Management Program
2. Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 (contains land use requirements)
3. Strip mining land reclamation
4. WE WILL ALSO BE INVOLVED WITH OUR TOP PRIORITY ACTION ITEM ON PROPERTY TAX REFORM, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF OUR LAND USE POSITION.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

It's Memorial Day, and I'm sitting on the beach at Padre Island as I write this. This is the second visit I've made to the coast since I was appointed to the Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee. Because of the intense interest this activity is to me, I see the coast with new eyes. The sand dunes I view through Ian McHarg's eyes, thanks to his wonderful chapter on these in Design With Nature. And I hear in my mind, over the sound of the restless, reaching waves, an aural montage of voices of the members of the TCMP committee and of the bright and patient staff of Bob Armstrong's office, as we debated and listened and learned from each other all of the aspects of the complex problems associated with this developing program.

This morning at breakfast, the couple at the next table were reading a Corpus Christi newspaper article on coastal storms, and how the Texas coast is long overdue for a major one, and the added hazards imposed by the greatly enlarged population since the last big blow. (Tomorrow is the first day of the hurricane season.) And I remember the excellent briefing we'd had on these and other coastal hazards, and the concern of the committee members, their suggestions for an intensive educational program to be initiated to inform these hordes of new coastal dwellers of the nature of coastal storms, and what to do about them. I wondered if this article came as a result of our suggestions.

The advisory committee has met monthly for the past year, in all-day sessions in Houston. The past several meetings have been held every two weeks, as we work to assist the staff in honing the final plans which must be approved by the feds before funding for the next year's TCMP can be assured.

We are told that in no other state has the advisory committee been so closely and actively involved. We have WORKED (most of us), not always in agreement (massive understatement), but ALWAYS with respect for differing viewpoints. And the program as it is developing seems possible, realistic, and absolutely essential if the coast is to be used without excessive abuse.

It is so beautiful here at Padre Island. But yesterday we took the Harbor Tour out of Corpus...Among the tankers was the Lady Clio from Piraeus (Jackie O did not seem to be on board, but I waved, just in case). And pressures for varying competing uses of the coast are enormous and obvious, as the tour illustrated.

Now, I'm writing all this to ask, once again, that Leagues in coastal areas make EVERY EFFORT TO HELP KEEP THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE. The staff NEEDS you. They DEPEND on you. They want your support AND your criticisms. Please: HELP THEM HELP YOU. They get SO MUCH attention from those whose concerns are not necessarily for the public good. They NEED to hear from us and others like us.

At the Council meeting in Galveston, we made a tentative move toward developing a coalition of coastal Leagues and other interested groups. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE WRITE TO ME AND LET ME KNOW.

Not only coastal Leagues are interested in this area. Inland Leagues are, too, and are doing great work in helping inform the public about the special problems of the coast. Dallas/Ft. Worth and the area Leagues in that region have shown the film Faces of the Coast on their regular TV program, Voters Digest, and are also doing an interview with Bob Armstrong on another program. The Sherman League has shown the film, along with a talk by a staff member of the TCMP office. The Austin League had the film and a speaker at ALL of their unit meetings recently. San Antonio has written their TV stations requesting that the film be shown, and their efforts have met with success, since the film is scheduled for an August viewing, just before the hearings in that city.

After federal approval, the public hearings for this program will go on ALL OVER THE STATE THIS SUMMER AND FALL. I will send you material to assist you in presenting testimony. BE THERE. SPEAK UP. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN!

ABOUT Section 208:

From a recent issue of Texas Pollution Reports:

"The Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Agricultural Engineering newsletter recently listed six reasons why Texas farmers, ranchers and feeders should be concerned about Section 208 areawide water quality planning.

---'As EPA Administrator Russell Train told cattlemen recently, the water quality planning process called for in Section 208 of PL 92-500 is a form of land use planning that will affect management rights of landowners but with no present commitments toward compensation.'

---'Since detailed planning is to be done at local levels, individual producers may need to exert leadership to insure that their views are adequately represented. The influence of state and national agricultural organizations is minimized in the local planning process.'

---'With the non-point source planning effort now assigned to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, every producer may enjoy access through his local S & W district to the areawide water quality planning effort.'

---'Specific production practices may be easier to promote, defend, reject, or adopt now--during the planning phase (1976-78)--than in the eventual implementation phases.'

---'The fundamental approach to abating agricultural water pollution from non-point sources is yet to be decided. Whether we see the 'carrot' approach (i.e. monetary incentives) or the 'stick' approach (i.e. permits) to controlling discharge of nutrients, pesticides, sediment and organic wastes from agricultural lands will depend upon decisions made first in the local planning areas, and ultimately at state and national levels.'

---'The future impacts of industries and cities on water used for agriculture will be assessed and dealt with within the framework of the Section 208 planning process'."

SECTION 208 IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. KEEP UP WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR AREA. LET ME HEAR HOW YOUR 208 REGIONAL PLANS ARE GOING, IF YOU ARE IN ONE OF THE EIGHT DESIGNATED 208 REGIONS IN TEXAS. (And after reading the word in the Texas Pollution Report, the rest of you keep an eagle eye on your Soil and Water Conservation Districts!)

ABOUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RULING ON OUR QUESTION RE THE TWQB AND LAND USE AUTHORITY:

The ruling on our question is out, and says that the TWQB does not have authority to do general land use planning, but does have authority to condition the granting of permits on land use considerations. Roughly, this means: "no-they-can't-but-yes-they-can". More on this in the next issue of the Texas VOTER.

DETritus:

(Nice term, picked it up at a briefing session during TCMP committee meetings.)

There is great foment to combine the water agencies, and to rearrange the institutional format of many agencies having to do with environmental management. You never saw so much jockeying around by agencies to protect their turf. You almost never lose sight of off-shore platforms or production of oil, anywhere along the Texas coast. Access roads to the mainland are SCARCE, and pose extra hazards for those living the good life in condominiums, etc. on the barrier islands, in case of hurricanes, etc.

I intend to be a sandpiper in my next incarnation.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BONDS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Lucinda Headrick

This fall, on the November 2, 1976 ballot, Texans will have decisions to make on two constitutional amendments. At our May state board meeting, after much, much research, "soul searching," and discussion, the League of Women Voters of Texas did decide to support one and oppose the other.

LWV-T SUPPORTS:

"An amendment to the Texas Constitution to increase from \$100 million to \$200 million the additional aggregate principal amount of Texas Water Development Bonds which may be issued and outstanding by the Texas Development Board for water quality enhancement purposes."

Better known as water enhancement funds, money from the sale of these bonds are used for loans to political subdivisions for sewage treatment facilities and lines. Many of the loans are made for the local portion of matching federal sewage treatment construction grants (75% fed.--25% local) under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, PL92-500.

Why we support:

The League of Women Voters of Texas is committed to the improvement of water quality in our state, and believes these loans provide one method of helping communities achieve federal and state goals for cleaner water.

LWV-T OPPOSES:

"An Amendment to the Texas Constitution authorizing an increase of \$400 million in the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued on approval of two-thirds of the legislature; amending and consolidating provisions of Sections 49-c, 49-d, and 49-l of Article III of the Texas Constitution; and repealing Sections 49-d and 49-d-1 of Article III of the Texas Constitution."

This amendment would provide:

1. The existing limitation of \$400 million would be increased to \$800 million.
2. There would no longer be a maximum interest rate ceiling (currently 6%).
3. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) would be deconstitutionalized.
4. Before the TWDB or the designated agency may sell any of the additional \$400 million in bonds, both Houses of the Legislature must approve enabling legislation by two-thirds vote.
5. No single water development project using over \$35 million of bond money can be undertaken unless:
 - a. the expenditure is approved by majority vote in each house of the legislature;
 - b. the project is a part of a statewide water development plan approved by concurrent resolution adopted by majority of the members of each house of the legislature.
6. Funds may not be used for the development of water resources from the Mississippi River. This does not rule out importation from other sources. In fact, we already are importing in certain areas.

Why we oppose:

The League of Women Voters of Texas strongly believes our state needs a long-range water plan that is adequately financed. We recognize there are portions of our state that will soon, if not already, be facing severe water shortages, such as areas of west and south Texas, plus the San Antonio and Houston areas. However, we do not believe that Texas state government has instituted adequate constitutional and statutory law to guarantee sound financial and environmental safeguards in the planning and building of water resources to be financed by the sale of bonds authorized by this amendment. Further, we believe before authorization of these bonds is brought to the voters for approval, procedures must be clearly established providing information and opportunities for citizen participation in the policy decisions of a Texas water plan.

(TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BONDS, cont'd.)

In reaching our decision, we found the following to be of serious concern to the LHV-T:

1. \$200 million worth of water development bonds were authorized by the voters of Texas in 1957 with another \$200 million approved in 1966, bringing the aggregate principal amount to \$400 million, only \$165 million worth of bonds have been sold.
2. According to law, the bonds are to be paid off by revenues from the water projects. During the past nine years, the TWDB has had to call on the General Revenue Fund of the state to pay over \$25 million to make up the difference between revenue on the projects and the amount needed to pay off the bonds.
3. Some projects have been and are being built far in advance of need, and for very questionable reasons. Example: Palmetto Bend in Jackson County. The TWDB claims this is not a transfer basin, but a water supply lake for area residents. This simply is not true. Plenty of ground water is available and no large industrial or population growth is expected in the area. Nor do the 12,000 Jackson County residents know how they are going to pay their share--ending eventually with the taxpayers of Texas assuming the costs.
4. The TWDB is in the process of revising the Texas Water Plan. According to their schedule the public is to have access to the final plan sometime in October, hardly adequate time in our opinion for public input before the election. We are unaware of any approach to the public for input during the actual revising.
5. For years the LHV-T has worked for environmental legislation such as citizen's right to sue, conservation of water, protection of fragile eco-systems, and comprehensive land management policies supporting growth and development of an area compatible with the availability of the essential natural resources of that area. We have yet to see significant gains in these areas of concern. In fact, the TWDB announced in their recent policy statement adopted March 16, 1976, that they would not be responsible for mitigation (restitution) for wildlife habitat loss on non-federal projects. As far as federal projects, they would consider mitigation only on a project-by-project basis, and stated costs should be borne by federal and state fish and wildlife agencies. This is clearly against the provisions of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, which states project beneficiaries are responsible for making restitution for project-caused damages.
6. As note earlier, the TWDB will be deconstitutionalized with the passage of this amendment. During the past few months there has been movement to consolidate the three main water agencies, TWDB, Texas Water Quality Board, and Texas Water Rights Commission. The LHV-T has long supported the consolidation of state agencies. Yet we are hesitant to support authorization of these bonds without knowing exactly what type of agency will administer the funds and under what guidelines.

We know the decision to oppose this amendment is going to work enormous hardship on some of our local Leagues. We want to assure you the decision was not made lightly. During the next few weeks we will begin formulating our campaign strategy and any input from you would be most welcome.

SO WHAT HAPPEN ED or
(the public hearing to consider the health effects of vinyl chloride)

Becky Moon

- I. Evaluation: 1) Support at the hearing was a source of encouragement. Jan Wilbur, Laura Keever, and local Leaguers joined others to make 150 attendees!
2) The local Leagues were great! Six carbon copies of letters of support to the TACB were received.
- II. Outcome: 1) One TACB staff person has been designated to work fulltime on integrating health considerations into the decision-making process.
2) TACB staff is attempting to develop a "role" for prospective advisory committee members to be appointed to consider the health effects of air pollution control decisions.
3) Staff has expressed intent to investigate promulgation of a vinyl chloride regulation (PA. has one now) and some knowledgeable people have suggested a regulation for all chemical carcinogens.
4) Some emissions, toxic and cancer-causing substances are known to cause adverse health effects, but are not covered by the national air quality standards. I have suggested that protection from these substances be directly addressed in the review criteria for building permits.
- III. Follow-up: 1) We must work for implementation of LL2-4.
2) We should monitor to see that other toxic and chemical carcinogens are being addressed as well.
3) TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT - State legislation which mandates procedural rules for state agencies: To date the following agencies have or are in the process of adopting new procedural rules: Texas Air Control Board (TACB), Texas Water Quality Board (TWQB), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), any others yet? Senator Sherman and Rep. Von Dohlen sponsored legislation and I have discussed pertinent problems with or contacted Von Dohlen's legislative aide, our lawyers, Judge Brown of the 5th Circuit Court, Tom Buckle-A.G.'s office. The director of the Harris County Pollution Control Department may be persuaded to request an A.G.'s opinion on the constitutionality of one section of the TACB procedural rules. Madeleine Appel and I spoke to a member of the LWVUS litigation staff.

For your consideration: Joseph Sax, father of the Citizen's Right to Sue Act said not long ago, "Citizens are winning their most stunning victories within the legal system mandated by federal law."

I have worked through this process. We gained much. We won the battle for public hearings to consider construction permits but the attainable victories are proportionate to the level of commitment in participating in these adjudicative hearings. The means of effectively influencing pollution control decisions with regard to new plants has been laid at our feet. The rights are there for those willing to grasp them, but how good are rights if you can't afford them? Are the newly bestowed rights worth the cost? Is it better to have the rights for times when they can be afforded and used then to have no rights at all?

THE TACB IS STILL TRYING TO FORGET HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS!

Again ignoring health considerations, the TACB voted to continue a policy of issuing building permits which, in some cases, violate the Clean Air Act. Air Quality Standards were set to provide protection of public health. Guidelines say new building permit requests shall be denied in areas violating a standard if their emissions will contribute to increased violation of the specified standard and increase adverse health effects.

(AIR QUALITY, con'td.)

The TACB using their own criteria will continue to issue building permits in the seven areas of Texas where standards are presently being violated as long as the plant installs "best available control technology" thereby increasing the adverse health effects. They are sacrificing the protection of the public health, mandated by the Clean Air Act, to ever increasing industrialization and increasing pollution levels.

Given member commitment to compliance with rules, regulations and laws, the blatant disregard for the mandate of the Clean Air Act, intentional violation of federal law, and LNWUS priority on controlling emissions from stationary sources:

- 1) A letter was sent to each Texas Congressman/woman
 - a) expressing our concern for this blatant disregard for health considerations,
 - b) urging that strengthening amendments to the Clean Air Act be passed to provide the needed protection not being provided by the TACB.
- 2) As chair I would like to further research and focus on this compliance problem.

CLEAN AIR AMENDMENTS

Received a painless update on amendments from Congressman Eckhardt as a fellow participant during a press conference held to highlight Clean Air week. Eckhardt remains optimistic and discussed the most important issues:

- 1) Auto emissions moratorium was defeated but postponement is inevitable.
- 2) Significant deterioration--most controversial, good support to protect national parklands.
- 3) Pollution controls--battle between the use of "best available technology" and the cheaper use of tall stacks (combines use of tall stacks with plant slowdown, lower emissions when the level of air pollutants reach federal standards).

ENERGY

Laura Keever

I am happy to report to you that the Public Utilities Commission accepted our recommendations relating to the conservation in their new Substantive Rules. The Rules are now at the printer, and I encourage each of you to write for a copy: Texas Public Utility Commission, Box 12577, Austin, Texas 78701. I am most appreciative of the telegram from Galveston and letters from San Antonio and Houston in support of our recommendations. Do all of you know what the utility rate structures are for your area? Thanks also to Houston for providing a copy of their FOCUS; ENERGY AND THE CONSUMER to every local League and to state board members. It includes a review of lifeline and peak load pricing experiments in rate structure design.

The board approved our assisting, along with the Governor's Energy Advisory Council, the Texas Environmental Coalition in its sponsorship of four energy conservation seminars--directed specifically at energy conservation in buildings, utility rate structures, and government procurement practices. The goal will be to evolve recommendations from 40 participants representing labor, environmental, consumer, industrial, university, governmental and utility interests to the governor and the legislature relating to the chosen conservation areas. This effort is the "follow-up" result of the San Antonio Energy Conservation Institute (also sponsored by the Texas Environmental Coalition) which was held March 4-7. At the San Antonio Institute, the Texas delegation of some 25 individuals of varied backgrounds articulated the following concerns:

"(1) We recommend the prompt implementation of time-of-day metering and other forms of peak load management whenever studies show that favorable cost/benefit ratios exist.

(ENERGY, cont'd.)

"(2) With regard to building codes, we urge the adoption of performance standards to be substituted for prescriptive standards. Such standards should encourage truly conservative, innovative building design. This strategy represents a realistic near-term goal. In the long term, we recommend the implementation of the following: a) cluster design, b) on-site recycling of wastes, 3) maximal utilization of renewable sources of energy to accomplish ecologically and economically sound building design. These design constraints represent a least cost environmental method of achieving the goals of Project Independence.

(3) Another area of mutual concern is to provide economic incentives leading to energy conservation in the form of: a) mass transit in the form of "park and ride" which balances the desirable characteristics of individual automobiles with needs for additional energy considerations, and b) carpooling. We also support enabling legislation for parking districts and governmental procurement policies which promote conservation in the area of basic goods such as transportation vehicles, lighting systems, and other durable and disposable items.

(4) We support educational programs which increase public awareness of the need and methods for obtaining increased energy conservation.

In the opinion of the participants, these goals can be most efficiently realized by the application of the methods of systems analysis. We believe that this method of analysis can be appropriately combined with certain ecological and cybernetic principles to urban design."

I think it is laudable that a group representing many divergent interests could agree to this extent. I had the opportunity of chairing most of these decision-reaching sessions; what an experience in molding opposing points of view!

I am having a similar experience in chairing the Conservation Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. (Our first advice was to change the name!) This subcommittee will be meeting every 2-3 weeks in Austin to develop policy and legislative recommendations as well as to respond to the energy awareness programs of the GEAC. Four municipalities (Dallas, Lubbock, Brownsville, and Temple) have been chosen by the GEAC to receive funds to sponsor energy awareness weeks or months. If you are not already serving on the steering committees of these programs, please inquire about their plans. I would also appreciate a critical review of this effort in each of your cities when it is over. (Both for advice to other local Leagues and for recommendations to the staff of the GEAC as to changes.)

Some of you have asked whether or not Texas has filed a "letter of intent" to participate in the state conservation program under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. It has. Our concern now is to make sure that decision remains positive. The problem is whether or not the FEA Guidelines are written to the satisfaction of the GEAC. The Guidelines are to be issued any day--I may be calling upon you to make sure that we stay in the program. The problem is those mandatory provisions of the Act relating to lighting efficiency standards for non-federal buildings; energy efficiency standards and policies to govern state procurement; and thermal efficiency standards and insulation requirements for new and renovated non-federal buildings. (The question is how mandatory is mandatory.)

A number of Texas community action agencies have Community Services Administration Emergency Energy Conservation grants. These funds are being used to aid the elderly, handicapped and most needy on a priority basis. This program includes weatherization of homes--and may include other types of assistance relating to energy needs. Check your local community action agency to see if it is involved in this program. I am delighted to see that the delegates to Convention '76 approved further study of energy. I have agreed to serve on the LNWUS Energy Committee, and therefore hopefully will be in a somewhat better position to be of service to you in your development of this study. Meanwhile, I encourage you to write to the Energy Research and Development Administration, Washington, D.C. 20545 to be placed on their mailing list for "Weekly Announcements," which tells what they are doing, and what they are thinking of doing.

Local League Energy Chairs: Please send me your name and address so I'll know who you are. And I would be very interested in hearing any complaints, suggestions, requests, etc. that you have. (Relating to energy, of course!)

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PLENARY SESSION, WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1976

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Newly revised bloc and core committees had met and an informal report on National Convention had been given on May 18.

PRESENT: Anderson, Brown, Clark, Davies, Farmer, Heaberlin, Headrick, Higgins, Hunter, Materka, Moore, Nobles, Peterman, Shlipak, Sugihara, Titus, Wilbur, (Diana Tilley arrived later.)

ABSENT: Glickman

1. PLENARY MINUTES. The March 29-30 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Under subject No. 4 1976-77 BUDGET ANALYSIS remove the sentence, "She agreed to send a corrected budget analysis to all LL's after Council."

Under subject No. 7 ORGANIZATION change Hunter's motion to read, "Hunter MOVED that we recommend that LNW-US recognize them as a local League."

2. COUNCIL MINUTES. The March 30-31 minutes of the Fourteenth Biennial Council were approved with the following corrections:

P. 1, Rules and Agenda, Line 5, after "discussions." insert, "She noted small changes in the proposed budget and agenda."

P. 2, Roll Call of Local Leagues, the last sentence should read, "Deer Park, Provisional LNW-Eastern Bell County, and Lamar County representatives arrived late."

P. 3, Other Activities March 30, the last sentence should read, "Galveston League members, Sandy Batey, Jan Coggeshall, and Vera Dever, presented suffragette vignettes."

P. 4, third subject heading should read, "Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Support".

P. 4, last subject heading should read merely "Development".

P. 7, LNW-Ohio Resolution, correct spelling is Hannah Rickman.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Anderson informed the board that Higgins has arranged for Senator Max Sherman of Amarillo to visit with the board at 4:00 p.m. and discuss the new Administrative Procedures Act which he co-sponsored. Higgins would like the board to continue to "touch base" with relevant people in Austin, listening and learning from them, "building a cushion", and developing good public relations.

A letter from the Pro-Life people was passed around; it was in reply to one Anderson had written them concerning their use of the term "Voters Guide" in Tarrant County newspapers.

In the absence of Treasurer Glickman, Anderson presented the LNW-T's financial picture, stating that the checking account balance as of May 15 is \$959.81 with an estimated \$867.10 to be returned from LNW-Galveston in Council receipts. A \$2,000 contribution from the AFL-CIO is also anticipated this week. She asked board members, when submitting current vouchers, to write at the top if payment can be withheld until June 1 and said she will pay today any that need to be paid.

There was discussion of the need for an audit of LMV-T books and a complete treasurer's report before September board meeting. Anderson agreed to write Glickman concerning these. Diana Tilley passed around a sheet for members to indicate vacation times and any need for summer publications. She informed the board that assistant secretary, Shelley Friend has resigned and has been replaced by Sissy Potetz. Diana T. plans to work possibly two mornings a week during the summer, organizing work for the assistant secretary and volunteers.

There was discussion of the renewal of the office lease. Office space may be short when the Legislative Office is set up in January, and it is possible to rent a house at 900 Rio Grande jointly with Common Cause, the Austin Women's Center, and the Texas Women's Political Caucus. Rent would be \$25 higher, but space would be about the same size and there would be a conference room, a large parking area, and a Xerox machine available. Discussion followed on the distance from the capitol, security, need for a conference room, and concern about presence of other groups compromising the independent image of LMV-T. Arrangements were made for the board to visit the house, and a vote will be taken tomorrow.

Helen Hunter's new address is 8930 Beechnut, Apt. 3, Houston, TX 77036; her phone number is the same.

Anderson asked that the board be evaluating as we continue the board meeting with interim committee reports:

4. PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 1976-77. Titus reviewed the proposed calendar and it was suggested that we add preboard deadlines, state political party conventions, absentee voting dates, and General Election, and the VOTER date changes.

5. NEW PROGRAM TECHNIQUES. Titus reported that she had previewed several films while at National Convention and had obtained from LMV-New York a source book entitled, Leading Film Discussions. She suggested that proposals for grants might include the cost of taping conferences which could be used later for program presentations.

6. LOBBY SCHOOL/LEGISLATIVE DAY. Nobles referred to her preboard report and proposed that lobbying efforts be handled differently this year, by first holding regional meetings in five areas (N. Texas, Houston, W. Texas, Central Texas, and Dallas) to prepare local Leagues for definitive work later in Austin and in their own locality. The regional meetings would be held during a two-week period from November 8 through 19, and local Leagues would be requested to come to Austin as they are needed at the call of the Legislative Director. She plans to prepare a questionnaire immediately after this board meeting to feel out local Leagues as to what they think of this entirely new method. At the regional meetings there would be workshops and discussion of lobbying techniques, how to handle transportation to Austin, and possibly a film on how a bill travels.

7. FUTURE OF VOTER. Moore referred to her preboard report which resulted from a committee of Hunter, Wilbur, Peterman, and herself exploring VOTER philosophy and future goals. She referred to its internal and external PR purposes, discussed content which she wishes to include, and asked vice-presidents to be responsible for funneling all contents under their responsibility to her.

She called attention to the fact that the VOTER has been very inexpensive. Using union printers was discussed but no conclusions were drawn. Higgins asked and it was generally agreed that the quantity be increased from 4500 to 5000 for PR use, and sending VOTERS to legislators, libraries, contributors, etc. was discussed.

Titus mentioned that people at National suggested that the VOTER be examined so that nothing is internal; all internal material should be put in postboard reports. Hunter mentioned that the LMV-Ohio VOTER carries a column called "League Links", highlighting local League activities.

8. COUNCIL EVALUATION. Moore presented a consolidated report of the replies to evaluation questionnaires at Council showing:

There were 14 responses representing 11 local Leagues; 2 had no comments and 12 did not comment on all items.

President's Breakfast--Comments were mixed; people were not prepared as to what the purpose was. 45 presidents were expected and 100 delegates were there. Possibly a presidents' workshop should be held another time than at breakfast.

Organization of Council--Good comments; well organized and smoothly run on schedule.

Organization Counterparts--Helpful, but late hour and tiredness prevented best participation.

Panel: Issues--Not Images: Good comments; highlight of Council.

League Leadership Workshops: Membership--needed more time to react and discuss module plan.

Program Action--Lack of structure confusing; not enough specifics. Slow getting off ground; need other Leagues' experiences.

Development--Excellent but a little long; not enough time for questions.

General comments on workshops were that we need more, especially area workshops.

Keynote speaker--good choice

Entertainment--Choir "unnecessary frosting (only comment)

Accommodations and food--Generally excellent but breakfast and lunch not worth price.

Overall impressions were very favorable; one League said that delegates seemed unresponsive and apathetic. Need was expressed for dialogue with counterparts on state board and between large and small Leagues.

Some specific suggestions were: (1) Council be held partially or entirely on weekend instead of middle of the week. (2) Should last 1/2 to 1 day longer. (3) There were too many speeches; need time for delegates to compare notes. (4) Paper for taking notes would be helpful. (5) Mo-Ranch in Kerrville suggested as next Council site.

Program direction and program ventilation were then discussed by the board and it was decided to re-think this for next time; local Leagues seem to be searching for ways to handle program.

9. CONVENTION '77 PLANS. Brown referred to her preboard report and stated that Mary Harding and Bobette Higgins are coordinating publicity, with Barbara Materka assisting. She requested that board members get any suggestions to her this summer; she will pass them on to LHV-Tarrant County and consolidate for September preboard.

She asked that the theme be ready by September board meeting, and prompted board members to plan to go early and stay late, participating fully.

10. GUIDELINES FOR OFFBOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS. Anderson reviewed guidelines included in her preboard report, and after discussion the board generally agreed on the following:

GUIDELINES FOR OFFBOARD PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

1. Should attend assigned interim committee meetings.
2. Should receive all publications, including state agency mailings, relating to portfolio.
3. Should send state program vice-president and designated director a monthly summary.
4. Should prepare, obtain approval from program vice-president and designated director, and file copies with all related board people, any testimony for public hearings related to his/her portfolio.
5. Should make sure that all communications with legislators and other public officials, such as testimony or press releases, has the prior approval of program vice-president and president.
6. Should send notifications of intent to attend hearings, etc. to state office, president, and program vice-president in advance of hearing. Report on hearing should be sent to appropriate bloc, president, and state office.

7. Should be prepared to answer questions on behalf of LWV-T when presenting a statement at public hearings.
8. Should find local League persons to appear at various public hearings and aid them in preparing testimony (to be cleared with offboard chairpersons and board counterpart before being delivered).
9. Should send carbon copies of any information of consequence to appropriate bloc, president, and state office.
10. Should communicate with local League counterparts on matters relating to portfolio, with reports or copies of these communications sent to program vice-president and/or state board counterpart.
11. Should receive all mailings from state office which are sent to state board members.
12. Should receive copies of all local League VOTERS.
13. Should prepare preboard and postboard reports.
14. Should be notified in writing by Texas VOTER editor of deadlines.
15. Should expect expenses for interim committee meetings and board meetings (when requested to attend) to be paid from state budget. However, Council and Convention expenses will not be paid by LWV-T.

Recessed 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened 2:40 p.m. Davies and Glickman absent.

11. OFFICE LEASE. As board members had had an opportunity during lunch to visit the house being considered for lease, they discussed advantages and disadvantages of the move. Higgins asked if furniture in the present office could be rearranged and a table added for conferences. Diana Tilley agreed to investigate the possibility of renting parking space during sessions and Sugihara mentioned that she will contact a church on Guadalupe that might have space. Farmer MOVED that we agree to renew the contract for renting present office space. SECONDED and PASSED.

12. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Clark referred to her preboard report containing a working draft of new consensus questions and some additional background on the prior AJ consensus. The second AJ facts and issues is behind schedule, but the material will be put together shortly. She MOVED the following sentence be added to the prior AJ consensus: "(Support of) State assistance to victims of violent criminal acts including (when feasible) restitution by the offender." SECONDED and CARRIED.

13. BOARD STRUCTURE. Anderson proposed that Materka be designated Communications and Special Membership Project Director, that Farmer become Membership Director and advisor to Provisional LWV-Rockwall, and that standby items be divided among the following board members and offboard chairpersons:

International Relations - Joan Kyre, Lubbock
 Revenue Sharing - Linda Avena, San Antonio
 Judicial (MSG) - Helen Hunter
 Legislative (MSG) - Barbara Nobles
 Executive (MSG) - Chris Brasher, San Marcos
 State-Local Relations - Charlotte Cranberg, Austin
 TCR - Adelyn Duke, Victoria

On Less Active Items the name will be changed, Farmer will not have responsibility and offboard chairpersons will report to Titus.

14. PROGRAM UPDATE KITS. Titus requested program people to submit summary materials and selected bibliographies for various program items.

15. VOTING RIGHTS. Sugihara reported that she had attended a meeting with the McBee Subcommittee of the House Committee on Elections to discuss and prepare a bill for

consolidating registration and election duties of the county offices of assessor and clerk into an Office for Administration of Elections. She thinks that the resulting bill is a good start, anticipates revisions, and feels that LWW-T will have opportunity for input during the re-writing process, but it will not be a "pure League bill".

She mentioned that preboard background information on an informative flyer to aid ex-felons in recovering voting rights is not entirely correct. She states there is a definite need for a publication of this kind and would like to obtain further information and to approach the State Bar Association for help with the contents and also money to produce it. Shlipak is also planning a call on State Bar Assn. and the board generally agreed for them to proceed jointly with the project.

She has received a few responses from local Leagues to postboard questions about the new law providing for joint elections, but wishes to have more. The House Elections Committee is sending out questionnaires to city, school, and special district officials to get their reactions, but they are depending on League for voter reaction.

16. CATEGORIES OF PROGRAM ITEMS, Titus informed the board that LWW-California has grouped program into four categories of: (1) Special Attention, (2) Working Hard With Other Groups, (3) Watch Well and Act When Needed, and (4) Active Attention (monitoring); she suggested that possibly we might wish to try something like that to help handle program. After discussion, Anderson asked Titus to look at it further, dividing state program into categories and report back.

17. FINANCING PUBLIC SCHOOLS/FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT. Wilbur stated that she has received two replies to consensus questions; as soon as the others are received, she will circulate and ask the committee to consider consensus input, and this summer output will be coming to all board members for their approval, so it may be included in the new program flyer.

She has given further consideration to monitoring boards and agencies through the budgetary process and will ask Becky Moon to follow the Texas Air Control Board Budget through Legislative Budget Board and Executive Budget hearings.

In readying for legislative sessions and to encourage and involve local Leagues in PSF, she plans to send a questionnaire in September to LLs and MALS stressing state board's need for their help and the joint responsibility of both. Information for a data bank collected from 1100 school districts would be ideal, but she will start with school districts in which there are LLs or MALS. Anderson asked for planned dates and Wilbur suggested that they be out in September and be returned by Nov. 1.

In reply to a question from Anderson, Wilbur stated that she felt a Guide to Consensus for FSG is not needed.

18. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Anderson suggested that the AJ Facts and Issues should be looked at to assess whether or not there is a need for a Guide for the AJ consensus.

Recessed 4:00 p.m.

During the recess, the board visited with Senator Max Sherman from Amarillo and his assistant, Mike Pate, who reviewed the legislative history and intent of the Administrative Procedures Act. He informed the board that in addition to the publication of Rules in the Texas Registry, anyone can write any agency and obtain a copy of its rules.

Reconvened 8:30 p.m.

19. PROPERTY TAX REFORM. Wilbur showed the board a chart of action strategy planning 10-year goals with the purpose of achieving property tax reform.

GOAL I: Statute mandating uniform appraisal procedures across the state

Objective 1--Inform and involve general members

5-76 VOTER article detailing PTR position (done)

8-76 VOTER article on re-consolidation of appraisal units with tear-off asking, "What property taxes do you pay?"

11-76 VOTER article on statewide supervision and training for appraisers

Objective 2--Determine specific goals (responsibility of offboard committee with approval of Titus)

Position papers:

7-1 Consolidation of appraisal units

9-1 Statewide supervision

9-1 Training

Committee members: Jan Albers of Austin, Headrick, Davies, and Sugihara

Objective 3--Involve the LL leadership on two or three levels

1. Research at local level

2. Lobbying and reading materials

3. Could be to be willing to get info and take it to local VOTER or local newspaper

Objective 4--(Beginning 9-1) Force field analysis evaluating opposition and working toward coalitions.

Objective 5--Put together files for lobbying using legislative interviews and gathering other materials.

Objective 6--PTR Forum

Early December? (around time of new legislative session)

\$25 fee

1 1/2 day duration

High-powered speaker

Discussion followed and Titus spoke of the possibility of sending out to local Leagues issue-type questions for them to ask their legislators with replies to be in the data bank. A deadline of July 15 was set for program people to get suggested questions to Titus.

Anderson asked the board to be thinking about the objectives as outlined and assigned Higgins and Wilbur to check out needed information (date of pre-orientation meeting of legislators, etc.).

20. ENERGY. Titus asked the board to consider Laura Keever's recommendation the LHV-T be listed as assisting the Texas Environmental Coalition in holding a series of meetings on energy conservation. Discussion followed covering possibility of program conflicts, i.e. human resources vs. energy, Lifeline vs. Peak Load pricing, etc. Concern was expressed about action during legislative session on subjects and positions which LLs are unfamiliar with or have not studied. Anderson suggested that Laura Keever and Liz Davies get out backgrounders on utility rates if local Leagues wish to inform their members. Sugihara expressed the need of a definition of "utilities"; with gas and coal involved in electric rates, complication is inevitable. Anderson suggested that information be sent out and let local Leagues use it as they wish. Wilbur suggested that the board obtain information and reach an opinion.

Recessed 5:45 p.m.

Reconvened 8:50 p.m.

21. GRANTSMANSHIP. Anderson informed the board that at National Convention she had met with NR people and presidents of nine other state Leagues. The LWV-Texas will be receiving a grant for work in connection with the Safe Drinking Water Act; and also a "208" grant in cooperation with LHMUS is being considered. She stated that LWV-T may possibly need someone to administer various grants in the future on a salaried basis. She mentioned that Bunny Sawin is presently being paid approximately \$25 for American Broadcasting Company Election Night reporting. Broad discussion followed.

Shlipak reported that she has contacted the Texas Committee for the Humanities about an Administration of Justice grant to hold a 1-day conference on North Central Texas Criminal Justice. She had discussed it with Clark, and Anne Pfaff agreed to be project director, but prefers that Shlipak be director with Pfaff as assistant and Materka doing media. It would be held the 3rd or 4th week of September and sponsored by North Texas LWVs, with speakers and time for dialogue. She stated that if this one is successful, the TCH may fund two others, one in West Texas and one in Houston. It was suggested that Ethel Sturgis should be considered for project director.

Recessed 10:35 p.m.

Reconvened 8:45 a.m., May 20, 1976

22. CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE. Brown called attention to the insert in the National VOTER, "Pick a Candidate", stating that it is a marvelous publication for use from right now until November. She recommended that a supply be ordered for Provisional Leagues, MALS, state office, etc.

She stated that she is receiving input from local Leagues about how they managed without a state Voters Guide; will do an evaluation to see if it worked. She sees no need to do it differently in November as there are only 2 constitutional amendments and few opposed candidates. Local Leagues can reproduce answers furnished in the primary, but LWV-T should submit questions to some judicial candidates. There was general agreement that it would be good to submit further questions to all candidates, and Brown asked for direction on subjects for the committee to consider for questions. It was agreed that we should send LLs questions to ask their senators and representatives. Brown said the committee will consider and circulate sample questions to board. At Anderson's suggestion, Brown agreed to produce an evaluation of recent Voters Service methods in postboard.

23. DEVELOPMENT. Shlipak brought the board up to date on recent calls and anticipated contributions, which include Kemper Foundation and Moody Foundation in Galveston, Texas Utilities and Zale Foundation in Dallas, and Firefighters Union, Texas Bar Foundation, and TRACOR in Austin. She has an appointment with the Texas Bar Association for 2:00 p.m. today and is hoping they will endorse the AJ Conference. She asked for suggestions of LWV-Tarrant County people who might work and for names of people who should receive invitations.

She remains confident that relations are excellent with local Leagues in communities where development calls are being made. Anderson asked her to write LWV-El Paso a well-thought-out letter on a consultant basis, because they have had development problems.

Regarding the AJ Conference proposal, Shlipak said that she wished to have two keynote speakers and is considering Melvin P. Sikes, author of The Administration of Justice, as one of them. She asked for suggestions of people in D/FW area for associate directors. The grant proposal is due June 1 and Anderson asked Titus to work with Shlipak to firm up solid figures. Shlipak MOVED that the LWV-T sponsor a conference on criminal justice with a total cost of no more than \$7,000. SECONDED and CARRIED.

24. PUBLICATIONS. Nobles stated that State Program, 1976-77 and We Support are planned for publication in August. Register and Vote in Texas will be distributed in June. Anderson asked that board members "hawk" recently published facts and issues, stating that Galveston has sent in a \$400 order. Nobles agreed to send a promotion sheet to local Leagues.

Nobles received thanks from Anderson for answering letters in state office and from Shlipak for setting up the State Bar Association call.

25. VOTER. Moore stated that there is much program material for the September VOTER; the attorney general's ruling on Land Use, Administration of Elections, FSG consensus, PTR--Part II, and possibly the AJ facts and issues to be inserted. The board agreed not to insert the AJ facts and issues.

She referred to plans in her preboard report for vice-presidents to assume responsibility for sections of the VOTER, and stated the need to work out a routine for dividing spaces on topics determined at board meetings. Decisions on the constitutional amendments on water will go in this time. Moore agreed to put a request in her postboard for local Leagues to send Hunter news articles and items for the inter-League news column and reminded the board to furnish Higgins with news of their activities.

26. MEMBERSHIP. Materka submitted an overview of the past year's work in membership to be turned over to Farmer, new Membership Director. Procedures have been established for handling MALs i.e. coordinating membership chairperson, state office, and treasurer in billing and receiving dues, cultivating new MALs, servicing MALs, Units-at-Large, prospective members, and local Leagues, and they have worked on making board members more aware of total board responsibility in membership. Plans have been made to re-write p. 22 of the State Board Handbook and to establish definite mailing lists for MALs, bearing in mind costs and budgeted amounts.

27. BYLAWS. Materka furnished a bylaws report summarizing the year's activities and some future plans to the new Bylaws Director, Peterman. LHV-T has submitted two proposals for changes to the LHVUS Bylaws, one on limiting the terms of the president and the other on a development sharing formula. LHV-T Bylaws have been edited and updated, eliminating reference to sex. Sixteen local Leagues submitted changes in their bylaws for review. It has been planned to use a more realistic deadline date in the future for local Leagues to submit their proposed changes and to request copies of revised bylaws from local Leagues, keeping only current ones.

28. MEDIA. Materka reported that the committee had changed their name to "Communication" had discussed handling press releases, and she asked the board to be alert to subjects at meetings and items in their own portfolios that can be used for press releases. They would like to develop a "VIP" mailing list to receive the VOTER and possibly other publications and to send local Leagues 5 or 10 extra VOTERS for local distribution. It was decided that by July 15 board members should submit names for a statewide mailing list of those who should receive the VOTER.

29. ORGANIZATION. Hunter stated that PLHVs--Marshall/Harrison County, Longview, and Eastern Bell County are growing and progressing. They've had candidates rallies and Longview printed a Voters Guide. PLHV-Gainesville had its annual meeting May 17. PLHV-Huntsville is trying to renew interest and finish the Know-Your-Community Survey.

The Rockwall County group has applied for provisional League status. There was discussion and concern about whether or not there was adequate manpower and monetary basis to support a League since the community is small and rural, countered by statements that they are an enthusiastic group and it is an active community, growing quickly. Hunter

MOVED that after specified corrections, we accept Rockwall County's request for recognition as a provisional League. SECONDED AND CARRIED. Heaberlin abstained.

There was discussion about PLWV-Eastern Bell County adopting a local study item before their KYC Survey is completed. Hunter stated that present policy on p. 2 of the LWV-T Policy Guide had been a misunderstanding and MOVED that Par. 2 under "Activities of Provisional Leagues" be changed to read, "After the completion of any section of the Know-Your-Community Survey, a local program item relating to that section of the survey may be proposed and adopted for further study." SECONDED and PASSED. Heaberlin voted No.

Hunter commented that when the policy guide is reviewed there is need for input on state policy regarding nonpartisanship for state board members.

30. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. Peterman reported that to date 16 local Leagues have requested board training, mostly for the "nuts and bolts" type. LWVs of Plano, Garland, and Richardson plan shared training over several days. LWV-Brazos County would also like area-wide specialized training, particularly in Voters Service. Peterman would like to tie it in with others if possible and would like board members to be alert for any others in the area that may be interested in this type of training. A tentative date of September 13 has been set.

The committee would like to encourage all trainers to use at least a sample of Leadership Training to stimulate interest, and raise consciousness or curiosity. Peterman plans to use her postboard to spell out what Leadership Training is.

She again reminded board members that, when reading local VOTERS, to write compliments directly to them, but, if there are errors or negative comments, to write to the related League's consultant, possibly with a copy to the Organization VP.

31. WATER. Headrick MOVED that the LWV-Texas oppose the Constitutional Amendment authorizing an increase of \$400 million in the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued. SECONDED. Discussion covered methods of opposing it; such as, joining coalitions, possibly with the Sierra Club and/or TEC, and approaching it from the viewpoint of "concern for fiscal responsibility" rather than stressing damaged environment. Higgins MOVED the previous question: 10 yeas to close debate, 4 opposed. The original MOTION PASSED with Clark abstaining.

Discussion continued on problems that will be encountered, the need for one person in each area to head the campaign, the political action committee to be reactivated vs. joining a coalition who can do all reporting. Headrick expressed concern about helping local Leagues in water-distressed areas to understand reasons for LWV-T opposition, and Wilbur suggested writing them with cogent reasons for our opposition and offering any assistance we can give them. Higgins commented that since it is sensitive, press releases should not be submitted until local Leagues are notified. Sugihara suggested waiting until coalitions are formed. It was generally agreed to form a steering committee that will be able to answer questions consistently. Shlipak expressed the thought that we must carry local Leagues with us so they will understand from the beginning. Titus suggested that LWV-T position on the two amendments be stated in the President's letter and explanations produced in Headrick's postboard. Wilbur thought a personal letter from Anderson about it should go out tomorrow; several south Texas towns may be unhappy. Anderson agreed to take the whole matter under consideration and make the final decision about reconciliatory steps. She appointed a steering committee of Titus, Higgins, Headrick, Clark, and herself. The TEC meeting is May 29; Nobles agreed to continue as campaign treasurer if needed.

Headrick also MOVED that the LNV-T support the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the increase of \$100 million in the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued for water quality enhancement purposes (sewage disposal). SECONDED and CARRIED. There was some discussion about how this amendment meets LNV-T positions and it was agreed that it should be explained fully.

32. LAND USE. Higgins reported that the Coastal Zone Management's Citizens Advisory Council (CZMP Committee) has finished a final report and the statewide public hearing process is starting all over again. One is to be in Dallas in August. She urged that LNV-T get local League people involved, because the hearings seemed to carry much more significance than it had seemed on the surface. This is not strictly a coastal concern, and she would like to see local Leagues testifying all over the state and starting coalitions.

A series of regional meetings is being considered regarding planning under Section 208 of the Federal Water Control Act of 1972, but stirring up interest in them right now might be premature.

She MOVED that LNV-T re-involve itself with the Texas Environmental Coalition by paying yearly dues of \$25.00. SECONDED AND PASSED. She also MOVED that Headrick serve as a second LNV-T delegate to TEC meetings.

33. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY/HUMAN RESOURCES. Titus reported Davies was unable to attend the EQ/HR committee meeting at "Sam's" and there is some difficulty in addressing rate structure. She will ask both Laura Keever and Liz Davies to write ideas and publish them in a form separate from the state board report, possibly under duplicate presidents mailing. There was discussion on when and how it would be best to distribute them, and one of the 3rd week presidents mailings in the summer was suggested. Titus will send a note to Treasurer Glickman about charging correct accounts.

Titus MOVED that the LNV-T co-sponsor a series of energy conservation conferences with the Texas Environmental Coalition. They will be assisted by the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

34. VOTERS GUIDE QUESTIONS. Brown asked if there is a good question to ask candidates concerning rate structure and Higgins stated she would like to ask candidates for Railroad Commission about opening meetings, etc. to citizen scrutiny. Anderson asked the board to write out and turn into Brown possible questions.

35. ACTION PRIORITIES. Titus presented a suggested division of program items in order of priority under the categories mentioned earlier in No. 16. Discussion resulted in changes and it was agreed to allow Anderson and Titus, using guidelines furnished by the board, to organize the list.

36. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Clark referred to the "Billy Clayton Road Show", a group of legislators who are holding hearings on proposed criminal justice legislation recommended by the Governor, stating that suggested consensus questions would be able to address some of the material being covered by them and some would be written up in new material. There was prolonged discussion of some of the consensus questions and agreement to delete material pertaining to parole until a later study. Clark MOVED the adoption of questions 1 through 7 as follows:

BAIL

1. Should bail be denied for a person arrested for a felony while out on bail for a prior felony arrest?

TRIALS

2. The Texas Criminal Justice Standards and Goals recommends that the period from arrest to beginning of trial should be no longer than 90 days. Do you agree disagree.

3. The Texas Criminal Justice Standards and Goals recommends that all sentencing by a jury be abolished. Do you agree disagree?
4. Do you favor mandatory fixed sentences? Yes No Undecided
5. Should the Court of Criminal Appeals be given the power to review and modify sentences?
6. Do you favor the death penalty as presently defined?

PROBATION

7. The Texas Criminal Justice Standards and Goals recommends that probation services be made available statewide; that the state provide financial aid to counties for establishment and improvement of such services; and that the state establish an Adult Probation Board under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary. Do you agree disagree

37. LEGISLATIVE DAY/LOBBY SCHOOL. Nobles MOVED that we proceed with five Regional Lobby Preparation Days for Local Leagues, to be held during November 8-19 with follow-up visits to Austin during the 65th Legislative Session for intensive lobby efforts. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

38. ACTION PRIORITIES. Titus brought a re-organized list to the board and there was general consent to the following:

1. Special Attention - AJ, FSG/PSF, Property Tax Reform, VR
2. Working Hard With Other Groups - Air, Energy, HR(ERA), LU, Water (Bond Election)
3. Watch Well and Act When Needed - HR, MSG(Judicial), Solid Waste, State-Local Rel.
4. Standby and Monitoring - MSG(Legislature and Executive), TCR, Transportation

39. CALENDAR. Titus reported that she had made the insertions requested by the board and asked for other additions. The following were suggested:

1. AJ Conference 3rd week in September
2. Coming to Austin to lobby or a note that legislature is in session in January
3. Statewide CZM public hearings June, July and August
4. Property Tax Reform Conference in December or January

Titus MOVED the amended Calendar 1976-77 be approved. SECONDED AND PASSED.

40. PLANNING AND RESEARCH. Higgins submitted the following report of plans for initiating the pilot membership project:

1. Copy of the Council presentation, Issue: League Leadership--Survival of the Fittest, to be sent to all local Leagues.
2. Describe in postboard the opportunity for a LL to serve as a pilot project.
3. Responses from LLs to be sent to Hunter
4. Whole megillah will then be turned over to the Organization committee, who will designate Barbara Materka as the project director.
5. Project to run for a year, with chosen local Leagues closely involved in planning implementation.
6. Project to be evaluated, revised, offered to other LLs who request it.

Future topics suggested for consideration by the P & R committee are:

1. Leadership development
2. Program management
3. Outside evaluation and analysis of state board procedures
4. Citizen information

41. VOTERS SERVICE. Brown MOVED that we again participate in ABC Election Night reporting. SECONDED AND PASSED.

42. SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT. Headrick MOVED that we accept the grant under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and explained the purpose is to develop public interest in safe drinking water and to encourage state officials to take over enforcement of the federally established safe drinking water standards. SECONDED AND PASSED.

43. SECTION 208 PLANNING. Titus MOVED

The general purpose is to develop a public participation program in a designated area.
SECONDED and PASSED.

44. HOUSEKEEPING. Nobles asked about problems, during Glickman's illness, in ordering national publications. Anderson suggested we send personal checks and she will work on setting up an office account.

Anderson commended the board for economy of this board meeting, and spoke of an expense transfer from TEF.

Recessed 12:00 m.

Reconvened 12:10 p.m.

45. PUBLIC RELATIONS. Higgins asked the board if they wished to continue inviting outside persons to board meetings for "briefings" and there was general consent to invite only one during each board meeting.

46. OFFBOARD CHAIRPERSONS. Higgins questioned the policy of paying or not paying expenses of offboard chairpersons of interim committees to Council and Convention. She stated that they were needed, but we cannot financially afford the growing number. There was general consent to continue the policy as stated.

She also stated that requiring a monthly summary should be eliminated from offboard chairperson guidelines, the carbon routine should be worked out within the core, and chairpersons should notify designated director or vice-president of intention of covering a hearing.

47. PARTY PLATFORMS. Brown stated that she would like to testify at hearings before platforms are finalized; she asked for ideas on subjects.

48. BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING. The board agreed that the following procedures are required:
1. Books audited this summer.
2. Quarterly report must be in hands before September board meeting.
3. Annual report should be in July mailings and also sent to Local Leagues.
4. Vouchers should be rechecked to be sure all non-cash items are shown.

Wilbur requested that the budget committee be named as soon as possible and suggested Jeanette Vanderwater of Houston and Martha Sorrels of Galveston as candidates.

A memo furnished by Glickman, in an attempt to produce cost accounting figures for individual portfolios, shows cost of state office is over \$6.89 per hour and cost of state board meetings averages \$192.77 per person.

49. EVALUATION OF NEW BOARD MEETING STRUCTURE.

Brown - Liked but not enough time.

Peterman - Good but larger block of time could be set aside for consensus.

Materka - Design beautiful, but committees should come up with specific recommendations and not re-hash committee meetings.

Nobles - Chair should be given time to complete the report before being interrupted.

Wilbur - Would like to see committees use carbon routines and be ready to get down to business at meetings.

Clark - Need to explore program core a little; didn't grasp what was happening at first.

Farmer should be added under Bloc 4.

EQ subcommittee need not receive carbons.

Anderson asked if we should try 6-minute reports again. It was agreed to have, for the 6-minute report, some kind of recommendation, and that motions can better be left until the end of report. A tentative agenda for big core committees would be helpful; Anderson suggested that each committee work that out. Anderson thinks it will get easier as we work with it, and will extend the next board meeting by 3 hours or so.

50. LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR. The inability of obtaining a legislative director was again discussed, and Anderson suggested that she meet with the Austin board and see if collectively it could be worked out by sharing the load of responsibilities.

51. DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 31	Postboard reports
July 15	Recommended changes in state policy guide to Hunter
	Questions to Titus for candidates
	Names for statewide mailing list to Materka
July 19	Deadline for July local League presidents' mailing
Aug. 1	VOTER deadline
Aug. 23	Deadline for August local League presidents' mailing
Aug. 30	Preboard deadline

Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Heaberlin, Secretary

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MINUTES

FOURTEENTH BIENNIAL COUNCIL
The Flagship Hotel, Galveston, Texas
March 30-31, 1976

Monday, March 29

State board members and members of the LWV-Galveston hosted a reception for early arrivals in the Presidential Suite Monday evening.

Tuesday, March 30

Registration began at 9:00 a.m.
The publication room, "The Corner Pub," was open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Heritage Tour of Galveston Historical District was cancelled because of an inadequate number of registrants.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

President Betty Anderson called to order the first session of the Fourteenth Biennial Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas at 1:45 p.m. in the Ballroom of The Flagship Hotel.

Welcome, Appointments, and Introductions

Welcoming remarks were given by Jan Coggeshall, President of the LWV-Galveston, and by Galveston Mayor Pro Tem Termini. Gifts were presented to President Anderson and flowers to Franka Correia of Galveston and Jan Moore, Council co-chairpersons.

President Anderson made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Former LWV-Texas President Glen Boller of Galveston

Tellers: Vera Dever
Claudia Overland
Lynn Stahl

Credentials Committee: Leslie Goolishian, Chairperson

Resolutions Committee: Helen Duckworth, Chairperson

Nana Rylander
Joanne Henderson

Timekeeper: Jane Peterman

President Anderson then introduced the individual members of the LWV-Texas Board of Directors and off-board chairs.

Rules and Agenda.

Secretary Heaberlin proposed that usual Convention rules apply to all business sessions. Delegates only have the privilege of the floor; none may speak twice until all who wish to speak have been heard. During all sessions observers may sit with delegates, but may not vote. They may join in discussion at the workshops and panel discussions. She then MOVED the adoption of the proposed rules and the proposed order of business as amended. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

In Treasurer Glickman's absence President Anderson reviewed the 6-1-75 to 2-29-76 Budget Analysis.

New Leagues

With a flourish of trumpet music, Organization Vice-President Helen Hunter introduced the presidents and advisors of the provisional Leagues. Flowers were presented to the presidents.

The ones recognized were: PLWV-Eastern Bell County
Millie Savage and Kathy Leabo

PLWV-Gainesville
Juhree Davenport and Marty Kissinger

PLWV-Huntsville
Harriett Payne and Sue Taylor (neither present)

Newly recognized Provisionals: PLWV-Longview
Alice Sutton and Jane Peterman

PLWV-Marshall/Harrison County
Nancy McClaran and Peggy Farmer

Newly recognized local Leagues: LWV-Plano
Judy Shrader and Beth Brown

Roll Call of Local Leagues

Secretary Sue Heaberlin called the roll of the Leagues; LWV's of Corpus Christi, Deer Park, Eastern Bell County, Edinburg-McAllen, Huntsville, Lamar County, and Tyler were not represented. Deer Park and Provisional LWV Eastern Bell County representatives arrived late.

Credentials Committee Report: 55 delegates
32 observers
17 state board members
1 staff

1976-77 Proposed Budget Presentation

Director Wilbur, Chairperson of the Budget Committee, presented the budget, using slides to show the board-recommended changes of the budget as printed in the Council Workbook, Pp. 17-19. She asked if there were questions of clarification; there were none.

Roll Call of Local League Pledges

Secretary Heaberlin called the roll and pledges totaling \$31,924 were recorded from 35 represented Leagues. (Wilbur was requested to contact four absent local Leagues whose pledges were unknown.) In addition to the 1976-77 pledges, five local Leagues also contributed an extra \$450 to supplement the 1975-76 Budget.

President Anderson appointed a Budget Revision Committee consisting of Jan Wilbur, Meg Titus, Betty Bailey of Denton, Kathy Webster of Abilene, and Eleanor Sutherland of Dallas.

Budget Discussion

Jeanette Vanderwater, LWV-Houston, expressed concern for the order of the priorities in the proposed budget. She suggested that money be moved from Services to Local Leagues to Position Support.

Mary Reynolds, LWV-Irving, suggested that money be moved from C. Services to Local Leagues to H. Position Support Activities. She suggested that perhaps training for local Leagues would cost less if it were consolidated in metropolitan areas.

Penny Beaumont, LWV-Brazos County, asked if it would be possible to sell Voters Guides to local Leagues at a price that would include the cost of the time persons spent in preparation so that LWV-Texas could make a profit. Director Wilbur replied that, although exact costs are unavailable now, an attempt is presently being made to secure figures on costs of producing Voters Guides.

Nancy McClaran, PLWV-Marshall/Harrison County, (as there were no objections from the Council) was given the floor to speak about services to local Leagues. She briefly described the plight of an organizing group and the "lifeline" represented by tools, materials, and the invaluable help furnished by LWV-Texas and urged that services not be cut.

Lou Ann Garrett, LWV-Amarillo, asked if the amount budgeted for Water was basically to oppose the Texas Water Plan. Director Headrick replied that presently the situation is uncertain and more information should become available before November, when the water bond construction amendment will be on the ballot.

Madeleine Appel, LWV-Houston, stated interest in increasing the amount budgeted for Energy and referred to a caucus being held later.

Announcements

President Anderson announced that LWV-Houston is getting a group together to attend National Convention and stated that those local Leagues not planning to send delegates might obtain representation by conferring with the group. Those Leagues are Abilene, Amarillo, Brownsville, Harlingen, Odessa, Orange Area, Pasadena, Sherman, Victoria, and Waco.

Caucuses were announced on the budget and coastal zone management.

Adjourned 3:15 p.m.

Other Activities March 30

From 3:30 to 5:05 p.m. a panel of Fay Sinkin, Liz Davies, Edna Fuller, Susan Reid, Jackie Bloch, and Bobette Higgins presented techniques used in successful action campaigns.

At 6:30 a reception was held in the Presidential Suite. Gilbert Carmichael, former Mississippi gubernatorial candidate, was banquet speaker, music was presented by the American National Insurance Company choir. Galveston League members Sandy Batey and Vera Dever presented suffragette vignettes.

Wednesday, March 31

The Presidents' Breakfast was held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 9:15 a.m.

Credentials Committee report: 56 delegates
37 observers
17 state board members
1 staff

Tellers: Barbara Ligon, Mary Bogges, Becky Danton, Florence Wolf

Administration of Justice Consensus Report

Director Clark distributed copies of the consensus and spoke briefly of additional local League input.

National Convention Briefing

Vice-President Titus reviewed the program-making sections of the March National Board Report, stating that 830 local and state Leagues reporting expressed approval of the '74-'76 program, a need for further study within it, and an awareness of the interrelationships among its various components.

President Anderson stated that there will be open house in the room of the LWV-Texas delegates at the Hilton Hotel in New York. The Texas delegation will schedule a caucus to discuss issues.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

President Anderson spoke of the assignment given the Ad Hoc Committee at last year's Convention and introduced Jeannette Naman, Chairperson. Naman stated that her report was an interim one which would continue to evolve and that hopefully the final report at the 1977 Convention will offer a solution to proper funding for state Leagues with fairness and consideration to local Leagues. She spoke of the invaluable contributions by her committee of Evelyn Gould, LWV-Midland; Donna Green, LWV-Austin; Lucy Polter, LWV-Dallas; Ethel Sturgis, LWV-Tarrant County; and LWV-Texas board members Anderson, Glickman, Hunter, Shlipak, and Wilbur. They have researched the present formula, investigated possible sources of income, queried other state Leagues, and surveyed local Leagues in Texas.

The result has been in essence that funding has not kept abreast of program expansion and rising operating costs. Shlipak's recent successes are the first and hopefully just the beginning, but the future may still hold problems. She feels that if we can lobby legislators for support on issues, we can lobby business people for monetary support. It can be that we will be just as successful at raising money as we have been at other action we have taken.

She stated that only about one-half of local Leagues replied to the survey questions and expressed the need for their input, since the committee is working with a situation with very few clear-cut answers. Those local Leagues who did reply felt that there are three areas where state League is most effective: (1) in getting legislation passed, (2) in providing material to local Leagues, and (3) in testifying before state agencies and committees.

Program Management

President Anderson relayed to the Council state board plans for program management. Since management problems compound as program grows, next year state plans to have offboard program core committees that will meet before preboard reports are made and make recommendations. When items are active, the relevant chairperson will be asked for input at board meetings. She also invited local Leagues to share any of their ideas with the board, so that more efficient working situations may evolve.

Finance Development

Director Shlipak announced that fund-raising efforts have resulted in a \$1,000 contribution to the LWV-Texas Education Fund from the American Income Life Insurance Company of Waco. LWV-Waco had previously been receiving \$25 from them in their finance drive, and with the new sharing formula LWV-Waco will receive \$25 plus 20 percent of \$975 or \$220; state will receive \$780.

Finance Development (Continued)

Secondly, one of the League's main concerns has been to obtain "hard" or non-deductible money. With this in mind she approached the Texas AFL-CIO, first contacting LWV-Austin President Susan Reid. Jan Albers of Austin accompanied her on a call made two weeks ago, and they were asked to draft a formal request, which they hand-delivered two hours later. She announced that they are contributing \$2,000 to LWV-Texas. LWV-Austin formerly received \$100 from them, so they will now receive \$100 plus 20 percent of \$1,900 or \$480. LWV-Texas will receive \$1,520.

She feels that the new LWV-Texas finance formula does work and also called attention to the LWV-Texas proposed national bylaw change listed in the March National Board Report which would increase states' and local Leagues' share in national fund-raising, and asked delegates to consider it and address it at Convention.

Budget Revision Committee Report

Budget Chairperson Wilbur reported that since anticipated income and expense figures are only \$16 apart, there had been no need to revise the budget.

In view of the additional 1975-76 funds from local Leagues she recommended that \$300 in LWV-Texas support be sent to national before Convention.

1976-77 Proposed Budget Discussion

Wilbur MOVED the adoption of the Proposed 1976-77 Budget and the motion was SECONDED. Jeanette Vanderwater of LWV-Houston MOVED the following amendment, and it was SECONDED:

	1976-77 Proposed Budget	Proposed Amendment
F. VOTER	\$1600	\$800
H. Position Support		
2. State Program Action		
(a) PSF	125	200
(b) Land Use	125	200
(c) FSG	125	200
(d) Administration of Justice	200	200
(e) HR	125	225
(f) EQ		
Air	50	100
Energy	75	175
Water and Solid Waste	100	200
(g) Voting Rights	50	100
4. (b) Legislative Director's Expense	500	675

Vanderwater added that the Council theme is "Issues, Not Images" and reminded the Council that the speaker of the prior evening specifically identified energy as being among the exciting current issues and suggested that it should be a top priority item for LWV-Texas. The panel yesterday speaking of successes in program action caught everyone's interest. There isn't enough money to do everything we would like to see done, but we must deal with realities. The caucus explored sources, and decisions were neither easy nor unanimous. With great reluctance they decided that we could do without two state VOTERS by making material available that might be added to local VOTERS.

Mary Reynolds, LWV-Irving, stated that hard choices must be made, and she feels that this amendment is a good choice for one year. League can be more effective in program areas than in the VOTER.

Budget (Continued)

Vice-President Titus reported that in replies to the program direction questionnaires, 11 of 19 Leagues recommended more program material be supplied in the state VOTER and offered the following as a first look at emerging priorities:

6 - Property Tax Reform)	
4 - PSF) 14
4 - FSG)
5 - Voting Rights)	
2 - Election Laws)	7
6 - EQ	
3 - Land Use and Strip Mining	
3 - TCR (statutorily)	
3 - AJ	
2 - Energy	

Madeleine Appel, LHV-Houston, asked for clarification of the role of off-board chairs: 1) whether off-board chairmanships are a viable concept--for instance, is there money in the budget for their travel, etc.? 2) are there written guidelines, established communication patterns, organized input channels, established relationships, outlined privileges and responsibilities of off-board chairs to on-board directors and officers and vice-versa--and are these needs funded? 3) is there travel and expense allowance, for instance, to state Council and Convention, board meetings or whatever? If not, some of the \$800 might be used to help that area.

Evelyn Gould, LHV-Midland, asked what size VOTER had been considered in the proposed budget and Director Moore replied that a 4-page publication has been planned. Gould declared that she is opposed to cutting the number of VOTERS, because local Leagues promised state and national VOTERS to members, and she doesn't see that an extra \$50 in several areas makes any impact on program priority.

Frances Emery, LHV-San Marcos, stated that state board had spent considerable time on the proposed budget, and she personally would resent a request of change by uninvolved membership.

Martha Mewhirter, LHV-Irving, reiterated that this change is for only one year and was suggested because of a necessary reality that we must face in order to enable League to take more action and put priorities there.

Director Materka pointed out that, if the VOTER issues were cut, the 30 members-at-large in Texas would hardly receive any communication from state.

Marilyn Forney, LHV-Tarrant County, added that the VOTER is the only vehicle directly from state to every member, and she is opposed to the amendment.

Vice-President Titus mentioned as a point of information that program material in the VOTER might possibly be funded through the Education Fund.

Jeanette Vanderwater, LHV-Houston, replied that since the \$1600 was a cut in the VOTER budget from last year that her impression had been that some VOTERS would be a one-page edition and that \$315 has been budgeted for services to members-at-large. With cutting out three issues of the VOTER, President Anderson's letters might be reprinted in local VOTERS for better communication. The money crunch is hopefully for only one year and the cuts must come from someplace.

Lucy Polter, LHV-Dallas, stated that if we are asking for better local League support, we must keep open lines of communication to members.

Anderson and Moore estimated that \$1600 would supply four 4-page VOTERS rather than five.

A voice vote was taken and the amendment FAILED, with the original motion CARRYING. Judy Shrader, LHV-Plano, suggested as a point of order that because observers are seated with delegates, the vote be retaken with a hand count. This was done and the amendment was DEFEATED 59-9.

There was brief discussion of plans to get 50 percent of the LHV-Texas support pledge to national before Convention.

Membership Workshop

Barbara Materka, Membership and Units Director, gave the membership presentation narration and slides prepared by Vice-President Bobette Higgins, Chairperson of the Planning and Research Committee. The presentation explored opening windows to new ideas, simplifying structures, possibilities of self-destructing modules operating for one specific purpose, local Leagues studying only three study items (one on each level), and seeing future needs now with a fresh approach. Local Leagues were asked to consider, evaluate, and respond appropriately and fearlessly, "in the League way."

President Anderson pointed out that the P&R Committee had chosen membership as a special area to explore this year. National is emphasizing membership and she had indicated to them that LWV-Texas is a fertile area for membership pilot projects.

Jan Coggeshall, LWV-Galveston, indicated that "module" sounds surprisingly like "committee." Loretta Caudle, LWV-Deer Park, stated that a committee ends; a module self-destructs. Madeleine Appel, LWV-Houston, would like to try an experiment, but asked if there would be sustained action with only one-shot projects. Materka said that the narration, if listened to carefully, does not suggest throwing out all of the present structure, but offers alternatives in addition to units. Anderson said that we still need comments and input from interested members. Penny Beaumont, LWV-Brazos County, added that there is need for consideration of working women.

LWV-Ohio Resolution

Hannah Richman, LWV-Abilene, called attention to the flyer passed out by her group entitled "Please Prevent Profligate Program Proliferation." She stated that she was overwhelmed and enchanted with League two years ago when she joined, and that is still overwhelmed but less enchanted. She feels that, to League's detriment, priorities are shifting without grass roots participation, and asked delegates to take "P's" to national Convention and support LWV-Ohio's resolution.

Announcements

Delegates to National Convention were asked to meet at the head table for 5 to 10 minutes before luncheon to consider travel arrangements, etc.

CI/VS

Director Beth Brown expressed the feeling that, with the new designation combining Citizen Information with Voters Service, national is suggesting a broader look at traditional voters service activities sharing our program issues with our communities. We need to say to them, "We think certain issues are important; come see if you do also." We need to identify those, share League techniques, help communities look at identifying issues, and look at them from all sides. They may not know how; we have the reputation for being objective with a non-judgmental approach. She suggested that delegates and observers go home and think about how they can enlarge their Citizens Information/Voters Service work in their own communities.

Announcement

President Anderson gave locations of the planned Program Direction and Development/Finance sessions.

The business of the Council was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Other Activities March 31

After lunch a sight and sound drama, "Diana C., Diana T." was presented by Director Clark. Where the League money goes was graphically shown through the adventures of Administration of Justice Director, Diana Clark and executive secretary Diana Tilley. Mrs. Clark was ably assisted by a chorus composed of Barbara Materka, Eleanor Sutherland, and Lucy Polter of Dallas.

Other Activities March 31 (Continued)

Helen Duckworth of LWV-Victoria, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS The League of Women Voters of Galveston has provided the Fourteenth Presidents' Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas abundant hospitality and entertainment in a unique and beautiful setting, and
WHEREAS Franka Correia and Pat Nishimura and their committee have attended pleasantly to our every creature comfort even to providing a glimpse of sunshine on the Gulf, and
WHEREAS the friendly city of Galveston has extended to us such overwhelming hospitality,
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that delegates and observers assembled at The Flagship do express their sincere appreciation to the City of Galveston, our speaker, Gilbert Carmichael, The American National Insurance Company Choir, The Flagship and its staff, and most especially to the entire League of Women Voters of Galveston.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Heaberlin, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
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ADDENDA TO MAY 19, 1976 PLENARY MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2. COUNCIL MINUTES. The March 30-31 Minutes of the Fourteenth Biennial Council were approved with the following corrections:
- P. 1, Rules and Agenda, Line 5, after "discussions.", insert, "She noted small changes in the proposed budget and agenda."
 - P. 2, Roll Call of Local Leagues, the last sentence should read, "Deer Park, Provisional LWV-Eastern Bell County, and Lamar County representatives arrived late."
 - P. 3, Other Activities March 30, the last sentence should read, "Galveston League members, Sandy Batey, Jan Coggeshall, and Vera Dever, presented suffragette vignettes."
 - P. 4, third subject heading should read, "Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Support."
 - P. 7, LWV-Ohio Resolution, correct spelling is Hannah Rickman.

TO: TEF Board of Trustees
FROM: Betty Anderson
RE: Excerpt from LWV-Houston letter to all Science, Social Studies,
and English teachers in HISD Sr. High Schools re. Land Use Contest

"Students will be asked to.....

'Pretend you are a land planner put in charge of planning exactly how one particular piece of land in or around Houston will be used. Choose any actual plot of land that you feel is ~~not being~~ used to best advantage and decide how you would develop it. (Possibilities range from one vacant lot to acres of open land, from rehabilitating one abandoned building to replacing blocks of slums, from beautifying your own school grounds to a coastal zone management project. Or you could solve a problem, such as flooding of a low-lying area or a traffic bottleneck.) Considering the size, location, soil, and special resources of your land, how many ways could it be used? What would be the best way? Does it take into account esthetic values and the needs of the area?

Once you've chosen your land, describe it and its special characteristics plus the development you have planned for it, in an essay of at least 1000 words. This is not strictly an essay contest, so use charts, pictures, relief maps, models, before and after photos or drawings to show what your project actually will look like. A great deal of importance will be placed on the originality and effort shown in the visual display.

As an alternate, you can choose instead some land you think is being used to best advantage, and show why this use is good in your essay and visual display.'

Contest will be judged on:

1. Awareness of special characteristics of land chosen.
2. Originality of approach to using the land and its resources.
3. Understanding the concept of different but compatible uses of the same land.
4. Feasibility of project.
5. Balancing of economic, social and environmental concerns.
6. Esthetic awareness/sensitivity.
7. Public benefit of project, including its contribution to local economy.
8. Private benefit of project.

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Jan Wilbur
RE: Public School Finance (PSF)

1. I call your attention to the November 1975 issue of Public Affairs COMMENT entitled "Texas' New School Finance Bill: An Evaluation" by Daniel Morgan, Jr. and Robert Brischetto. Public Affairs Comment is published by the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, Austin 78712. Single copies are free upon request. You might wish to subscribe to COMMENT--it is free. Some recent issues have been: "Energy Policy in Texas: State Problems and Response," May 1975--"The Role of the 'Free' Conference Committee in the Texas Budgetary Process, 1962-1973," February 1975.
2. Speaker Clayton has appointed a House education subcommittee to study alternatives to the property tax as a method of financing public education at the local level. In appointing the committee Clayton specified one alternative--allowing school districts to impose an optional sales tax in 1977 to help pay their share of school operating costs. The subcommittee is composed of Massey (chair of the House education committee and chair of this subcommittee), Heatley, Agnich, Lary, Hartung, Kubiak, Toress, Delco, and ???. Hearings will be held around the state starting in Houston, Feb. 10. Dallas, El Paso, Lubbock, Austin, the Valley are among the hearings scheduled also. Local Leagues should be encouraged to attend and if possible report back to us as to what alternatives are proposed and who proposed them-- administrators, city council, tax assessors, school board, county commissioners, private citizens (affiliations?) as well as how many attended, how the hearings were publicized (if they were), and any other comments they might have.

We could testify against the optional sales tax as being regressive; Clayton also mentioned a transactions tax and a petroleum products tax. A petroleum products tax would contribute to dis-equalizing the wealth of the districts and the amount of money a district could spend on its kids. So we would have to oppose it. I don't now exactly what a transactions tax is or which transactions would be taxed!! It seems to me that we could suggest the alternative of increasing the state share of the (minimum) foundation school plan by imposing a corporate (or personal) income tax and thus relieve the burden on the local district's property tax--but should we (see VOTER article). "Faced with insufficient tax revenues and spiraling cost-of-living increases, many large states are cutting their contributions to welfare and education in order to present mandatory balanced budgets while trying to avert politically unpopular tax increases...." (William E. Farrell, "Welfare, Schools First Cut in States' Budgets," Houston Chronicle, Dec. 12, 1975, Sec. 1, p. 1) Is this the handwriting on the wall for us?? Perhaps we might better work to make the cuts in education as minimal as possible!

3. Re. school fees (Is this yours or mine, Liz?) The Houston Post carried an article after the last (January) State Board of Education meeting indicating that the SBE might be considering a vote to lift the ban on collecting school fees. A vote was taken at the January meeting and came out 8-12 against a motion to delay the ruling until the start of the next year. However, some of those votes against the motion were because the item had not been on the agenda for this month's meeting. However, the board set up a special study committee and agreed to consider the issue again next month. Is it TIME FOR ACTION? The cost of this ruling to the schools is estimated at \$22 million for the whole state--most of it because of drivers' ed. Some predict that the Guv will push for paying the total cost of drivers' ed. out of state moneys (unless he would have to raise taxes to do it). Pasadena SD has an arrangement where the drivers' ed. courses are taught at a nearby Jr. College and fees are collected!!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

STATE BOARD REPORT

JANUARY 1976

1212 Guadalupe, #109
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TO: LL Presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson
RE: January 28-30 State Board Meeting

LWV of Texas
February 1976
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I.Q.
Administration
State Board Report

Rather House was the scene of the January Board meeting in Austin. Again, the Austin League extended their gracious hospitality. Both the Budget Committee and the Ad Hoc Financial Support Committee met prior to the Board meeting--so it seemed to be money, money, money that dominated the meeting.

This must be the Year of the Dollar, rather than the Dragon. Lifting the state League out of the Dollar Doldrums was set as our main priority. We were discouraged by the budget analysis but enthused and encouraged by the development program as set out by Carole Shlipak. Carole presented the professionally designed materials designed and donated by the Bloom Agency of Dallas. I think you will be impressed--we were. You will be receiving copies of the annual report shortly.

The new share-the-wealth formula can be found on page 4 of the Policy Guide of LWV-T, Jan. 1976. Each state Board member will have it memorized-- or sanctions we will be applied.

- . Former contributions--the LL is guaranteed the amount previously received plus 20% of the additional money received by the state League
- . New contributions--a LL will be guaranteed 30% of contributions from new sources within its established areas.
- . Finder's Fee--If a LL finds a new contributor for the state League funding, that LL will receive an additional 10% of the total contribution for the first year only.

The budget was drastically revised for the balance of the fiscal year. The office expenses were left at \$1350 a month; but we reduced the amount for SB meetings and LL services by 25%; national convention by 33%; the VOTER by 40%; the national pledge by 50% and the president's account by 60%. All other items were completely cut out, or left with very small amount.

Council theme in Galveston March 30-31st will be "Issues Not Images". The issues will apply to both Elections '76 and the League. The issues will include:

Campaign Effectiveness on Ballot Issues
Legislative Accountability
Public Testimony: Speaking to the Issue
League Leadership
Where Does the Money Go?

Our banquet speaker will be Gilbert Carmichael, Mississippi gubernatorial candidate who ran an issue-oriented campaign last fall. After Liz Davies' successful aquifer campaign, she is ready to instruct in the latest assertiveness techniques at Council.

Convention delegates may join in group rates for reduced fares to New York. Jeanette Vanderwater of Houston reports arrangements have been made through Greenway Travel for 25 people to fly from Houston to New York on May 2, 1976. The group will leave Houston Intercontinental at 4:00 p.m. and arrive in New York, La Guardia, at 7:59 p.m. The round trip fare will be \$175.74 (normal fare is \$238.74). Flight will be by Eastern Airlines return flights may be at any time. If you are interested, make your reservation as soon as possible; money must be advanced by April 2. There must be 15 reservations for this arrangement. Contact Greenway Travel, (713) 626-3000, attention Miss Pat Ryan. Address: Three Greenway Plaza East, Houston, 77046.

Beth Brown reports that Travel Unlimited of Dallas has a group travel rate of \$175

per person for 10-24 persons. Reservations must be made and paid for ten days before departure. Travel Unlimited, Bookhaven Office Park, Suite 105, 2995 LBJ Freeway, Dallas 75234, (214) 243-5008.

The Action Strategy committee had a most productive session with Austin Leaguers Suzy Reid and Jan Albers. They indicate these issues will emerge as top ones during the next legislative session: Property tax reform, accountability in education, the Texas Water Plan, and energy. Please start gearing up for the next session by:

- Building files on legislators-and please share these files with the legislative office in Austin;

- Cultivating legislators during '76 this is the time to lobby League positions;

- Trying to get commitments from the candidates and remembering the commitments.

We sent a letter to Gov. Briscoe deploring his withholding funds for the Department of Public Welfare. These funds would go for basis health need grants.

ERA- About 10 organizations were represented at an ERA coalition meeting Jan 24 in Austin. Barbara Nobles was there for the League. It was decided to continue the coalition under Barbara Vaskar's leadership. A committee was appointed to find solutions to staffing and office operations. Jan Wells will be going to Washington to head the ERAmerica staff.

At Council be sure to ask Austin about programming on cable television for unit meetings, Dallas about The Committee for a Smooth Transition, and Sherman about the Mighty Justice Art Players.

Kathy Leabo and I will be in Austin February 10 and 11th to direct a Board Trainer's Workshop. I will be in Wimberly the 13-15 for a meeting of 20 "movers and shakers." The retreat is being planned by Rep. Sarah Weddington and Marth Smiley of the Texas Women's Political Caucus.

Best Wishes for '76

Betty Anderson
Betty Anderson

P.S. Carve this in stone:

"Everything takes twice as long to do as it seems like it should."

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CALENDAR

February 11 Workshop for Leadership Development trainers - Austin

March 1 Every-Member-Agreement on Administration of Justice deadline
Pledge Payment due in State Office (SO)

March 15 Local League Annual Reports due

March 29 Meetings of Board of Directors of LWV-T and Board of Trustees
of LWV-TEF

March 30-31 Council, Galveston

April 15 Sales Tax Report due to State Office (SO)

May 1 Consultants Reports due to Jane Peterman

May 18-20 Meetings of Board of Directors of LWV-T and Board of Trustees
of LWV-TEF

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Waco Debbie Ray

LWV of Texas
January 1976
LL Presidents
DPM

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: State Office
RE: Additions and Corrections

Correction to Policy Guide (January 1976):

P. 6, RELATIONS TO LOCAL LEAGUES, Paragraph 1:

Since state board assignments are time consuming, it is unwise for a member of the state board to be a member of the board of her local League.

Update of LWV-T/LWV-TEF Officers and Directors/Trustees

Delete:

Marion Gholston, Secretary, LWV-TEF, Budget, Bylaws, Policy, State-Local Relations

Add:

Barbara Materka (Mrs. William), Secretary, LWV-TEF, Bylaws, Membership

Delete:

Jean Bizzell, Legislative

Change:

Jane Peterman--new zip code:

Fumi Sugihara--new telephone number:

Becky Moon--new zip code:

Jan Wilbur--add Budget

Pauline Clarke--add State-Local Relations

Elizabeth Davies--add Transportation

Jane Peterman--delete Membership, add Policy

Delete:

Elaine Huser, Assistant Secretary

Add:

Shelley Friend

Update of Local League Presidents

Bay Area Bunny Sawin

Brazos County Joan Zingaro

Corpus Christi Linda Stubing

Denton Betty Bailey

Midland Sally English

Victoria Linda Ladendorff

Hunt Co. UAL Bobbie Day

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Meg Titus (Mrs. D.L.)
Program Vice-President

LWV of Texas
January 1976

Program-State

PROGRAM

We dealt with some very important topics at January board:

Priorities Setting was done by ballot after considering working papers on each of the following topics: Money, Public Participation, Membership, Property Tax Reform, and Administration of Justice emerged in that order as matters for priority consideration for the rest of the biennium. The program committee (chairs of the various program items) is attempting to develop short-range and long-range plans to use these priorities as guidelines in our action plans for the rest of this biennium. Details will be in this, and later, board reports.

The plans outlined below were developed based on the above priorities:

Action Strategy from the present time through the 1977 legislative session was discussed by the program core committee with valuable input from Suzy Reid and Jan Albers, two experienced Austin Capitol Core members. Plans are to:

- 1.. Start now working with legislators in drafting bills relating to our program positions in preparation for the beginning of the session next January.
3. Start now to keep in close contact with legislators. Local Leagues should really map out plans for constant contact. In areas with no LL, the State board may wish to assign a Leaguer from a nearby town. We will be working toward more one-to-one contact with legislators--from local, from state, and from capitol core members.
3. Start now developing a system for monitoring governmental and interim committee activities for use at both local and state levels. The Texas Register--cost-\$25 per year--will publish governmental information 100 times per year from a centralized source. (Your library should have it--if not ask them to order now.) The House Journal and the Senate Journal are also valuable tools and can be had for the asking if you get your bid in soon enough. Each legislator is entitled to five copies--ask for one of them.
4. Start now working with (or forming if necessary) coalitions in your area. There are lots of organizations with positions common to ours who are short of money and members too.

Preliminary plans were made to investigate the possibility of League organizing a "money making" conference on property tax reform--a topic which cuts across nearly all our program areas of concern. It's going to be one of the "hot" issues during the next session; its one which many other groups are also concerned about; its one in which we MAY be able to accomplish something this session. After TCR we all need a success. This area of property tax reform seem to the SB to be the issue most likely to give us that success. Planning Committee for Property Tax Reform Conference: Bobette Higgins, Jan Wilbur, Liz Davies, Barbara Nobles, Fumi Sugihara, and Laura Keever.

Council is just two months away, and we're asking you to cooperate in handling program direction a bit differently this year. A form will be included with your first council kit asking LLs to take program direction to the members--through a unit meeting, a general meeting, or a board meeting. Please return the form promptly as possible as these will be analyzed for use as a basis for a Council one-hour discussion period. All state board program chairs will be present to answer questions and facilitate our discussion of program direction.

* Action Guidelines are being revised and should be in local League hands before Council. Carole Shlipak and Laura Keever have done yeoman's work condensing and clarifying it. Lots of LLs sent in good ideas and suggestions which they incorporated into the revision.

This Is Our Stand will not be published in its updated form as promised until after both the FSG and A of J member agreement positions can be included--that money shortage makes it impossible to plan to get this to local Leagues before mid-summer. In the meantime, State Office will include a mimeo copy of our current positions with the Council workbook.

Environotes will be discontinued due to our acute budget crunch--unless we can find enough groups or individuals to make it pay for itself. Try again to find some subscribers at \$6.00 per year.

Local Program Positions is another publication that needs to be done again soon. We have two shortages to deal with, however, not only money, but information too. PLEASE, Program Veeps, send me (with cc to SO) all your local League positions and a list of all local program study items. Several of you have asked for this to: a) enable more use of concurrence, b) spark new ideas for local studies, c) provide a broad picture of local League concerns. If all you Veeps send me the material NOW we might--just might--be able to get this together for distribution at Council. Think of all the postage that would save. Please do it today.

A "Think tank" is being planned (also before Council) to put together a "program" catch-up kit". It should be useful to going Leagues as well as provisionals.

Executive Consensus (an analysis of) by the Texas local Leagues is being sent with this board report as separate copy. LMVUS consensus is now out, and comparing our state member agreement positions with the national ones might make an interesting article for your local VOTER. A reminder: In the future please add the name of your local League along with the signatures of the President and Program VP and the state copy of any consensus reports.

National Program Making has brought lots of mail from state and local Leagues across the country. Many of them asked that the state send copies of their flyers to all LLs--BUT we just couldn't afford it. Following is a list of new study items which have been proposed. If you have a special interest in any item contact Betty Anderson, Jan Wilbur or myself, as we are your three delegates to Convention '76.

LWV, Baltimore County-Impact of Population Growth

LWV, District of Columbia-Gun Control

LWV, Hamilton-Wenham ? -Regulatory Agencies of Transportation in the US

LWV, Houston, Texas-Energy (further study, further member agreement, further action)

LWV, Iowa-International Investments

LWV, New Jersey-Women's Issues

LWV, Weson, Conn.- US National Security Policy in Relation to our National Priorities and Goals

LWV, Wisconsin-Energy (supply and demand, sources, costs)

Bobette Higgins (Mrs. Wilfred)
Public Relations Vice-President

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Clippings are rolling in at a fast clip (HAD to, couldn't resist) detailing all kinds of League activity, and showing evidence of lots of savvy on the parts of P.R. Veeps. Up and at 'em! IF YOU WOULD SEND ME DETAILS OF SOME OF YOUR MORE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM IN THESE BOARD REPORTS FOR OTHERS TO NOTE AND ADAPT TO THEIR OWN USES.

P.R. Veeps could play a significant part in helping to spread the word about the Coastal Management Program a-borning, if they would walk right up the land use chair and bowl her over by offering to help schedule and show the film Faces of the Coast. I hasten to add that this activity is NOT one that should be confined just to coastal Leagues. I hope local Leagues all over the state give this a whirl. This kind of interaction is possibly the best way for a PR person to function. Look over your League for other possibilities.

Barbara Materka (Mrs. Wm. J.)
Director, Membership/Units

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Unit Organization

THE BROKEN RECORD

Recruit, Orient, Involve, Retain. How many times have you, the chairperson, heard or read those words about the job you must do in membership? Has it become a broken record? Are you slightly nauseated by them? Have you also heard--ad infinitum--that the League needs to be more flexible and more innovative?

O.K. What we need, then, are some positive and specific suggestions on how to accomplish these things. A few were mentioned in the November Board Report, such as stressing the responsibility of the individual member and of the member of the local board. Have you tried any or all of the following?--

1. Include in your VOTER a tear-off sheet for mailing in memberships, or at least, list on the front page the membership chairperson's name and address.
2. Pass around at League meetings WHO DO YOU KNOW sheets, asking for names, addresses, and phone numbers of prospects to be contacted by a prospect committee.
3. Have a Counterpart Workshop for Leagues in your area, where membership ideas can be exchanged. (Irving had a successful one on January 9th!)
4. Have a night meeting to which husbands can be invited and asked to join. Added incentives might be an outstanding speaker, a panel on some burning issue, or even a wine and cheese tasting party. (A couple of Leagues actually tried the latter. Do I need say it worked?)
5. Organize a unit that meets for lunch and design it for Leaguers who work. (Think of the possibilities for including businessmen.)
6. Organize one unit that does nothing but Action, a kind of "Have stationery, will write!" group.
7. Have day-time units meet in a church, Y, or other public place where babysitters are available.
8. Have some general meetings at noon with a luncheon included and some in the evening.
9. Create a party out of member orientation meetings, with mixer type games and skits to demonstrate League program and action.
10. Follow up your interest questionnaires with telephone contacts to see where and how a member is functioning in the League (or not functioning). Be prepared to make specific suggestions tailored to the individual's profile.
11. Use names culled from these same questionnaires to pass along to the various League portfolios for use in recruiting help of all the various kinds.
12. Always telephone or see in person anyone who has not paid dues within the prescribed time limit. If that member has lost interest, find out why. Many of these potential drop-outs can be saved with a little sincere attention.

There you have a dozen ideas, certainly not original, but with definite potential. Perhaps they can help you break your record in membership totals.

P.S. I'm still waiting to hear your good ideas.

Beth Brown (Mrs. Warren A.)
Voters Service
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Voter Service

CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE

Catch-up, Follow-up, Fall-apart Dept: My last missive, written 6 a.m., Jan. 30, mentioned Raza Unida. The filing deadline was not delayed and it now appears that minimal attempt will be made by that party to field a full slate of candidates, but let us stay alert.

In the "Brief Guide to Voters Guides" we perhaps slighted one step in the process. The job of distributing the guides is a separate step and must be seen as a total board, total League responsibility. In addition to League members and financial contributors, a distribution list should include schools and colleges, banks, libraries and other public institutions. Community centers in the minority areas are good outlets. Organizations such as PTA, AAUW, etc. may be interested and of help. The distribution possibilities are numerous and will vary with each community. Seek media publicity about the availability of the guides. This is good PR for League, in addition to the fact that stacks of out-of-date, undistributed guides represent a shattering waste of time, effort, hard-earned money, and natural resources. The distribution process should not be viewed as the sole responsibility of the Voters Guide committee or chairperson!

There were, of course, errors in the lists of districts and Leagues therein. Confusion also arose as to the additional question for State Board of Education. All Leagues are urged to confer with other affected Leagues to be certain that SBE candidates in a given area (Houston/DFW) are asked the same questions. The process this spring is new, untried, and trying. Please send me, in addition to two copies of your guides for every election your frank and earnest evaluation of the process and your thoughts on the possibilities for the November general election.

Right On! Dept.: In preparation for a shopping mall referendum voted on Jan. 17 in San Antonio, six thousand people were registered to vote in four days prior to the registration deadline. Credit for this impressive accomplishment is shared by organizations representing both sides of the ballot issue, but be assured that the San Antonio League was mightily involved and highly visible. How's that for a heartening success story?!

Please Pay Attention Dept.: In a Jan. 27th directive to Tax Assessor/Collector, the Secretary of State announced the publication of a Handbook for Volunteer Deputy Registrars. The handbook is to be made available to registration officials in reasonable amounts free of charge. Local Leagues may wish to encourage their local officials to provide these books to all volunteer registrars in and out of League. The availability of this handbook should make it easier for Leagues to involve interested non-League people in the volunteer registration process.

TEXAS' first presidential primary has drawn 8 contenders--6 Democrats and 2 GOPs. US Sen. Bentsen, Gov. Wallace and Jimmy Carter earned Demospots in all 31 senatorial districts, Sargent Shriver in 6 and New Yorker Ellen McCormack (a right-to-lifer) in 5. Nat'l Cmte woman Billie Carr will have uncommitted slates in 18 districts. On the GOP side, President Ford and Ronald Reagan qualified in all 24 congressional districts. Uncommitted GOP slates were filed in 5 districts.

Hope and Pray Dept.: The state board would like to provide a Voters Key between now and the primary election. The hope is for sufficient time to write one; the prayer is for sufficient money.

Off-board members of the CI/VS committee: Marian Bryan-Austin; Libby Eddins-Tarrant County; Molly Kahn-Irving; Mary Lou Woods-Dallas.

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
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PUBLICATIONS

Be sure to check your Council packets for publication plans for Council in Galveston.

Another Facts and Issues is nearing completion. Financing State Government in Texas, The Budget Process and Financial Administration, 8 pages, 50¢, provides essential background information for your members.

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Land Use

COASTAL MANAGEMENT REVISITED

You're apt to get sick to death of reading so much about the Coastal Management Program. But it is SO important, and it is equally important that local Leagues on the coast participate in the public hearings now going on. While you're about it, you might consider NOT taking notes--your attention should be directed toward listening (carefully!) to the comments of others, and speaking (also carefully) when you believe your views should be heard. The technique of participating effectively in a public hearing is an art learned mostly through trial and error--when to be quietly persuasive, when to be firm, when to inject a note of humor. And also how to decide WHO is your target--Others in the audience? (this will probably be the case in these hearings), the agency reps conducting the hearing? And always try to keep your cool! Please let me know how the hearings in your area progress.

I cannot praise too highly the film, Faces of the Coast, made under the auspices of the General Land Office, and distributed (free! with a speaker from the GLO, also free! to any group or organization for their programs. It is a beautiful film. You could do much to help spread awareness of the coastal situation by making every effort to insure that this film is seen by many people. By all means, show it to League members, but OH, PLEASE, DON'T STOP THERE. Contact service clubs, schools, and other organizations and tell them how to obtain the film. If you really want a gold star, offer to book the film for them, and also make arrangements for showing it on your local TV stations (it's 26 minutes long). Write Ron Jones, Director, Coastal Management Program
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Straw in the Wind

At the recent State Land Use Policy Conference in Austin, I detected a faint stirring, a quiet rustle, a barely perceptible change in attitude on the part of many who had been adamantly opposed to ANY form of land use management. I've been noticing this for some months, and this conference confirmed that what we had long hoped WOULD happen IS happening: people, some people, are beginning to lean toward acceptance of some measure of land use management, because they see the need for it. And while they are reluctant, and fearful, and most of all sad at the prospect, they are beginning to rethink old values. I do not believe "the decision-makers" are aware of this trend, if such wispy signs can be called trend, Pity.

Leagues from Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Victoria were very much Among Those Present at the conference.

New Publication Available

There is an excellent new land use publication out, called Land: State Alternatives for Planning and Management. Get it by writing the Council of State Governments, Iron Works Pike, [REDACTED]. Better send four bucks. But maybe if you say it's for the League, they'll send you a complimentary copy. So beg a little. Whine.

Betty Anderson (Mrs. John A.)
Chairperson, LWV-Texas Education Fund

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TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

The Trustees accepted a proposed budget for 1976-77 of \$12,735 at their January 28th meeting in Austin. This budget includes expenses for general administration (1/4 of the joint expenses of LWV-T and LWV-TEF Board meetings and office expenses), educational projects, Citizen Information/Voters Service, and research and development.

Several years ago, Judge W. St. John Garwood gave the TEF endowment 100 shares of Houston Production Co. stock. In December we received the first partial amount of liquidating cash from the sale of this stock to Houston Oil and Minerals Corporation. We are investing this in Certificates of Deposits at 8.06 per cent per annum. We hope to realize \$1,600 from this investment for the Texas Education Fund in the next fiscal year.

At its November meeting, the Trustees elected Barbara Materka as secretary--replacing Marion Gholston who resigned.

The 1976 LWV-T Education Fund manual has been distributed. Please re-read the procedures on page 2. It is imperative that we receive your Project Request Form two weeks prior to the Trustees meeting. This enables us to reproduce the information for the Trustees. We must have three copies of the Financial Report for TEF Grant, as well as three copies of any material published in connection with the project not later than one month after completion. You will also note that it's possible to purchase national publications which have a LWV-US Ed Fund publication number with Ed fund monies on deposit. There is a project request form for this purpose in the Manual.

The Board of Trustees approved several EQ-related Houston projects. The Houston League has a restricted account which the donor specified be used only for environmental quality projects. Dallas is producing an energy publication with Ed Fund monies. Denton, Abilene, and Lubbock plan to publish Voters Guides through the Ed Fund. Earlier Voters Guides projects approved include Austin and Corpus Christi. Projects may be approved--contingent upon funding.

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFYING PROJECTS

Public Meetings: Seminars, conferences, workshops

Voters Service Projects

Radio, television, slide, film presentation

Publications--with no mention of League position

Publication Distribution--Purchase of LWVUS-EF publications for distribution to schools, libraries, League members and general public

Guidelines for State and Local League use of Tax Deductible Money, #361 LWVEF is 15¢ and may be ordered from the LWVUS.

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BUDGET ANALYSIS
June 1, 1975 to November 30, 1975

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIATION</u>
A. Support from Local Leagues	30089.00	16595.07	13493.93
B. Members-at-large Dues	750.00	150.00	600.00
Units-at-large Dues	0	150.00	(150.00)
C. Sales	19640.00	2552.42	17087.58
1. Publications 7600	357.42		
2. Voters Guides 8000	10.00		
3. DPM 1500	1170.00		
4. Stand. Order 2240	1015.00		
5. Misc 300			
D. Interest	530.00	73.04	456.96
E. Grants	15925.00	0	15925.00
F. Non-deductible gifts	9250.00	1003.93	8246.07
1. Members (cash) 750	283.25		
" Non-cash 0	720.68		
2. Non-member 8500	0		
G. Anticipated Cash Reserves	5485.00	937.00	4547.10
H. Council Fees (1976)	2000.00	0	2000.00
I. LWV Ed Fund Reimbursement	720.00	39.46	680.54
TOTAL	84389.00	20781.14	63607.86
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIATION</u>
A. State Office Operating Costs:			
1. Equipment Maintenance	650.00	584.94	65.06
2. General Supplies	1500.00	777.61	722.39
3. Postage	2100.00	1340.19	759.81
4. Telephone	1015.00	284.62	730.38
5. Insurance & Bonding	165.00	0	165.00
6. a. Rent & Utilities	2520.00	1400.00	1120.00
b. Salaries	10275.00	4845.00	5430.00
c. Payroll taxes	772.00	389.96	382.00
7. Bank Charges	25.00	0	25.00
8. Audit & Tax Reports	300.00	0	300.00
9. New Equipment (incl. accrual)	500.00	0	300.00
10. Moving Expense (inc. accrual)	780.00	612.66	167.34
11. Supplemental Expense-Executive			
a. Travel	900.00	190.43	709.57
b. Per Diem	300.00	29.30	270.70
c. Board Member Assistance	180.00	31.85	148.15
Sub Total	21982.00	10486.56	11495.44
B. Board & Administrative Costs			
1. President			
a. Secretarial Assistance	840.00	0	840.00
b. Telephone	300.00	145.22	154.78
c. Representation	350.00	118.39	231.61
2. Treasurer	110.00	9.30	100.70

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Educational Activities

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1. LWV-TEF				
a. Program	1125.00	0	1125.00	
b. Voter Service Project	1000.00	0	1000.00	
c. Legislative Research Mat.	500.00	292.19	297.81	
d. Non-League Workshops	300.00	0	300.00	
e. League Workshops & Conf.	13000.00	0	13000.00	
2. LWV-T (not Ed. Funded)				
a. Voter Service Committee	200.00	21.72	178.28	
b. Affiliations	100.00	0	100.00	
c. Publications & Subscriptions	100.00	0	100.00	
d. New Program Study (AJ)	250.00	93.61	156.39	6.00
Sub-total	16575.00	317.52	16257.48	6.00

Position Support Activities

1. Program Supervision	50.00	18.50	31.50	18.00
2. Campaign Expense	1000.00	0	1000.00	
3. State Program Action				
a. TCR	500.00	34.22	465.78	
b. Human Resources	100.00	12.00	88.00	
c. Modern. State Gov.	75.00	0	75.00	
d. 1. EQ-Air	225.00	122.14	102.86	
2. EQ-Water	225.00	121.21	103.79	
3. EQ-Solid Waste	100.00	0	100.00	
4. EQ-Land Use	350.00	183.21	166.79	65.00
5. EQ-Energy	150.00	81.01	68.99	75.00
6. EQ-Transportation	100.00	0	100.00	
e. Voting Rights	250.00	125.76	124.24	51.00
f. Financing State Gov.	125.00	181.83	(56.83)	72.00
g. State Local Relations	25.00	0	25.00	
4. National Program Action				
1. International Relations	25.00	34.24	(9.24)	
2. Representative Gov.	25.00	0	25.00	
3. Campaign Finance	25.00	0	25.00	
5. Legislative Office				
1. Rent	755.00	0	755.00	
2. Directors Expense	150.00	0	150.00	
Sub-total	4280.00	914.12	3365.88	314.10

GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	84389.00	20422.59	63966.41	720.68
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BANK ACCOUNTS	Bal 6-1-75	Deposits	Expenditures	Bal 11-30-75
General Operating (Austin)	509.80	22853.20	22436.33	926.67
TEF (from Ed Fund)	937.90	0	202.19	735.71
Certificates of Deposit	4763.87	73.04	763.87	4073.04
Reserves (savings)	3352.64	763.87	2000.00	2116.51
Total	9564.21	23690.11	25402.39	7851.93
TEF ACCOUNTS	773.45	0	202.19	571.26
Legislative Res. Material	56.49	0	0	56.49
Land Use	43.92	0	0	43.92
Public School Finance	28.67	0	0	28.67
Fin. State Govern.	1.12	0	0	1.12
Voters Keys	34.25	0	0	34.25
NRS (Bal of LWVUS Grant)	937.90	0	202.19	735.71

LOCAL LEAGUE PLEDGE ACCOUNTS '75-76
(June 1, 1975 to Nov. 30, 1975)

LOCAL LEAGUE	Pledged	Ed Fund*	AMOUNT PAID to Gen. Op.	11/30/75 Balance
Abilene	305.00		305.00	0
Amarillo	500.00	125.00	125.00	250.00
Austin	1460.00		1095.00	365.00
Bay Area	700.00		0	700.00
Baytown	515.00		128.75	386.25
Beaumont	645.00		461.15	183.85
Brazos Co.	321.00		321.00	0
Brownsville	300.00		150.00	150.00
Corpus Christi	985.00		493.00	492.00
Dallas	3795.00		1897.50	1897.50
Deer Park	300.00		50.00	250.00
Denton	720.00		720.66	(66)
Edinburg-McAllen	393.00		393.00	0
El Paso	885.00		442.50	442.50
Gainesville (Prov)	300.00		75.00	225.00
Galveston	1600.00		800.00	800.00
Garland	338.00		169.00	169.00
Harlingen	350.00		87.50	262.50
Houston	4500.00		2250.00	2250.00
Huntsville (Prov.)	300.00		0	300.00
Irving	1125.00		564.00	
Lamar Co.	567.00		567.05	(.05)
Lubbock	850.00		0	850.00
Midland	525.00		525.00	0
Odessa	350.00		100.00	250.00
Orange Area	300.00		150.00	150.00
Pasadena	300.00		150.00	150.00
Pearland	310.00		332.36	(22.36)
Plano (Prov.)	300.00		150.00	150.00
Richardson	449.00		174.50	274.50
San Antonio Area	1260.00		660.00	600.00
San Marcos	450.00		225.00	225.00
Sherman	655.00		655.00	0
Tarrant Co.	1400.00	350.00	565.00	485.00
Tyler	425.00		225.00	200.00
Victoria	480.00		240.00	240.00
Waco Area	645.00		309.66	335.34
Wichita Falls	485.00		242.50	242.50
Total	30088.00	475.00	15799.13	13813.87
Added since convention				
Eastern Bell Co. (Prov.)	200.00		200.00	0
Montgomery Co (disbanded)	0		418.94	(418.94)
So. Jeff Co. (disbanded)	0		177.00	(177.00)
Total	30288.00	475.00	16595.07	13217.93

*Money in this category goes to the ed fund and not to LWV-TEF account that is shown in this report. The two are separate.

Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas)
Voting Rights and Election Laws Director

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Voting Rights/ Election Laws

How do your local elections grow?

Now that the Spring batch of local elections is to be planted in a single pot on April 3, many local Leagues have been observing, inquiring about, or taking part in preliminary planning by various governmental bodies. (See September Board Report.) With your help, we'll try to collect information for use during the next legislative session when the law fixing the dates for elections will be allowed to die, be adopted permanently, or be adopted permanently with changes.

First of all, if joint elections are being held in your area, please determine whether or not the following points have been considered (Art. 2.01 c (b), Vernon's Texas Election Code. Underlining and parenthetical comments are mine):

"When a joint election is to be held, a resolution reciting the terms of the agreement, including the method for allocating the expenses for the election, shall be adopted by the governing body of each of the participating political subdivisions.

"The agreement may provide (1) for use of a single ballot form at each polling place, to contain all the offices or propositions to be voted on at that polling place, or (2) for separate ballot forms; provided, however, that no voter shall be given a ballot containing any office or proposition on which the voter is ineligible to vote. (In those precincts where jurisdictions overlap in such a way that some voters can vote in one election but are ineligible to vote in the other(s), the registration lists should be prepared before election day to indicate to the election clerks, which ballot a particular voter may take or which voting machine he/she can use. Maps showing the boundaries of the jurisdiction holding elections should be prominently displayed at the polling place so that voters can be sure they are voting in the right elections.)

"One set of election officers may be appointed to conduct the joint election, and any person who is qualified to serve as an election officer in the election of any one of the participating political subdivisions may be appointed to serve in the joint election.

"Poll lists, tally lists, return forms, and other records for the various elections may be combined in any manner convenient and adequate to record and report the results of each election.

"Where paper ballots or punchcard ballots are used, one set of ballot boxes and one stub may be used for receiving all ballots and ballot stubs for the joint election.

"Returns on joint or separate forms may be made to, and the canvass made by, each officer, board, or body designated by law to receive and canvass the returns for the joint election and to report the results of each election to the proper authority.

"Where other records are combined, the officer designated by law to be the custodian of the records for any participating subdivision may be designated in the agreement to be the custodian of the combined records.

"Where the counted ballots for more than one subdivision are deposited in a single

ballot box, the officer designated by law to be the custodian of the voted ballots for any one of the subdivisions may be designated on the agreement to be the custodian."

Although the public notice of the election does not have to include the terms of the agreement by the governing bodies holding the joint election (see Art. 4.05), we should encourage such publication so that voters will know who is responsible for the various aspects of the election. Publication or posting of precinct maps showing polling place locations a few days before the election would be a great help to the voting public.

After the election, please send me, if you can, answers to the following questions and any other comments or observations that you have made:

1. Did the various governing units in your area:
 - a. consolidate their elections completely? Please describe the elections in terms of the items mentioned above.
 - b. hold them in the same polling places, but with different personnel?
 - c. hold their elections separately, using their customary polling places? Please indicate the apparent reasons for this decision.
2. What kinds of difficulties were encountered?
 - a. by the voter (please include problems inside and outside the polling place and comment on the quality of voter education before the election.)
 - b. by election personnel (if possible, interview precinct elections workers).
3. Did the elections held on the same day have any effect on voter turnout? On the costs of the election? (Please include comparative data, if they are available).
4. What was the overall community reaction to the idea of elections on the same day? (Enthusiastic and supportive? Mildly interested? Critical? Indifferent?)
5. What improvements in the law do you suggest? For example,
 - a. Should joint elections be mandatory?
 - b. Should detailed maps of all jurisdictions holding elections be required at each polling place?
 - c. Should there be at least one administrative office open on election day where the public can seek answers to their questions and where a copy of the master registration list is available?
 - d. To facilitate checking-in and ballot-distribution procedures at the polling place, should each voter have listed on his/her certificate each governmental unit in which he/she resides? (precinct numbers of county, city, school district, water district, hospital district, etc.?)
 - e. Should registration card files replace the registration lists at the polling places to make it easier to segregate those eligible to vote in certain elections from those who are not? (Only precincts cut through by jurisdictional boundary lines would need them).

Federal Election Commission regional Seminar, February 25.

Anyone who is interested in campaign financing and elections and is in the Dallas area on February 25 should attend the free seminar held by the Federal Election Commission in Room 7 A 23, Federal Building, 1100 Commerce, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Dallas area Leagues have been notified individually.) By that time, we should know the fate of the Election Commission. As you are undoubtedly aware the Supreme Court ruled

on January 30 that the Commission was created illegally and gave Congress 30 days to reconstitute it. The Court also ruled that spending limits for campaigns are unconstitutional because it violates the guarantee of freedom of speech. At this writing, the effect of the ruling on Texas' new law limiting expenditures by candidates for state office is uncertain.

Bag of oddments

The meeting on the Voting Rights Act held in Austin on December 17 was very informative about how the Act affects local jurisdictions and most illuminating with respect to the attitudes of state officials to representatives of the federal government. I have a couple of copies of the transcript available and will gladly share them with anyone who might be interested. They are also available from the House Elections Committee, Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78767, for \$3 each.

The price of the updated Texas Election Laws has risen as expected: \$6 for 1 copy, \$5.50 for 2-5- copies, \$5 for 6 or more copies. Order from Hart Graphics, Box 968, Austin, Texas 78767 or call the company at 800/292-9643. It is still the most convenient source for current election laws.

The new edition of the Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks issued by the Secretary of State for the different voting systems will not be ready until March. Try to borrow a copy from a party county chairperson or the county clerk.

Natural Resources (Mrs. F.)
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ENERGY

As a result of a request by LWV-San Antonio, the LWV-T Board has given direction to pursue our joining the Texas Coalition for Utility Regulation. Some facts from the Coalition: "The members of the Texas Coalition for Utility Regulation first became active advocating the creation of a strong commission to regulate Texas utilities last session. Our present concern is to monitor the activities of those agencies responsible for utility regulation in Texas to assure that the consumer's voice is heard. Members of the Texas Coalition for Utility Regulation include the Texas Consumers' Association, the Texas AFL-CIO, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Retired Teachers' Association, Common Cause, TexPIRG, and the Texas City Action Group." The agencies that will be most closely monitored are the Railroad Commission and the Texas Utilities Commission. The basis of LWV support is, of course, our energy conservation position. Utility rates may encourage conservation of energy or they may encourage consumption-unfortunately many of today's rates encourage consumption through use of the declining rate structure, i.e., the more energy you use the less you pay. We will work toward having these rate structures revised.

I was happy to see that two planks of the proposed Texas Environmental Coalition platform relate to energy. These state:

"Rate structures: Regulatory agencies should substantially decrease discounts allowed heavy users of electrical, gas and other energy resources.

"Other energy aspects: We should encourage, in every way possible, a decreased per capita use of non-renewable energy resources."

If your league is active in responding to the proposed platform, please encourage retention of these two planks. (Of course, they could be strengthened!)

I have been watching the Governor's Energy Advisory Council fairly closely and have been concerned about the smallness of their Austin staff. According to Joe Ventura, Assistant Executive Director, he has a staff of twelve; and only one of that staff has energy conservation as his primary assignment. (Two or three others do have some conservation concerns but have other primary responsibilities.) We will therefore be writing members of the Advisory Council recommending that they increase the staff size of those with energy conservation as their primary responsibility.

I have been interviewing Joe Hanna and Milton Fox (the chairman and vice-chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee) in an effort to determine what they think will be introduced in the next legislative session relating to energy. I will also be interviewing Senator Sherman. Meanwhile, if any of the members of the House or Senate energy committees live in your area, PLEASE TALK TO THEM ABOUT WHAT THEY ANTICIPATE IN THE NEXT SESSION AND LET ME KNOW!! Members of the House Committee are: Hanna, Chairman; Fox, Vice Chairman; Canales, Craddick, Lewis, Mankins, Newton, Nowlin, Parker of Jefferson, Schieffer, Slack. Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee are: Sherman, Chairman; McKnight, Vice Chairman; Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harrington, Jones, Kothmann, Mengden, Patman, and Williams. Also, if any of your legislators are interested in energy, particularly energy conservation, please let me know their concerns. Obviously, these will change by the next legislative session, but we need to begin planning NOW.

The House Energy Committee had a hearing in Austin last week (some of which I attended) on the topic of coal slurry pipelines vs. rail transportation of coal. I will be asking the board at its next meeting to give me direction in this area. If you have information and/or opinions, please let me hear from you.

My compliments to Pearl Wincorn, LWV-Dallas, on her excellent energy publication. I encourage every league to contact Dallas as to how to obtain a copy. I understand there aren't too many extras, so write soon.

Another excellent publication is the Newsletter of the Energy Conservation Project, Environmental Law Institute, 1346 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Many thanks to those Austin and Dallas area energy chairpersons who have met with me to discuss energy concerns. I will have the next session in the Houston area. Our discussions of local and state concerns are extremely beneficial to me-and I hope to you.

To end this report, I wish to list some costs and energy usage for household appliances. These figures are from Consolidated Edison & Environmental Energies, Inc., and I hope will lay to rest the "I will be happy to give up my electric toothbrush" syndrome.

APPLIANCE	COST	WATTS	KILOWATTS A YEAR
Blender	6.3¢ a month	350	8.4
Broiler	12.8 ¢ an hour	1436	76.5
Can opener	negligible	110	1
Coffeepot	8.1¢ an hour	894	178
Hot plate	10¢ an hour	1100	365
Mixer	.2 an hour	120	13
Microwave oven	13.5¢ an hour	1495	190
Toaster	.5¢ per use	1146	39
Drier	\$7.74 a month	4856	1032
Range with oven	\$1.20 an hour	12,200	1175
Range, self-cleaning oven	\$1.30 an hour	12,200	1250
Refrigerator/freezer, 14 cu. ft.	28¢ a day	326	1137
Refrigerator/freezer, frostless, 14 cu. ft.	45¢ a day	615	1829
Freezer, 15 cu. ft.	29.3¢ a day	341	1200
Freezer, frost-free, 15 cu. ft.	43.5¢ a day	440	1764
Washer	81¢ a month	512	108
Electric baseboard heat average house	\$144 a month	10,000	19,200
Air conditioner 8000 BTU	8¢ an hour	850	860
Electric blanket	1.6¢ an hour	180	150
Portable heater	43¢ a day	1500	176
Record player (tube)	1.3¢ an hour	150	90
Record player (solid state)	.5¢ an hour	60	36
TV, b/w (tube)	1.4¢ an hour	160	350
b/w (solid state)	.5¢ an hour	55	120
color (tube)	2.7¢ an hour	300	660
color (solid state)	1.8¢ an hour	200	440
Iron	10¢ an hour	1100	114
Sewing machine	.7¢ an hour	75	11
Shaver	negligible	15	2
Toothbrush	negligible	7	6
Vacuum	7.5¢ an hour	840	50

Based on 9¢/kilowatt hour

Becky Moon (Mrs. Tom)
Air Quality Chairperson

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POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING TO CONSIDER VINYL CHLORIDE EMISSIONS
OF PROPOSED NEW POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PLANT

Under the new Texas Administrative Procedures Act the Texas Air Control Board adopted new Procedural Rules in January. Included in these rules is a public notice-public hearing mechanism to consider construction permits. These hearings will, for the first time, allow citizens to comment on the issuance of new construction permit applications. New plants continually add to the pollution load. The Texas Air Control board has never refused to issue a construction permit although they have required in any instances that the proposed emission levels be lowered by the installation of additional pollution control equipment before the permit is issued. Some citizens have been concerned about the addition of particular pollutants. Of concern are those pollutants

1. for which there is a standard (based on health) and the pollutant level is already greater than the standard.
2. which are toxic or cause cancer and are not covered by a standard.

The first request for a public hearing to consider a construction permit, filed by the League of Women Voters of Texas on Oct. 24, was acted upon and a public hearing was set for Feb. 12. In compliance with the Texas Administrative Procedures Act, the format of a construction permit public hearing is "quasi-legal". These adjudicative hearings call for the use of pre-hearing conferences, depositions, subpoenas, rules of evidence and cross examination. Full legal rights are extended to each "party", unlike the traditional public hearing in which citizen rights were very limited. With these rights, under this particular set of rules, comes a great deal of responsibility: financial and legal. I am concerned that the very nature of this kind of hearing will frighten citizens and groups from participating. I feel strongly that League should work with the Texas Air Control Board to simplify the procedures. Additionally, I feel it would be very beneficial to familiarize ourselves and others with the procedures.

Between Jan. 8 and Jan. 29 I had 21 days to put our case together: define issues, gather research and witnesses and raise funds to cover the cost of legal assistance. Meeting the pre-hearing conference deadline cost us delays, but I was determined that League would be prepared and well-represented.

Feb. 3 I was notified that the TACB had postponed the public hearing until April. We were in the lead at the pre-hearing conference and I looked forward wearily to the culmination on Feb. 12. I liken the past 21 days to a baseball game. We ran the bases, with considerable effort, only to find as we came down the home stretch that someone had stolen the home plate.

This morning I was told the polyvinyl chloride plant which has requested the construction permit for expansion, the plant in question at this public hearing, had had a major upset on January 22. An unknown quantity of vinyl chloride was released into the air during a 3 1/2 hour period.

Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop A.)
Director, Administration of Justice

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ADMINISTRATION OF (CRIMINAL) JUSTICE

With this mailing, or shortly thereafter, you will receive the Texas Criminal Justice Standards and Goals report issued the last week of February. We were lucky to be able to get enough of the limited copies for one to each local League. It will be interesting to compare our consensus results with specific goals stated in the report. The report will be the basis for much legislation to be introduced in the 1977 session.

I hope all your justice meetings were successful. I have much enjoyed reading about them in the various VOTERS. (BY the way, I do not receive every League's VOTER. Will you check your mailing list to see that I am included. I really do read them all.)

Our goal for the next section (or phase 2) of Justice material is another Facts and Issues ready for distribution by the middle of June with a consensus deadline of November 5th. This is an attempt to give you lots of study time to make up for the lack of same the first time. Projected topics to be covered besides taking the sample case to its conclusion are: juries, trials, courts and court administration, sentencing, probation and parole. There may be a small amount about the Texas Prison system and corrections in general, but more probably, this will have to wait until the next biennium. Juvenile justice research is commencing and we hope to have materials to you by January/February of 1977. Specific deadlines will come after the May board meeting in time to plan next year's program calendar.

In 1973, the state League, and Helen Hunter as researcher and author, prepared a report entitled Modernizing the Texas Judicial System. Please search your files, or the program or presidential files for this publication. This material on all courts in the state is as relevant today as it was in 1973 (aside from a few statistics) because of the failure of the Judiciary Article in the late new constitution. Because of the expense involved, I do not plan to redo this work yet it is excellent background material for the second phase of the justice study as it relates to criminal court structure. I am reserving the few copies available in the state office for the new Leagues formed since 1973 who might not have a copy and those remaining will be on a first come first serve basis.

If you absolutely cannot find a copy, I will find some way to reproduce the sections on criminal courts for you. Please let me know before April 15th.

The Administration of Justice consensus will be announced at Council in Galveston, March 30th. Copies will go to local Leagues after that time.

The Texas Bar Association is considering the formation of regional committees to work on various aspects of criminal laws and procedure. If your League has a person or persons with expertise in any area touching the subject, (without necessarily being a lawyer) I would appreciate having their names to suggest to the bar. The Dallas justice committee chairperson serves on a local bar corrections committee as the only lay person and is doing an excellent job because of her League study experience. Houston's chairperson serves on the Houston-Galveston Area COG Law Enforcement Committee. There

well may be others of you involved too. Let me know who they are as well as new suggestions.

The American Bar Association, in its 19th year of nationwide observance of Law Day, May 1, has outlined numerous suggestions to local bar groups for their participation. The theme this year is 200 Years of Liberty and Law. If your League is interested in participating, contact your local bar right away. They need to know what we are doing in the justice area, even if you don't want to participate in Law Day, so send them a copy of the Facts & Issues at least.

Thank you for the clippings. Space precludes listing all the Leagues that have been doing local research, but what I have seen is very, very good. And the clippings are very useful.

Finally: Have you read the Declaration of Independence lately? My daughter read it aloud to me the other day. Hearing those impassioned, yet simple words, embodies for me the reasons why we continue the struggle-not only in a study of the justice system, but in every League action toward citizen participation in government.

Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert D.)
Director (FSG, PSF, budget)

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Public School Finance

1. The November 1975 issue of Public Affairs Comment is "Texas's New School Finance Bill: An Evaluation" by Daniel Morgan, Jr. and Robert Brischetto. You might wish to subscribe to Comment--it's free (that is, paid by our tax dollars). Some recent issues have been: "Energy Policy in Texas: State Problems and Response," May 1975 and "The Role of the 'Free' Conference Committee in the Texas Budgetary Process, 1962-1973, February, 1975." To subscribe and/or for free copies of back issues write to:

Public Affairs Comment
Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs
University of Texas at Austin

2. Speaker Clayton has appointed a House Education subcommittee to study alternatives to the property tax as a method of financing public education at the local level. The subcommittee is chaired by Massey (who chairs the House Education Committee) and is composed of Heatley, Agnich, Lary, Hartung, Kubiak, Tores, Delco, and one other. Hearings will be held around the state starting in Houston, February 10; Edinburg, March 4; Dallas, March 18; Nacogdoches, April 1; San Angelo, April 23; Haskell, May 13; San Antonio, June 4 and; Austin, June 25.

Please go if you can and it would be extremely helpful to me if you can let me know who testified (county tax assessor, superintendents, school boards, city council members) and what they proposed; how many attended--any private citizens; and how the hearings were publicized.

Please don't worry about typing up a real neat report--a handwritten note will suffice.

If you wish to testify please do bear in mind that the state position is to oppose any further sales tax and that we support raising the level of state support for public schools which would in turn relieve the burden on the local property tax. If you wish to recommend a corporate profits or an income tax at the state level to raise the added revenue needed please note any favorable response (as well as those who are adamantly opposed)--we need to know how much support we can expect if we decide this is the year to push for such an unpopular tax! Again, if you choose to testify please send me a copy for my information. Thanks.

15. ACTION STRATEGY CONT'D.

- Priorities should be firmly established, with some flexibility because it is too early to finalize.
- LL's should begin now to contact legislators, targeting key people for lobbying and becoming aware of present happenings.
- Need for consideration of working with coalitions, especially possible in land use this session.
- Campaign finance reports, if read and reported annually, could be very useful information.
- Action Alerts are more meaningful to LL's when limited to priority areas.
- One person in Austin once a week should read the Texas Register and distribute a report.
- All LL's should be alerted to request copies of the House and Senate journal from their legislators.
- Efforts should be organized and not duplicated.
- To establish a working relationship each person should be assigned to one legislator for the duration of the session.
- It is important for our experts to be present to testify and answer all questions, but the flexibility of submitting written testimony in areas not high on the priority list is necessary.
- A non-expert testifying in the absence of an expert should be trained so he/she will be able to refuse questions and not be intimidated.

The committee questioned the effectiveness of Lobby Day and emphasized the importance of working on a one to one basis with legislators; suggested the possibility of two or three LL's visiting Austin each week, with flexibility of enabling the Corps to call LL's at key times for their support and presence.

Titus agreed to stress in her postboard report the need for LL's to prepare now for effective action.

The following were suggested as possibilities for a committee of workers:

Val Cox, LWV-San Antonio
Nancy Gehlback, LWV-Waco
Lucy Edwards, LWV-Waco
Helen Duckworth, LWV-Victoria
Jody Boyd, LWV-Victoria

Titus and Anderson are obtaining needed information from the Office of the Secretary of State.

Sugihara stated that if Higgins is able to get a LWV-T sponsored bill drafted, we should be ready to drop everything else to work on it.

16. PLANNING AND RESEARCH.

Higgins reported that the committee meeting was an exercise in futility and frustration. She plans to mail a working proposal to committee members so that progress on the membership pilot project may continue.

17. MEMBERSHIP AND UNITS.

Materka reported that she had attended as observer-consultant a membership counterpart workshop January 9 in Irving which included LWV's of Dallas, Denton, Irving, and Richardson. LWV's of Plano and Garland were invited but not represented. She plans to share with LL's some of the innovative approaches to membership recruiting and involvement discussed, and further meetings of this type in the north central area are anticipated. She plans to compile information furnished her by board members on how their portfolios relate to membership for the next preboard report. Titsu, Bizzell, Sugihara, Nobles, Brown, Farmer, and Heaberlin have completed the assignment, and she asked others to do so as soon as possible.

The LWV-T now has 29 members-at-large including 10 members of the Hunt County Unit-at-Large. She plans to invite former members of the disbanded LWV-Brazosport to become MAL's and a question was raised about whether or not their files had been turned into the office. Diana Tilley agreed to get a LWV-Brazosport membership list and a sample of the letter previously sent to former Montgomery County LWV members to Materka.

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MINUTES

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Rather House, Episcopal Seminary
Austin, Texas

PLENARY SESSION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1976

PRESENT: Anderson, Brown, D. Clark, P. Clarke, Davies, Glickman, Heaberlin, Headrick, Higgins, Hunter, Materka, Moore, Nobles, Peterman, Shlipak, Sugihara, Titus, and Wilbur.

ABSENT: Farmer

1. 1976-77 PRIORITIES

In order for forthcoming committee meetings to set goals and develop strategies, Anderson asked that each related director speak to one of the five emerging priorities (see 11/19/75 Minutes, p. 5) of Administration of Justice, citizen participation, membership, money, and property tax reform.

Hunter presented membership gain and loss figures, and discussion centered around state's responsibilities to local Leagues, the need for every member contact directly from state, the failure of local Leagues to recognize close affiliation with state, and the suggestion that many membership problems are local in nature.

D. Clark stated that she does not suggest that AJ be ranked a number one priority for the biennium, although it is becoming an extremely interesting program area. She suggested that it become a legislative priority. It was mentioned that exciting program items such as AJ can also contribute to membership interest, communication, and retention.

Brown referred to her preboard report stating that citizen participation is a stated objective of LWV.

Titus referred to her preboard report stating that property tax reform is a current concern of citizens. It would touch nearly every program portfolio, and its emphasis now could bring badly needed legislative successes for LWV, improve LWV's image, and in so doing could help both development and membership.

Anderson referred to her preboard report on Money: Financing the LWV-T, stating that with rising costs and dwindling LL pledges, financing is really a matter of survival and maintaining effectiveness.

Anderson asked for written ballots ranking all five categories from one to five and reported the resulting positions:

1. Money
2. Citizen Participation
3. Membership
4. Property Tax Reform
5. Administration of Justice

2. WELFARE FUND IMPOUNDAGE.

Davies reported that she had met that morning with Jonathan Hole, Assistant to the Commissioner, State Dept. of Public Welfare, and had discussed with him Governor Briscoe's impounding of legislatively appropriated welfare funds. She MOVED that the LWV-T simultaneously issue a press release and write a letter to Governor Briscoe expressing concern for his recent failure to comply with the intent of the legislature in not releasing contingency funds to the Department of Public Welfare for the medical costs of AFDA recipients. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Recessed 4:10 p.m.

Reconvened 1/29/76, 1:40 p.m.

PRESENT: As previously listed, plus Laura Keever

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. Announced change of 1978 LWVUS convention site from Chicago to Cincinnati, Ohio in keeping with the policy of not supporting states that have not ratified the ERA.
2. LWVUS has received a grant to produce forums designed to focus attention on major contenders for the presidential nomination, with emphasis on issues.
3. Board meeting dates will be March 29 in conjunction with Council and possibly cluster meetings in May.
4. Opened for discussion the possibility of sending only two delegates to National Convention May 3-7 because of lack of money. Wilbur MOVED that LWV-T send three delegates to the National Convention, paying total expenses for the President with the other two delegates equally sharing funds up to the total of \$1400 budgeted. SECONDED and CARRIED. Titus and Wilbur were selected by written ballots to be delegates.
5. Requested Wilbur to submit her budget report and Financing State Government report and Brown to submit her Voters Guide report to the state office before returning home.
6. Again called attention to the number of officers and directors not complying with deadlines and to the burden it places on others, especially the staff in the state office.
7. Changes in LWV-T listing of officers and directors:
 - a. Barbara Materka's address and telephone number are 4114 Northaven, Dallas, Texas 76229, 214-352-9003.
 - b. Remove "Air" as a responsibility of Headrick.
 - c. List Shelley Friend as new assistant secretary (staff).
8. ABC Election Night Reporting will be chaired by Bunny Sawin.
9. Pat Lawson of Houston is attending the Wingspread Symposium on International Relations, February 2-4.
10. Agreed that a press release on Susan B. Anthony Day would not be beneficial.

4. FINANCING THE LEAGUE REPORTS.

Jeanette Naman joined the group and gave a report on the financing the League "unit meeting" held the previous night with board members. D. Clark MOVED we accept the report. SECONDED and CARRIED. Naman is compiling LL's replies to the survey questions and will shortly send copies of that information to board members.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Glickman briefly covered the two submitted budget analyses as of November 30, 1975 and as of December 31, 1975, calling attention to an added column entitled "Noncash." She plans to distribute the six-month analysis to LL's with an explanation of the "Noncash" column. It was VOTED to accept the analyses.

6. MINUTES.

The November 18-19 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Under Unregistered Campaign Activities of WWW's, p.2 in the 5th line, the verb "has" should read "have."

Under Public Relations-Voters Service, p. 3, lines 6 and 8, remove the words "Justices of the Peace" and "JP's" respectively and substitute "statewide Judicial candidates" on each line.

Under 1976 priorities, p. 4, line 3, change "program committee" to HR-EQ committee."

7. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY-HUMAN RESOURCES.

Titus reported a committee discussion of holding a conference on property tax reform and charging \$25 per person as a possible fund-raising project. Various concerned groups would be asked to contribute speakers, printing, and funds for honoraria. There was general consent for a committee (Davies, Higgins, Keever, Nobles, and Wilbur) to meet in Austin soon and bring a proposal to Council if the project seems feasible.

The committee recommended another possible money-raising project co-sponsoring a Robert Redford movie premiere in Dallas in conjunction with Ned Fritz, chairman of the Texas Committee on Natural Resources. A League member might be chairperson, League members would sell tickets, and LMV-T would obtain a percentage of the \$15,000 projected proceeds. After discussion D. Clark MOVED that the LMV-T contact Mr. Fritz, discuss a change in LMV-T's percentage, and obtain more information about feasibility and League involvement, with the understanding that League is under no obligation to follow through if we find we are not capable of dealing with the project successfully. SECONDED and CARRIED. Clark and Higgins agreed to contact Ned Fritz, and Headrick will be available if needed.

Titus reported that Headrick brought a progress report to the committee on the Trinity River Authority and that some misunderstandings with LMV-Tarrant County had been cleared up.

Anderson asked Headrick to analyze the pros and cons of the two amendments relating to water, which will be voted on November 8th. The Board will discuss its position on these amendments at the May meeting.

Nobles stated that the campaign checking account remains open with a balance of \$6.03 and \$266 in savings.

The committee has reconsidered selling subscriptions to Enviro-Notes. They have decided to suspend publication until LMV-T financial position improves, and will notify LL's in postboard.

The committee recommends that LMV-T join the Texas Coalition for Utility Regulation, a watchdog organization. Keever explained that joining would help us to monitor the Railroad Commission and Texas Utility Commission. The organization has a staff and Keever has asked for a copy of their bylaws. Titus MOVED that LMV-T join the Texas Coalition for Utility Regulation. SECONDED and CARRIED. The subject will be included in Keever's postboard report.

In her preboard report Becky Moon reported that on February 12 the Texas Air Control Board will hold their first public hearing to consider a construction permit requested by a manufacturer of polyvinyl chloride, known to have vinyl chloride emissions. Since the hearing is set up as a quasi-legal procedure, Moon thinks legal assistance is necessary and is personally attempting to raise funds for an attorney. Anderson stated that she has signed and returned a contract with Terence O'Rourke, who was the selected attorney. Although he is a candidate in the coming election, Moon feels he is the best person for the job and, since he is being paid, our nonpartisanship will not be jeopardized. One problem is the funds are not coming in as expected. The necessity of revising the budget and reconsideration of TEF action taken earlier in not using TEF funds for litigation was discussed. Titus MOVED that LMV-T designate \$25.00 to be used for legal fees incurred in the public hearing of the Texas Air Control Board February 12. SECONDED and CARRIED. Meanwhile, Higgins left the meeting temporarily to call Stuart Henry, an attorney, and reported that he assured her that Education Funds can be used for litigation purposes. Glickman left at 4:12 p.m.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY -HUMAN RESOURCES (CONT'D.)

Upon Moon's request and committee recommendation Titus MOVED that under our air position the LMV-T give the following program direction to LMVUS: "Recent evidence focusing on the correlation between certain kinds of air pollutants and cancer makes it vitally important that the LMV support the passage of strong toxic substance legislation. Comprehensive toxic substance legislation would eliminate the piecemeal approach to dealing with toxic substances which we witnessed during the vinyl chloride scare." MOTION SECONDED and CARRIED.

Davies distributed to each board member a Spanish-English flyer entitled "Parents Working for Children" issued by the Texas State Department of Public Welfare announcing Child Care Forums in ten Texas cities. She is also planning to attend a HR workshop planned by LMV-Houston; HR chairpersons from the area have been invited.

8. GUIDELINES FOR ACTION BY LOCAL LEAGUES.

Both Keever and Shlipak see the need to update the September 1974 booklet. The following changes were recommended and generally approved:

p. 3. Under Questions to be answered before a local League board decides to undertake ANY ACTION (except state or national) Action Alerts, question No. 2 will read, "Are our members informed on the subject," a new question No. 3 will be added, "Are our members informed on the position on which it is based?", and the following questions will be renumbered accordingly.

Page 4. Entirely deleted and the coalitions section of In League (Pages 38-39) quoted instead.

Page 5. The title at the top of the page will read, "LOCAL ACTION ON LEAGUE PRINCIPLES." Sugihara MOVED that the recommended addition to page 2 entitled ACTION AT THE STATE LEVEL UNDER STATE AND NATIONAL POSITIONS read as follows:

"On their own initiative local Leagues are encouraged to work with their own state representatives and senators under state and national positions. The state board should be informed of any such action taken.

With advance notification to LMV-T local Leagues may take action at the state level under state and national positions (i.e., before committees, boards, commissions, etc.). The function of the state board will be to coordinate local League action at the state level and to act on behalf of the LMV-T. For example, if a local League has studied proposed state air standards and wishes to testify thereon, it should alert the LMV-Texas board before submission of written or oral statements so that a coordinated presentation may be made.

When state hearings are held in the local League area on issues on which there is a state or national position, the local board is encouraged to submit a statement on its own behalf. It must, however, send a copy of the statement to the state board.

Motion SECONDED and CARRIED. Anderson requested to see the completed draft when it is ready for publication.

9. REVENUE SHARING.

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Anderson reported receiving a letter from Linda Avena stating that Mort Sklar, attorney for the National Center for Policy Review, was discouraged at the state of affairs of the League's revenue sharing public employment case. He predicts that if justice moves at all, they are falling back to an agency by agency approach rather than a statewide suit. He opined that private action to force Justice to handle it statewide, and move promptly, seemed all the more desirable at this point. After discussion Wilbur MOVED that Avena be urged to contact groups such interested in civil rights litigation, such as the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund, to see if they are interested in pursuing a private suit against the state based on our findings in the revenue sharing project. SECONDED and CARRIED.

21. 1975-76 BUDGET REVISION.

After consideration the night before, Anderson submitted the following budget revision:

A. State Office (1350 x 5)	\$ 6750
B. President	400
Treasurer	50
3b SB Meetings	1700
3c Adm.	100
4a Finance	200
C. Services to LLs	750
D. 1-2 National Convention	1050
E. National Pledge (one more quarter)	2306
F. VOTER	750
	<u>14056</u>

Income:

Pledges	\$10,000
Pubs	1,500
TEF	1,125
Contr.	1,431
	<u>14,056</u>

21 PROPOSED 1976-77 BUDGET.

Wilbur, budget chairperson, went over the proposed LHV-T and LHV-TEF budgets and the anticipated Local League Support of 1976-77. Various recommended changes were accepted by general consent, it was MOVED and VOTED that H.2.d.v., Energy remain \$75, and Wilbur MOVED the proposed budgets be accepted as changed. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Break 11:00

Reconvened 11:05

22. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SERVICE OF TEXAS (LIST).

Jan Albers joined the meeting and Davies reported on a proposed pilot project to begin in San Antonio. LIST would be an information service to cities and local government entities, which would "watchdog" pertinent legislation. It would have a paid project director, in Austin with staff and would produce twice weekly legislative newsletters constantly updating bills of interest, so that the cities, etc. might know when to send their own staff or lobbyists to Austin. Davies reported proposed budget highlights totaling \$11,350 which included staff, supplies, attorney to write bills, and a WATS line. Albers suggested the Legislative News Service at \$2500 might be more valuable than a WATS line. The project is designed as a purely informational, money-raising project for LHV-T and the pilot project is not expected to be profitable, but future projects could be. Peterman MOVED that Davies be given authority to proceed with the exploration of the feasibility of the pilot project called LIST. SECONDED and CARRIED. Albers left.

23. FINANCE DEVELOPMENT, PHASE II.

Shlipak asked for and received a "presidential directive" for board members to memorize the formula used in sharing and incentive guidelines, P. 4 of the "LHV-T Policy Guide" so that board members might enthusiastically communicate it to local League members whenever possible. She also expects board members to take time to consider who might be potential contributors and to send the names directly to her by February 13.

The Annual Report is finished; it was designed, 2500 copies produced, and donated by the Bloom Agency of Dallas. Within 10 days letters to prospects enclosing Annual Reports and letters with sample Annual Reports to LL presidents will be mailed; calls will begin shortly afterward.

Shlipak MOVED that a bylaw proposal be sent to national by LMV-T as follows: "Development efforts conducted by LMV-US or LMV-EF shall include a sharing formula based on the involvement of local and state Leagues in securing and retaining contributions from individuals and corporations. The formula shall be 8 percent to state and 12 percent to local Leagues." SECONDED and CARRIED.

24. PROVISIONALS.

Hunter spoke of some problems with provisionals, but reported that Provisional LMV-Plano and Provisional LMV-Huntsville are working on their know-your-community survey and plan to apply for local League recognition shortly.

The pre-provisional Longview/Kilgore and pre-provisional Marshall group are working in temporary committees on community analyses, budgets, and bylaws.

She plans a special ceremony at Council to welcome new Leagues.

She reported the cost of Provisional LMV-Eastern Bell Co. was \$321 in the 6 months of pre-organization.

Plans are being made for the program core to work on guidelines for consolidation of some program presentation for provisionals to aid them in catching up with other Leagues.

State board members, especially program action people, were reminded that consultation with the respective advisers of provisionals is necessary before they are requested to take action. The advisers at present are:

- PLMV-Eastern Bell County, Kathy Leabo
- PLMV-Gainesville, Marty Kissinger
- PLMV-Huntsville, Sue Taylor
- PLMV-Plano, Beth Brown
- PLMV-Longview/Kilgore, Chris Selman and Audrey Shutt
- PLMV-Marshall, Peggy Farmer

25. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

Peterman reported that Helen Hunter is consultant to the advisers of pre-provisionals and provisionals. Changes in consultants to some local Leagues will be sent out shortly. She passed out Suggested Board Training Assignments 1976 and there were some questions. Anderson agreed to speak with Linda McGowan, President, LMV-Lubbock, about their preference for trainer.

Anderson and Kathy Leabo will conduct training for the assigned board trainers on Wednesday, February 11 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Rather House in Austin. Trainers will stay overnight at a cost of \$3 per person and \$10 for meeting space.

26. FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT.

At Wilbur's request, it was generally agreed to re-order previously approved consensus questions (See November minutes.) and to delete question No. 31.

27. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. D. Clark asked board members from various areas to give her names of district judges with different viewpoints, i.e. liberal or conservative, to be contacted for their opinions on the judicial process, specifically sentencing procedures, to be used for a statewide sample for the next F&I to be produced under the study.

Ten justice games have been sold (one to a teacher for a high school government class), and the Houston Chronicle published a good article on the game. A profit is not anticipated at a selling price of \$2.50.

She is receiving questions from LL's about implications of consensus question No. 1, i.e. what constitutes "criminal" information.

She had an interview with the head of the Identification and Criminal Records Division of the Department of Public Safety. Information is being compiled on criminal histories and stored information about crime and criminals, and it will be available to LL's upon request.

The next segment of the justice study will cover trials, criminal courts, jury selection, sentencing, and probation/parole. Consensus questions will be ready for approval at the May board meeting. Projected time for release of F&I's and leaders guide materials is June or early July. A projected consensus deadline of November 5 (first Friday) is appropriate. This date, rather than November 1, is to allow those Leagues with board meetings the first week of the month to approve their local consensus before sending it to state and still have October units on justice if they wish.

The focus on Juvenile Justice is beginning, and an offboard chairperson, hopefully from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, will be recruited to begin research now. Projected dates for leaders guide and/or F&I is January/February, 1977 with consensus in March/April, 1977. Ethel Sturgis, President of LMV-Tarrant County has asked **that**, if an assistant is recruited from members of that League, a letter of proposal be sent to their board.

A letter from the AJ committee chairperson of LMV-Tarrant County asking for clarification of several items was read. A draft reply by Clark was generally approved.

Clark had attended the third session of the new Texas Commission on Jail Standards and reported progress is being made despite a lack of legislative funding. Clark introduced herself and the state league justice study to the commission and told them of our interest in their deliberations.

28. VOTING RIGHTS.

Sugihara stated that LMV-T has received an invitation to participate in the Federal Election Commission's Regional Seminar Program to be held February 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The address is

Room 7A23, Federal Building
1100 Commerce
Dallas, Texas

She has written two memos on the Texas Campaign Finance Law and would like input from the board. She has been investigating the funding for flyers on poll watching.

29. PUBLICATIONS.

Nobles reported that the AJ F&I is moving well; she is working with LL's so that it might be sold on a profit-making basis.

The FSG F&I galley proofs are ready. She asked Wilbur for distribution plans.

An imaginative publications room at Council is being planned.

She is working with her publishers in updating technical printing instructions included in Mary Sieber's "Suggested Style Sheet".

30. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

P. Clarke reported that LWV-Houston has written to Senator John Tower expressing concern about a statement he made when U.S. involvement in Angola was made public, saying in effect that the public with its lack of sophistication in areas of "foreign" policy should leave such decisions to government.

Clarke wrote letters to Texas Representatives Casey and Mahon urging their support of full funding for the International Development and Food Act (HR 9005) and separate appropriations for military aid and development aid.

31. DEADLINES:

February 6: Postboard reports
Information for VOTER
Who-is-flying-in-where-for-Council info to Anderson
Offboard committee
February 13: Council workbook material
Creative finance material to D. Clark
Prospects for development to Shlipak
Skeleton plans to Sugihara from assigned participants
stating what they see their responsibilities to be
at Council.

Adjourned 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Heaberlin, Secretary

Addendum:

Upon Veta's Winick's nomination to the LWV-US board, the following telegram was sent to each of them from the LWV-T board members:

"The LWV-T, after a 2-year study, has reached member agreement approving the concept of your nomination to the (national/OEF) board. We suggest that a public hearing be held to determine the environmental, social, and economic impact of your elevation to this higher position It's about time!"

STATE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 27-30, 1976

Tuesday, January 27

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Budget Committee
Wilbur, Titus, Higgins, Hunter, Anderson, Glickman
Off-board--Bailey and Pfaff

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Ad Hoc Financial Support Committee
Naman, Glickman, Hunter
Resource: Wilbur, Shlipak
Off board: Gould, Sturgis, Polter, Green

Wednesday, January 28, 1976

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Ad Hoc Financial Support Committee

Noon

Lunch served by Austin Leaguers

1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Texas Education Fund Board of Directors

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PLENARY
Priorities Discussion

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Block III (See new committee block system, Jan. 1976)
FSG-VR Conference Room
AJ Music Room
PR Living Room

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Block II (The Action Strategy will deal with
Program Action Strategy)
Action Conference Room
P&R Living Room

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Financing the League Naman
Simulated unit meeting

Thursday, January 29

7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Program Core Committee & Organization Core Committee
Develop Priorities into Plans of Action

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Block I Committee Meetings
EQ-HR Conference Room
Organization Living Room
Council Music Room

Thursday, January 29 (Cont'd.)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	PLENARY SESSION	
1:00 - 1:15	Minutes	Heaberlin
1:15 - 2:00	President's Report	Anderson
	Finalize Financing the League recommendations	
	Discussion of national Convention	
2:00 - 3:30	EQ	Titus
		(Higgins, Headrick, Keever, & Moon)
3:30 - 4:00	HR	Davies
4:00 - 4:45	National Program Making	Titus
4:45 - 5:30	Treasurer's Report	Glickman
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner (To be served approx. 6-6:30)	
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Program Action Strategy Report	Titus et al
7:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	P&R--Membership Project	Higgins
8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Membership	Materka
8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Development	Shlipak
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	VOTER	Moore
9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	CI/VS	Brown

Friday, January 30, 1976

7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Organization	Hunter
	Leadership Training	Peterman
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Budget	Wilbur
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Publications	Nobles
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Program Update and Projection (Titus will subdivide times)	
	Administration of Justice	Clark
	FSG	Wilbur
	VR	Sugihara
	SLR/TCR/IR	Clarke
	MSG	Farmer
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Windup	
	Lunch	

STATE BOARD COMMITTEE SYSTEM FOR JANUARY, 1976

BLOCK I

EQ-HR

ORGANIZATION

SPECIAL EVENTS (Council)

Titus
Higgins
Headrick
Davies
Wilbur
Farmer
Shlipak
Off-board:
Keever
Moon

Hunter
Peterman
Clarke
Materka
Clark
Heaberlin

Sugihara
Nobles
Brown
Moore

BLOCK II

ACTION STRATEGY*

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Titus
Clark
Headrick
Clarke
Farmer
Nobles
Glickman
Brown
Moore

Higgins
Shlipak
Wilbur
Heaberlin
Davies
Sugihara
Materka
Hunter
Peterman

BLOCK III

FSG-VR

AJ

PR (CI/VS, VOTER, Development)

Titus
Wilbur
Sugihara
Heaberlin
Clarke
Farmer

Clark
Materka
Headrick
Peterman
Hunter

Higgins
Moore
Brown
Nobles
Headrick
Shlipak
Glickman

*Action Strategy: To consider action priorities, presentation of testimony, meet with Suzy and Jan, preparation for next session and TCR, SLR, and MSG.

STATE BOARD MEETING
January 28-30, 1976 (Committee Meetings January 27th)

Rather House
Episcopal Seminary
[REDACTED]

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

27th only

North Bedroom with bath

Anderson
Wilbur

Rape Crisis Center Room

Materka
Headrick

West Room

Hunter
Titus
Naman
Glickman

East Room

Higgins
Shlipak

Third Floor

Farmer
Moon
Nobles
D. Clark
Davies
Peterman

Sturgis
Polter
Gould

Fellows (Dorm) Suite

Heaberlin
Moore
Clarke

Bishop's Suite

Brown
Sugihara

LHV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
From: Betty Anderson

One of the most important decisions we will be making is on priorities. Enclosed in this report are working papers on the five emerging priorities we discussed in November-- money, membership, property tax reform, Administration of Justice, and CI/VS. The time set apart for this discussion is intentionally scheduled early in the meeting--so we can spend some time developing plans of action during the balance of the sessions.

Another special for the occasion is: Financing the League. Wednesday night we will gather in a unit meeting to discuss Financing the League--we really need consensus on this one.

The time has come to consider national convention. We are allowed three delegates, but can we afford three? We also need to select delegates. Be thinking.

I will report to you on the hearing on the Commission on the Status of Women--particularly the W's and the Stop SOW groups.

Regretfully, Marie Lisi will be unable to be with us at this board meeting.

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Helen Hunter
RE: Pre-Board Organization

I have been thinking about guidelines for state and national program catch-up for provisional Leagues. The major problems in provisional Leagues (as well as other small Leagues) is over-powering program loads. Most provisional Leagues face loss of membership, loss of board members, and financial problems, mainly because of the over-long provisional period due to the state and national program catchup that is demanded of them. When most local Leagues, large or small, can't keep up with state and national program, how can provisional Leagues be expected to catch up on all state and national program and keep up with current program?

It is now taking between two and three years to complete the provisional period, resulting in virtually "killing off" their leaders and losing the interest and support of their members. I think 18 months should be the absolute maximum.

Some of my plans require money, (doesn't everything?) but most important the time and attention of all state board members, so I need the attention and thinking of each of you. How much can we do with the limited funds we now have? How much time does each state board member have to devote to the provisional Leagues?

These guidelines would also apply to other small Leagues, or really could be applied to all Leagues:

Under guidance and request of adviser send program material chosen by program chairperson as most important portion to cover.

State board supply resource people, discussion leaders, speakers, etc. in workshops.

One workshop for catchup on all continuing national program.

One workshop for catchup on all continuing state program.

Workshops or speakers, resource persons as needed, on all current program, new program, and consensus programs. (In this manner, state board would not only help in their program load but supervise the types of program coverage needed.)

One workshop, as needed, or combined workshops or state board help with VS/CI, PR, Finance, etc.

I believe that the provisional period could be covered in not more than 18 months and result in stronger, better informed local Leagues.

I'll have some more detailed ideas by board meeting. Please be thinking about this. Is this too ambitious? Can we handle it? I repeat--it would take time and money. Can we afford either? Can we afford not to try?

TO: State Board
FROM: Beth Brown
RE: CI/VS

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

Because I heard a good deal by the Jan. 9 deadline, I do not consider the questions for U.S. Senate, Railroad Commission, and the judicial candidates approved. I propose the following for SB approval:

The questions for U.S. Senate will be identical to the U.S. House questionnaire. See Jan. 16 mailing.

The first question for railroad commission will be the same as the first question for U.S. Senate and House. The second question will remain unchanged.

The strongest expressed reservations concerned the propriety of asking judicial candidates at this level views on issues such as women's rights, capital punishment, gun control. The committee was influenced by the fact that the latest nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court was asked these very questions by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. I am persuaded that we had better not; Diana Clark has excellent input here which she will share at SB. The following questions are offered for SB consideration, courtesy of committee member Marian Bryan and SB member B. Nobles. Keep in mind that two questions in addition to question #1 is probably all we should ask; keep in mind also that there probably will be precious few opposed candidates in the judicial races anyhow.

1. What steps should be taken to insure a speedy trial in both civil and criminal cases in Texas?
2. What changes, if any, would you suggest to relieve judges of the administrative duties that consume a large portion of their time?
3. What influence can judges have in attacking the problem of recidivism in Texas?
4. What changes, if any, would you suggest in the present bail bond system?
5. How can you as a judge improve justice without delay?
6. Do changes need to be made in our criminal justice system? Please explain.

A cover letter to accompany the questionnaire needs to be approved. The following is a proposed text of said letter for your surgery.

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any party or any candidate, but it does offer its Voters Guides as a service to candidates for communicating with the voters. The enclosed questionnaire is being submitted to all candidates for the office you seek. The answers will be published in Voters Guides prepared by local Leagues throughout the state.

We will greatly appreciate your cooperation in answering the questionnaire and returning one signed copy to ??? no later than March 1, 1976. You may use a separate sheet for your answers, but please do return a signed copy of the questionnaire. We also ask that you observe the word limitation, since space does not permit the publication of long responses.

Thank you sincerely,

Betty Anderson

Enclosures: 2 copies of questionnaire
1 self-addressed envelope

Is the mailing done from SO? Are the answers returned to SO or to me in Ft. Worth? Do I mail the prepared material to LL's, or is it done from SO? I haven't worked out the logistics, but the time frame is very tight, so I'm open to suggestions.

In the Jan. 13 mailing, I mention Issue Politics to LL's. Since the filing deadline is Feb. 2, some Leagues may already begun composing questions for local and legislative candidates. I suggest that the Feb. 13 date for mailing post board reports will be a mite late and that any information on this matter should be gotten to LL's very soon after SB meeting. I hope to have something ready for Fumi's perusal at SB about the presidential primary, for use by LL's in local guides. The content of any proposed Voters Key will have to wait until all the working, thinking, concept, pre, post, and state-of reports are duly distributed.

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Jane Peterman
RE: Board Training Seminar

February 11 has been scheduled for the board training seminar. It will be in Austin from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Betty Anderson and Kathy Leabo will be the leaders.

At this time all expenditures must be questioned. One session for all local League board trainers is most desirable. It will cost about \$45-50 for board members to carpool to Austin. If we bring in the far western trainers to the session it would be about \$200 more (including Anderson). Betty agreed to consult with them if we could not afford their travel to Austin. Box lunches could be secured for lunch.

Hopefully, after seeing the treasurer's report, the cost factor will not appear as the "black cloud." Uniform information and new approaches for training local Leagues is urgently needed. Can we do this?

TO: State Board
FROM: Jane Peterman
RE: State of the Leagues

I waited and waited for consultant reports, but only F. Sugihara sent hers. B. Glickman said she could not continue as a consultant, so I scanned those VOTERS and minutes.

ABILENE Their VOTERS and minutes indicate revitalization. They really worked on TCR--as well as get out the vote (Vote ribbons were worn by grocery clerks). Began voluntary subscription service for \$3.00, recommended bylaws changes, finance solicitation brochure being prepared.

AMARILLO No minutes. Voters carry good observer reports (especially on single-member district suit) and apparently regular programs are held.

AUSTIN Busy and well. Several new board appointments, president and treasurer were bonded, several appointments and recommendations to boards and commissions, bylaws revised, set Guidelines for selecting delegates to national convention. Again sold UNICEF cards as fund raiser. Full program and many statements made.

BRAZOS CO. Their Walkways and Bikeways study and consensus sounded terrific. They counted all traffic at specific locations, sponsored a Bike Week, poster contest, engaged students to participate. Finance drive underway, three new portfolio chairmen, bylaw changes recommended. Used Futures Game at Sept. units.

BROWNSVILLE The LWV 25th Anniversary dinner yielded newspaper coverage, new members, and brought back old members. Perhaps this League should be one of the case studies in our reevaluation of League policies and structure, and their relationship to membership. Unit meetings are being tried for the first time. \$1006.50 was collected from the finance drive (\$980. was budgeted). The drive seems to have been highly organized and well conceived, with full participation by the membership.

DALLAS Several new appointments to board. Board orientation in October. Appointments and recommendations to local boards and commissions continuing. One unit disbanded, Oak Cliff unit desires local study so guidelines are being considered. Good PR coverage and many press releases and statements. Sponsored course on criminal justice system with other organizations. Printing a Spanish language edition of Your Elected Officials has become a long process. Finance drive underway.

DEER PARK Small attendance at board meetings. Fund raising events were booth at Halloween carnival, registering voters, and election central. League now owns a Rola-dex file to maintain an up-to-date file of registered voters for use in contacting voters. (Possibility that it could be borrowed by candidates for a fee.) City officials and contributors invited to Christmas party.

EL PASO TCR and Executive crossword puzzle in VOTER. Finance is still their priority--over \$400 has been raised through projects. Full program calendar and constantly recruiting and orienting members.

State of the Leagues

- HARLINGEN** No VOTERS have been received. Average attendance at board meetings. New chairperson for Voters Service and national program. Finance drive began July 1 and no deadline was set on solicitation. They did not officially support TCR. Voter registration project was a tremendous success--more people were registered than ever before.
- HOUSTON** Board training in Sept. Several new board appointments. Received an award for comprehensive planning slide show. Finance projects were Meet the Candidates Cocktail Party, voter registration, election central. Betty Anderson and Gwen Murphee spoke at Dec. Financing LNW meeting and surrounding Leagues participated.
- LUBBOCK** Good minutes and VOTERS. Transportation study questionnaire in VOTER. Changed to anniversary dues system, policy sheet changed, some board resignations, but new appointments made. Finance drive in Oct. and received \$350 more than anticipated.
- MIDLAND** New president, Sally English; new P.O. Box #7437. Good VOTERS and minutes. Full program schedule (three consensus), registered voters.
- ODESSA** Only one VOTER (Sept.-Oct.). Board minutes every other month. Revised, printed, distributed Guide to Government. Co-sponsor of Town Meeting in Feb.
- PASADENA** Solvent, but few members. Registered voters, planned entering Rodeo Parade on Sept. 27 with signs urging residents to vote for the proposed constitution, participated in clean-up effort sponsored by Clean-Up Committee of City Beautification.
- SAN ANTONIO** Bulging VOTERS, regular board meetings, several portfolio changes. Updated and printed Local Government Handbook, co-sponsored American Issues Forum on Downtown Revitalization, looking into funding Great Decisions through American Issues Forum, applying for HEW grant for solid waste, continued Aquifer Action. They also manage scheduled program and consensus. New finance chairperson getting ready for Feb. drive.
- TARRANT CO.** Had board retreat and decided the priority for the year is membership. Several board appointments, appointments and recommendations to local boards and commissions. Arlington Day and Evening Units won Citizen-Journal Club of the Year Contest 1974-75 for voter service activities. Full program, voter registration, updated Your Elected Officials.
- TYLER** No VOTERS received although editor was designated in August. It was reported that \$1,089. had been received in the finance drive without going out to collect, but there was no indication that anyone was going out to collect. Voter registration scheduled for Tyler State College and Texas Eastern Univ. in Sept.
- WACO** Attendance at board meetings high. Excellent VOTER EQ article on SO₂ emissions with account of TACB meeting in Waco in three installments. Christmas reception held with city council, school board, county commissioners and other local elected officials invited.

TO: State Board
FROM: Carole Shlipak
RE: Development

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

Annual Report--I've proofread it three different times! It is now on the press, and I will hand you your personal copy at Board Meeting! I am very, very pleased with it (ecstatic, in fact).

Thank you, thank you for your assistance:

From the League:

Betty Anderson
Bobette Higgins
Diana Clark
Barbara Glickman
Sue Heaberlin
Jeannie Kamrath
Madeleine Appel
Penney Murn
Pat Lawson
Jan Wilbur
Jeanette Vanderwater
Cynthia Biasca
Anne Pfaff

From the Bloom Agency

Sam Bloom
Ever Clevinger
Adola Cooper
Lena Vatsuras
Ron Spataro
Liz Schleiff
Helen Holmes
Sam Smith

And a final thanks to the League, a unique organization that has inspired the support of such talented people.

Distribution plans for the Annual Report (2500 copies)

The Annual Report, as I see it, has two purposes: Development, of course, but also it should prove to be a very effective PR tool. I showed the Report to an Account Executive at Bloom, and he felt it has strong PR value, and made suggestions for media dispersal. I have added some other categories, and would appreciate your suggestions at Board Meeting.

Possible Annual Report Distribution Categories:

1. Copies for Development use in solicitation	500
2. to LL's--minimum of three to each LL (Pres., PR, Finance)	120
3. to State Elected Officials:	
Congressional Delegation	26
Statewide Elected Officials (non-judicial)	10
State Supreme Courts (??)	18
State Senators and Representatives	180
County Judges (?)	254
4. Chairperson, Executive Director; each Texas Board and Commission	560
5. Major Political Party Chairpersons	8
6. Media:	
Newspapers--major dailies in Texas (Editor, Political Editor, Women's Editor) 15x3	45
TV stations--50 major market areas (General Manager)	50
Major monthly magazines	10
7. Chambers of Commerce--in the 39 communities where there are LL's (President, Executive Director)	80
8. State Board members	60
9. LWVUS	10

APPROXIMATE TOTAL

2000

OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

Development Campaign Plans

- 1) Former Contributors--The Annual Report will be mailed to them with a brief cover letter calling their attention to their firm's name on pp. 10-11. A follow up phone call will be made by the Development Committee scheduling an appointment (at which a request for a contribution will be made).
- 2) Prospective Contributors--in some cases the Annual Report will be mailed and then an appointment scheduled by phone. In other cases a contact will help set up an appointment, and the Annual Report will be handed to the Contributor and discussed.
- 3) former State board members--we could mail Annual Reports with hand-written notes to some; to others, we might want to make a personal solicitation call.

Reminder: I will need the detailed concept papers with a mini-budget to take on solicitation calls (from Brown, Higgins, Clark, and Wilbur).

Revision of Guidelines for Action by Local Leagues (Sept. 1974)

It is my considered opinion that the best explanation for this rather confusing subject can be found on pp. 40-41 of In League. I read over a one-page draft that Betty had done last year, and it is much clearer than the Sept. '74 publication. We could perhaps use that one page draft (without the footnotes) as a Memo to call LL attention to the explanation found in In League. We could add to Betty's memo an explanation of the State Policy re: nomination and/or support of individuals for State Board and Commission appointments, (and encourage LL's to send SB the names of qualified persons so that LNW-T can then decide on the best nominee. Have we actually adopted that aspect of the policy? If not, we need to discuss it, as Tarrant County LNW has proposed that procedure.)

TO: State Board
FROM: Jan Wilbur
RE: Budget

The income figures presented for your consideration are the results of the budget committee deliberations plus the ruminations and brain-cudgeling of a select group (anybody I could drag in) of dedicated Leaguers--Hunter, Peterman, Kever, Moon, Haman, LHV-H people: Murn, Lawson, Vanderwater, Gehan. These figures are a consensus but not unanimous and are presented to you FYI. We will be mulling them over again at the budget committee meeting on the 27th so if you have any comments please get them to one of the budget committee members or me before then. Thanks.

Tentative, Rough-draft, REALISTIC PROJECTION of Income 1976-77

INCOME	Projected 1976-77
A. Support from local Leagues	\$31,000 (est.)
\$3.00 x _____ members PLUS	
18% x _____ defined income	
PLUS \$300 x _____ provisionals	
PLUS \$200 x _____ provisionals	
B. Members-at-large dues	450
30 x \$15	
C. Publications	7,000
DPIs: 100 x \$15 PLUS	
Standing Orders: 300 x \$7	
PLUS Legislative N.L. 100 x \$5	
PLUS \$2900 in sales of current publications	
D. Interest on Savings	550 (?)
_____ % x _____	
E. Grants	-0-
F. Contributions	
1. Member	
a. Deductible	
b. Non-deductible	250
c. In-kind-ness	500*
2. Non-member	
a. Deductible	2,000**
b. Non-deductible	-0-
c. In-kind-ness	-0-
G. Election night reporting	2,000
H. Anticipated Cash Reserve (Balance)	-0-
I. Convention '77	3,500
100 registrations x \$35	
J. LHV-TEF reimbursements	1,400
1/6 State Board Meetings cost \$6700	
PLUS Sec'y _____ hrs. x _____/hr.	

Total \$ 48,650

BUDGET CONT'D.

Footnotes:

* Obviously, if all of us would turn in our in-kind-ness expenses, this figure would be closer to \$5,000 but it ain't goin' to help our cash figure!

** This figure was plucked out of the air (I forgot the figure you gave me, Carole. Sorry). However, it was pointed out that it won't help us much unless the figure can be put in the "non-deductible" slot.

Comments on figures by item:

A. If we use the 18% figure in the support formula, we should get more than \$31,000 if the defined income (DI) figure stays at the previous year's level. However, membership is down and some indications are that DI will also be lower.

B. As of Oct. 31, we had received dues from seven NALs.

C. Only about \$2900 of this figure can realistically be considered profit. In theory, DPMs and standing orders break even. Last year, the Leg. N.L. cost \$866 to put out 250 copies of 15 issues each. The subscription price was \$3.50. The figures I have relate only to the production costs of the newsletter. If we actually had 250 subscribers then this figure could probably be raised--some. We are suggesting a raise in price of the NL to \$5.00, and predicting a decrease in the no. of subscribers.

D. This figure should probably be lower.

E. We propose eliminating this category.

F. Do you like this format?

G. Whew!!

H. May be negative.

I. In and out figure.

J. Some feeling that this figure could be raised but not much until we can gather statistics to prove it, i.e., allocate a justifiable figure for office overhead to TEF.

OK, those are our reasons for the income figures. This income figure represents 57.6% of our budgeted income for 1975-76. Ergo, if our income figure is realistic, we must cut expenses by 57.6% of the present allocation for this year. Realistically there are some items which cannot be cut (rent and salaries) and so we must cut other items by more than 57%.

Enclosed with this report is Exhibit A giving info. on past budgets of LMV-T. (Subtitle: Why we are in the state we are in.) I call your attention to two things: change in support from local Leagues and the 1974-75 total income and total expenses in the 'actual' column. My friends, we've been living beyond our means.

I ask of you two things. Please get any comments you have regarding the projected income estimate to me or one of the budget committee members before the 27th. If you have a budget request, please communicate that to one of us also, but at least be prepared to say at board meeting how much you would like to spend in your portfolio in the 1976-77 fiscal year. Thank you.

I can hardly wait to hear from you!

Exhibit A: Historical View of LWV-T Budgets 1970-71 thru 1975-76

1/8/76 - J.E.W.

	1975-76		1974-75 (14 mos)		1973-74		1972-73		1971-72		1970-71	
	budgeted	actual	budgeted	actual	budgeted	actual	budgeted	actual	budgeted	actual	budgeted	actual
INCOME:												
LL Support	\$30,089		\$32,352	\$32,675 ¹	\$32,135		42,645		37,422		36,593.5	
Publications	19,640		19,480	15,046	6,000		(net) 3,500		(net) 3,500		(net) 4,500	
Grants	15,925		27,175	6,921	5,225				1,563 ⁴		600 ⁴	
Contributions (Memb.)	9,250		6,536	209	1,100		4,500		—		—	
From Reserves	-0-		2,000	2,000	-0-		-0-		1,192		2,000	
Other	9,485		18,725	16,538	13,505				671		2,370	
Total	84,389		104,268	\$71,389 ¹	\$57,965		\$59,381		\$44,348		\$46,063.5	
EXPENSES:												
Office Op. Costs	21,982		21,680	20,865	17,466		16,781		\$15,780		\$14,906	
VOTER	2,500		2,070	1,785	(5 issues) 1,500		(4 issues) 995		1,800		1,800	
Services to LL	4,520		4,625	3,442	4,475		4,400		3,540 ⁵		5,862.5	
Board & Adm. Comm.	10,345		9,115	9,684	7,775		7,100		5,940		6,050	
Natl Support	9,437		9,324	6,944	9,107		12,475		12,475		14,070	
Educa'l Activities	16,575		27,675	7,285	5,725				900 ²		200 ²	
Position Support	4,280		11,640	11,133	6,467				2,713 ³		1,775 ³	
Other	14,750		18,139	16,716	5,450				1,200		1,400	
Total	84,389		104,268	77,854	57,965				\$44,348		\$46,063.5	

1. Adjusted for

\$1447 in prepaid pledges.

2. Listed as "Community Services"

3. Listed as "Program"

4. Listed as TEE

5. Error in printed 'Revised Budget'

TO: State Board
FROM: Fumi Sugihara
RE: Council '76 Program

My thinking about Council program has been less than inspired lately and could profit from large infusion of ideas from you. So I decided that the next best thing to having you sitting around the fire, hot toddy in hand, was to try to provoke some discussion with this monoramble.

Perhaps the best use of the short time we have at Council would be to narrow the subject of running for office to Getting Leagues Members to Run for Office. We might focus on (1) League as a training school for office-holders, (2) What League cannot provide in terms of training, (3) The questions (ethical and practical) that Leaguers must resolve before running for office (using some of the ideas from the grant proposal); and (4) How and where to get practical nuts and bolts information about how to run a campaign and the effectiveness of training conferences. We would still want an exciting keynote speaker on how to run a clean campaign on the issues, but the workshops and panel discussion would concentrate on the "why's and how to's for the Leaguer."

Assumptions: We will be talking in terms of running for office right now, or next year, not in terms of the equal rights millenium when there will be no specific women's political issue. Within League, we do not concern ourselves with issues arising out of being a woman in a man's world, but once out in the public arena, our femaleness will be the over-riding voter perception until we do or say something that will diminish its importance.

Running just because you are a woman would be a dubious reason, although women League members do share with other women some common interests and experiences as a direct result of cultural conditioning, and the attitudes and points of view of women, we agree, have never been sufficiently taken into account where high-level decision making takes place. Where we may disagree with militant women's groups is that attitudes and points of view in political matters are not sex-differentiated.

We want women in public office not to represent a constituency of women, but to represent the interests of a constituency of people who trust her good judgement. We need League people in government because they are uniquely qualified because of their League background to function in office effectively and honestly.

By encouraging League members to run for office, are we causing the League to self-destruct? Far from it. Because of our history and reputation, our calling attention to ourselves as a training ground for officeholders should add to our laurels and attract members. We may remain alive because we recycle our leadership to public office and therefore have to keep bringing in new blood. We should emphasize that League members do not automatically vote for a candidate who is a member. Candidates must understand that while they cannot expect the League to support them, they should give credit to the League for training them.

The League as a training school:

1. We are unique among volunteer organizations in that our focus is on government and governmental issues. As a group, we could be characterized as problem solvers. Our whole organization is geared to recognizing a problem, studying it, and trying to find a solution. Although we have certain inviolable principles and standards, we're pragmatic and realistic in our approach and try to work within the existing system. The ability to work with and through groups to find solutions is said to be essential to effectiveness in office. The loner, while effective in isolated instances, cannot serve the people as well.
2. League organization exists to facilitate our ends; it is not an end in itself. It does, however, give the opportunity to members to exercise effective leadership and introduce and execute ideas. In this respect, it is not dissimilar to political parties or governing bodies such as legislatures or city councils. Rules and methods are goal-oriented and are not regarded as sacrosanct. Experience in League organization is a valuable advantage in public office.
3. We are thoroughly committed to the democratic process and know what is involved. We have learned to listen, to observe, and to communicate with citizens of all kinds and persuasions in a variety of circumstances. We know that power and influence are necessary to effect our goals, and we have learned through League their uses and the skills needed for these uses.

How the Public Sees Us and by Extension, a Member Who May Become a Candidate

1. League members--because they usually join because of their concern for the community and desire for community improvement--do not regard public office as opportunities for personal gain, either in terms of career or business contacts. Voters perceive them as public-interest advocates and tend to trust them.
2. Because of our emphasis on public participation and open government, we are known to be against government by cronyism, where business is conducted on the golf course or at a lodge meeting and personal and private loyalties may compete with public interest.
3. Leaguers are widely regarded as knowledgeable in a broad spectrum of subjects--from trade to taxes to toilet training--but voters are aware that we are capable of intensive study and hard work on a single subject until we master it. We have expertise. We also have leadership. We are not afraid to take a position after our study and assume complete responsibility for our action.
4. We are initiators. We do not wait until we are asked to do something. We are also innovators and inventors, who have a flexible approach to problems. We have learned not only how to organize our thoughts, but our time and energy. The public thinks that we know how to get things done.

What the League does not provide

1. The League does not train members to sell themselves. The transition from pushing the League and its positions to pushing yourself as a candidate may be very difficult. The voters must be able to perceive the difference between the League and the candidate even when the candidate has achieved visibility by being an officer of the League. The candidate must become known as an individual, and until voters perceive her as an individual, organization ties must be publicly severed.
2. The League does not train members for partisan conflicts where more than sticks and stones or name calling is used. We do not train people to fight or defend themselves in these situations. Our tools have been rational persuasion, accommodation, and negotiation. A candidate and office holder must have other tools and the skills to use them.

Fumi Sugihara Cont'd.

Upon reading this through, I can see that all of it is self-evident. What I would like from all of you are ideas that are not so evident. We want to fire up those presidents so that they will start planning to run for city council, for county commissioner, or the school board. We want them to take ideas back to their Leagues so that the Leagues will grow in purpose and numbers. That's all.

Non sequitur

A local League president has suggested that the State Board send out instructions from time to time about the materials that are out of date and should be discarded. She made especial reference to the lobby and campaign finance laws material. This is an excellent idea and I will suggest a discard list when I send out the next memos on the lobby and campaign finance law. The directive for the latter just arrived today from the Secretary of State's Office--only six months late.

The lobby law instruction memo hasn't been sent out by SO because I recalled it for correction and clarification. I will have it ready by board meeting if you want to see and comment upon it.

LHV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Meg Titus
RE: Program

What a list of items we have to work through at this board meeting--all in order to set our priorities and develop action strategies in preparation for the next legislative session.

During Block I (HR-EQ), we will need to:

1. Have an outline of proposed plans--both short-range and long-range--from each program person in this block.
2. Discuss how each of these plans might be implemented in view of our emerging priorities--money, members, property tax reform, and citizen participation.
3. Discuss the inter-relatedness of our program items (see LHVUS Memo, 12/8/75 re. Energy Task Force).
4. Hear recommendations of committee to revise "Action Guidelines." (Carole S. & Laura K.)
5. Develop plans for counterpart meetings at Council in March.

If any time remains, we should also:

- a) Discuss national program planning and any possible recommendations we might wish to make.
- b) Analyze the LL consensus reports on the Executive study.

During Block II (Action Strategy), we must:

1. Discuss the emerging priorities as relating to program.*
2. Prepare an action plan (to function both short and long-range) for implementing our various positions most effectively. This will be presented to and acted upon by total board in plenary session.
3. Discuss various lobby corps matters as they are viewed by Suzy Reid and Jan Albers, who will be with us for this session. For example: defining responsibilities both in the lobby corps and among SB members, guidelines for presenting testimony, overlapping portfolios and overlapping responsibilities, obtaining quick correct decisions on bills presented, obtaining quick and coordinated action from LL's, proper timing for corps action and/or LL action, how to keep members well-enough informed, frequency and content of Legislative Newsletter, forming and working with coalitions--you can add more, I'm sure.

We have a very full agenda for both core meetings--we're all going to have to exercise incredible self-control, stay germaine, drink lots of coffee, and maybe stay at it till the wee hours to really deal adequately with all these super-important matters. We have only two hours in each of these block meetings, so do your homework and come prepared.

*Working papers have been prepared on each of these emerging priorities to expedite our discussion of them. They are included with your pre-board reports. Please bring them with you to these sessions.

P.S. Come prepared also to take part in our SB unit meeting on Financing the League Wednesday night.

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Diana Clark
RE: Administration of Justice

If I should ever suggest supplying local Leagues with a "game" to liven up their meetings, will someone please put an icebag on my head until the spasm passes! This holiday season was spent making games instead of cookies--I had some help for a few days, but one helper went on to California and the other's house burnt up. To add insult to injury, I finished up the last two games yesterday for February meetings, and promptly got another order for two more. I'm complaining about making six games + 2--but each one has about 37 pieces.

Questions have already arisen about the implications of consensus question #1... requiring local law enforcement agencies to report crime information to DPS. Do you think it is necessary for me to find out more about the kinds of information to be submitted, how long it remains on file, how it is eliminated (if ever) when a person is dismissed as not guilty? etc. If more information should be supplied to local Leagues, when should it be sent?

Re: the next Facts and Issues. How much information should be published about the present court system? Much of the information in the 1973 LWV-T publication, "MODERNIZING THE TEXAS JUDICIAL SYSTEM," is still valid. Should this be redone in condensed form with newer statistics, or should a bare outline be discussed in F&I or should the original be re-issued? I would like to cover trials, jury selection, sentencing (a real hot potato) and probation in the next issue for fall League meetings with a November 1 consensus deadline so we might be ready for the 1977 legislative session.

I need a good suggestion for an able and willing sub- or co-chairperson for Juvenile Justice. Any positive ideas?

On another subject: I have finally been formally appointed to the Governor's NCTCOG Areawide Advisory Committee for Sec. 208 of the Water Pollution Control Act. Not every member of the original North Texas Water Quality Council was appointed although the committee has been expanded from 23 to 36 members. The first meeting is the 16th of January and a reporter from Fort Worth informed me that I am the only environmentalist on the committee. Horrors!

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TO: State Board
FROM: Lucinda Headrick
RE: Water and Solid Waste

FWPCA PL92-500

Congress is beginning to really scrutinize the Fed. Water Pollution Control Act PL92-500. A subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee voted out some damaging admendments, one being state certification of sewage treatment plant construction rather than keeping certification with the EPA administrator. Letters were sent to Congresspersons Roberts, Wright, and Milford (members of the committee). The grapevine has it that Congress will probably cool it for awhile until they receive the full evaluation of PL92-500 report from the National Water Commission due this spring. As of the writing, Bobette is preparing testimony on the report to be presented at one of the Commission hearings in Fort Worth January 12.

The grapevine also says the brunt of the critical attack of PL92-500 will be centered on Sec. 404 (dredging and fill material in navigible waters). I asked pertinent LL's to cover Corps of Engineers public discussion meetings on Sec. 404 held around the state. Got a super response from Nancy Gehlbach (Waco LWV--this gal bears watching--right Becky?) Our dear public officials and great land developers are already plotting to "get around" the law.

Trinity

We're building to the climax! Attended Aubrey hearing January 6. Would have done your hearts good to see Isabel Miller, (relieved of the Denton LWV presidency just that day and feeling her oats) plus her daughter, Abigail, dishing it out to Chairman Guy Jackson, the good 'ol boy from Anahuac. Never have I been so proud of Leaguers (although they did not speak for LWV). They had their facts, kept their cool, and stood their ground, insisting that the hearing officials present all sides of the issue. Need I add--the TRA is not known for its impartiality.

The TRA suddenly changed the Dallas Feb. 17 hearing time from 6:30 to 2:30. That makes two metropolitan areas--Tarrant Co. 2:00--with daytime hearings. Talked to TRA Communication Director. Response--"Can't please everyone." Am now sending an official letter to the TRA board with copies to newspapers requesting official evening hearing time be included for working people.

Bobette, Meg, and I will be meeting Jan. 12, with members of the Tarrant Co. LWV, who have questions about our Trinity position.

Extra

Have been invited to the Sherman LWV to give a pep talk to Leaguers in conjunction with their finance drive. Carole S. is helping me with this.

TO: State Board
FROM: Laura Keever
RE: Energy

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

I'm most excited about the energy conservation conference which is coming up in the spring. I met with the steering committee in San Antonio on December 9; there were two representatives from each state in our federal region. My Texas counterpart is Walter Richter, who represents rural electric cooperatives and is a VP for the Texas Environmental Coalition. Dan Deaton of FEA-Dallas also met with us. Essentially we planned the program and discussed participants. And had Mexican food for lunch on that floating barge--gosh, that was nice. The Leaguers I have requested be invited are Betty, Meg, and Bobette, but I don't have final decision-making power. The requirement was a statewide citizen constituency, which essentially excluded local League chairpersons. It is always interesting to learn what is happening in other states--Dallas inevitably comes up with having the most active citizens' committee.

Walter and I subsequently met in Austin for a conference with Bill Duncan and Walter Tillman of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. Essentially Walter Tillman is the only one involved in energy conservation on that staff; he indicated to me that he was currently involved in organizing a meeting of all governmental agencies relating to how they can conserve and is trying to get out another issue of the Texas Energy Report; the last issue appeared in August. I would like to recommend that we write letters to all the members of the Council encouraging them to hire additional personnel for work in energy conservation.

I have received from the State Building Commission a copy of a Proposed Energy Conservation Manual for Residential Construction, which is part of a total conservation package required by the Energy Conservation in Buildings Act. I am in the process of reviewing it myself and hope to have an architect review it as well (who is also president of the Audubon Society). I hope to present written comments to the Commission. (Next they will do non-residential construction, then they are to develop model energy conservation building codes for use by cities.)

My meeting with the energy chairpersons in the Dallas area, while valuable, was hampered by too great a ratio of state board members to local League chairpersons. While I think they found it valuable in a learning sense, they were not at ease enough to share all of their thinking with me (but one or two were very candid afterward!) The next meeting is for the Austin area on January 19. State board members, do NOT come! The Houston meeting is Jan. 27. Same request.

EPA, ERDA, and FEA are having a consumerism conference in Houston on January 21. I'll attend and hope to get in some comments on conservation.

I would like to do a VOTER article on the energy situation in Texas; I was told to wait until I was asked, but I'm asking anyway. When might there be space? (That's the classic definition of being assertive. I think.)

Now, about program interrelatedness. There is no question but that many of our program areas relate--all over the place. I see that as presenting problems only if we don't keep each other informed. The only additional chairperson I would like to be able to consult with on the state level is International Relations. I would like to see a chairperson in that area one day. Actually, I think having the program core committees as we do speaks to this very thing; the only reason it falls down is that we do not follow the "carbon routine." I have heard only from Meg, Becky, and Lucinda on any sort of regular basis. Where are the rest of you?????

Now to my own shortcomings. I hope to have recommendations with regard to program action at the local level ready for board meeting (hopefully Carole and I can consult by phone). We will bring copies.

TO: State Board
FROM: Becky Moon
RE: Air Quality

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

February 12, 7 P.M., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1302 Center Street, Deer Park, the Texas Air Control Board will hold their first public hearing to consider a construction permit requested by a manufacturer of polyvinyl chloride, known to have vinyl chloride emissions. This is the first public hearing under the new construction permit procedural rules. This will be an adjudicatory type hearing, a quasi-legal procedure. Following the recommendation of two consultants it was decided that it would be advantageous to have legal assistance.

I am concerned that the very nature of this type of hearing will frighten many citizens and groups from participating. I have expressed this concern to the TACB and asked that the procedures be simplified. Since this is the first of this type of hearing, we all feel a bit uncertain.

I hope the testimony presented will stimulate the TACB to reconsider the construction permit system and develop a regulation addressing the emission of chemical carcinogens, substances known to cause cancer. Considerable effort is going into the research of health effects of chronic exposure to low-levels of pollutants. I hope to have raised funds to acquire legal assistance by January 13. A delineation of issues must be presented at the pre-hearing conference in Houston on January 29.

As Air Quality Chairman of the LWV-Houston I wrote to Betty Mac Donald, Chairman, Committee on Environmental Program and Projects, to see if LWVUS had taken a position with regard to toxic substance legislation being considered this session of Congress. Betty said that the legislation could certainly be supported under the environmental positions, however, national board has not made the decision to take action on the legislation. In response to her letter, I am writing her back and urging further consideration. Having discussed this with John Quarles, Deputy Administrator of EPA, I agree with his statement that this is one of the most important pieces of environmental legislation before Congress.

Congress is preparing to take another crack at a long-debated bill that would set up the nation's first comprehensive system for controlling dangerous chemicals used in industrial and commercial products. The controversial measure has been kicking around Capitol Hill for almost five years. Environmentalists, labor leaders, and congressional supporters are hoping 1976 will be the year it finally is enacted. This legislation would allow EPA to ban hazardous substances or strictly regulate their use. It also would require screening of new chemicals before they reach the market. A recent issue demonstrates the need: the recent discovery of high levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) in fish from the Great Lakes and the Hudson River. These synthetic chemicals, used for years, produce serious ailments in laboratory animals and are suspected of causing cancer. Since EPA presently does not have the authority to cope with the problem, industry has been asked to cooperate voluntarily.

My local air quality committee and I have been working to make League's views concerning specific amendments to the Clean Air Act known. With financial assistance from the National Clean Air Coalition we have been writing and calling Senator Bentsen, a swing in the Senate committee. I will also be contacting local Leagues in hopes that they will also take action. A letter of support will go to Congressman Eckhardt who has been a leading proponent of air pollution control legislation. I have also written Congressman Krueger, a swing vote in the House committee.

This nation has made great strides in combating air pollution, however, noncompliance by major industries is still a substantial problem. On May 31, 1975, the statutory deadline for cleaning up the nation's air, 164 of the 247 air quality control regions in the U.S. still could not meet federal pollution standards.

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TO: State Board
FROM: Jeannette Naman
RE: Ad Hoc Committee-Financial Support of State League

As a result of our meeting in September, we are in the process of defining the scope of our problem and researching all such aspects. Committee members will (hopefully) report at our next meeting, prior to the January board plenary sessions.

As of now, we are investigating the historical background of the state pledge system and the support formula, outside fundraising, other sources of budget support, local Leagues' attitudes and data, what other state Leagues are doing about financial support, and statistical information on the three years of support formula. We will also use whatever we can glean from LL's responses to national's FTL Member Opinion Survey.

The LL Survey/Questionnaire from our committee went out in December....and slowly, the replies are coming in. As of now, only 14 Leagues have responded (Abilene, Amarillo, Baytown, Beaumont, Brazos County, Denton, Galveston, Houston, Midland, Pasadena, Plano Prov., San Marcos, Tarrant County, and Eastern Bell County Prov., with assurances from Edinburg-McAllen and Richardson that their replies would be forthcoming as soon as their boards had met). If you belong to a League which has NOT YET forwarded me their replies, please get in touch with their president and ask that they complete this questionnaire as soon as possible and send it to me, preferably before Jan. 24th, so that we can more completely evaluate all the answers when we meet in Austin. There are many interesting answers and comments showing up in these questionnaires, which we will share with all interested parties as soon as we have a full set of answers; the committee will try to have a statewide evaluation ready for your consumption by board meeting time....Hunter and I feel it will be most useful to the board in determining priorities and direction in the near future.

We fully expect to have enough of our work completed to have an interim report (as mandated by Convention) ready for Council in March; it may not be ready to go in the Workbook but will have to be distributed in Galveston.

RE: State Board Response to FINANCING THE LEAGUE Member Opinion Form.

At Anderson's request, I propose that we respond to this "preferential primary" as though we were a League unit; we will meet one evening (see your agenda for specifics) with a unit leader, discussion leaders, resource person, and recorder...and discuss the questions national has asked. In preparation for this "unit meeting", you are all herewith directed to re-read (this time, from the state League's point-of-view) the Facts and Issues, Parts I & II (THIS IS A MUST!) and also the Leader's Guide, if you can, but particularly the charts 5, 6, 7 in the latter. Between Titus and myself, we will try to give you a feeling of what LL's in Texas are saying (although all their responses will not be in by the date of our meeting!), although you will still have to formulate your answers from the state board's overall perspective.

Having chaired a similar committee in Houston, I have a great deal of other information which I will try to make available to you prior to our meeting; much of it is even more edifying than what appeared in the F&I. If a Treasurer's Report and/or Budget Analysis is included with these pre-boards, please look them over and allow the burden of such facts to weigh in on your thoughts. If you have any fascinating thoughts about how to make this unit meeting any more lively than it already portends to be, please contact me prior to January 25.

TO: State Board
FROM: Helen Hunter
RE: Working Priority Paper on Membership

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

I. Statement of Problem:

Drop in membership; failure to recruit new members; and lack of member participation.

II. Goals:

Retain present members; recruit new members; and involve more members.

III. Justification of item as a priority item:

The League as an organization must exist by and for its members. The vitality of the LWV depends on the number of members willing to participate in the work of the League.

General recruitment of members, however, is worthless if the net result is in numbers only and not in involved members.

According to the Kettering Report, the more participant members tend to be younger, those with no jobs at all, or part time jobs and those having children at home. These members are looking for intellectual enlightenment, and will become more and more involved as their children demand less and less of their time. Others seek full time employment or additional formal education. Some will become involved in political activities.

These are the same problems facing us today. We must find ways to retain and involve these interested members who have less than full time to participate in LWV activities.

IV. Plan of Action:

One to one basis still best recruitment tool.

Selling of LWV through PR (Emphasize fact that LWV is open to all members.)

Membership priority plan using V/S

Some of the work must be done on a statewide basis. Others must be suggestions and help for LL's to use on a community basis.

Recruitment:

Voters Service Workshops: Work with Representative Government to coincide with upcoming primaries, conventions, and elections.

Workshop on Campaign Financing, Lobby Laws, Poll Watching, How To Be Politically Effective, Voting Rights, Political Accountability.

Attending Precinct meetings, etc.

Use these themes in membership meetings, member orientation, in News Media, and PR contacts.

For local Leagues:

Seek membership in high schools and colleges (units on campus?), retirement communities, churches, clubs, etc.

Luncheon meetings

Hold covered dish suppers, "mystery guests," mini units to explain member agreement,

Go See tours, etc. Personal Contact.

Retention:

Through involvement on the members own terms.

Get each board member out of their own world and accept total board responsibility to members. Restructure program management and the workload to meet the needs of the majority of the members.

Make procedures flexible, eliminate busy work.

Use suggestions (did we get them?) from state board on "How their portfolio relates to membership"

Make a role for the part time member.

Membership flyers should have a place to sign up and a place to state specific interests.

Allow members to be involved in only one phase of LWV (many now are) just as we are now telling LL's they may pick and choose how much program they can handle without feeling guilty

Encourage the Action unit concept. or V/S units or Sunday afternoon units or luncheon units or campus units or units within a company instead of a community.

"Consensus in the park"

Plan membership orientation meetings at different times and places. Keep presentation lively and not too filled with League jargon. Be prepared with more detailed information if asked.

Nurseries (babysitter service) or compensation for child care.

Personal contact

Time: Start immediately, push through spring primaries, summer campaigns, and fall elections. Ad infinitum.

TO: State Board
FROM: Diana Clark
RE: Emerging Priority--Program Areas for LHV-Texas
Administration of Justice

Problem: (for the state, not the League)

- a) to modernize the criminal justice system in Texas, not just in a few urban areas, but statewide.
- b) uneven statewide law enforcement capability and coordination.
- c) lack of adequate legal services to indigent criminal offenders statewide.
- d) lack of citizen awareness and support for the necessity of statewide innovative programs.
- e) varying degrees of local financial capability to fund adequate programs accentuates the uneven application of such programs statewide.

Goals of the LHV in attacking the above state problems:*

- a) Making it a state responsibility to see that uniform standards for law enforcement are upgraded.
- b) Exploring the possibilities in state help in funding as well as initiating programs for pre-trial help for alleged offenders.
- c) Reform of bail bond system.
- d) To inform the public of the facts, goals, and desirability of such statewide assistance.
- e) To initiate and/or support appropriate legislation.

Justification for a League priority on any of the above problems and goals:

The adoption of the particular study of criminal justice in Texas by the delegates in El Paso makes working for appropriate legislation in the 1977 legislature a mandate. Consensus positions reached in 1976 will be uppermost in members' minds and help from local Leagues will not be hard to get. Additionally, the increasing cost of the criminal justice system, from police through courts, county jails, and correction has focused public attention on the problem, and increasingly, citizen interest groups and individuals have adopted criminal justice as a priority focus. Coalitions can probably be gotten together in several particular areas of reform to sponsor or support needed state legislation.

Plan of Action: Consensus on several items will be available in the spring of 1976.

Additional consensus will be sought in fall 1976 on sentencing and probation. The combination of these two items should give ample direction to legislative action.

- Spring-Summer 1976--Identify other groups interested in similar goals.
- Interview legislative candidates (they don't get much attention during this period while interest is usually focused on national political conventions.)
- Try to identify opposition to legislative changes. Become aware of restrictive legislation being proposed by some "lock-em-up- and-throw-away-the-key" groups.
- Keep up member interest by additional VOTER material and regular memos from state A. of J. committee (?) on what is happening around the state.

Timetable: Fall 1976 through legislative session 1977.

Additional possibilities: Plan to present to local Leagues for continuation of the study item past the 1977 state convention. (Frankly, it is going to be very difficult for me at this point to get very much published on juvenile justice before Feb. 1977 unless I can find a sub-chairperson someplace who will begin now to develop the material.

*based on anticipated consensus positions.

LWV of Texas
January 1976
Pre-Board Report

TO: State Board
FROM: Beth Brown
RE: Working Priority Paper on Citizen Participation

I. Citizen participation has been a stated objective of LWV since the national League was incorporated in 1923. It has been a part of the purpose of LWV since that time and is further reiterated as part of the principles of the League, number two in a list of six.

The problem, therefore, is that after 55 years as part of the purpose and principles of this organization, citizen participation is relegated to fifth place in a list of five "emerging priorities." This change of status from a continuing and constant commitment to a possibly optional "emerging priority" seems to represent an unexpected redefinition of what the League of Women Voters is about.

II. Goals: Res ipsa loquitor. The goal is implicit in the statement of purpose. (Article II, Sec. 1 of bylaws; also Article II of State Charter.) A theme for this year might be 'Election '76,' the aim being to provide accurate and timely information relevant to the rights and responsibilities of the voting citizens in Texas.

III. Justification: See No. I. If the stated purpose of the organization requires justification in order to "emerge" as a priority, it is back to the drawing board for the League of Women Voters and back to currently submerged priorities for me.

IV. Plan of Action: The plan is to keep on keeping on consonant with available time, unavailable money, and insufficient people power. The League's approach to the problem of increasing citizen participation has been too general. After this bicentennial, leap, and election year, I suggest that we get specific by adopting and exploring the issue of accountability as an approach to increased citizen interest and involvement.

TO: State Board
FROM: Meg Titus
RE: Action Strategy and Priority Setting at SB Plenary Session

Why property tax reform should be our first priority item in implementing an action strategy during the next year.

PROBLEM: To devise an action plan as soon as possible which should result in improved coordination of action during the coming legislative session, thereby increasing our effectiveness in all program areas.

GOAL: The accomplishment of as many League positions as possible through carefully and firmly setting priorities for action.

JUSTIFICATION:

1. Property tax reform (PTR) is a major and current citizen concern shared by officials at all levels of government.
2. The inequities in property tax assessment are becoming more and more evident to the general public. If League can do something positive to remedy these inequities, our image to the public will improve greatly because we are showing concern for their pocketbooks. (This could well help League membership too.)
3. Pressures for uniform tax assessment across the state make this the RIGHT time to "zero in" on PTR.
4. Changes in this area seem to be politically possible now and through the next legislative session at least. Many of our TCR and other goals could possibly be accomplished statutorily.
5. PTR touches nearly every program portfolio in LHV-T (except possibly International Relations). Its inter-relatedness to all program items gives us a chance to use a new "tack" on some long-standing positions, and could be the "right" emphasis to help both development and membership.
6. PTR would increase League's credibility with the public, government officials, legislators, and hopefully with our own membership, and would give us a chance for some successes which we badly need after TCR.

PLAN FOR ACTION

1. Each program chair should draft a list of ways the adoption of PTR as a first action priority could affect change in her program area.
2. Each program chair should also list ways adoption of this strategy could have adverse impact.
3. Each should list some achievable legislative goals before the March board meeting in order that some final strategy could then be developed.
4. A list should be done of our potential enemies with each program chair preparing ways to anticipate and hopefully de-fuse their impact on our strategy.
5. A list should be made of groups with our like concerns and attempts should be made to form coalitions to implement our plans.
6. A time-line should be developed--a starting, a peaking, a finish--for each part of our strategy in order that each program chair will not be asking LL's to write legislators the same week as six other requests for letters are sent.
7. Legislators should be contacted NOW who have presented bills conforming to our positions, and we should begin working with them immediately drafting legislation (example--Peveto). This has proven to be much easier than proposing amendments to bills filed.
8. Our action strategy should be re-assessed at each state board meeting with any necessary adjustments acted upon, at which time each program chair should report the attempts and accomplishments in her portfolio in the course of assessing the success (or lack of it) of our strategy implementation. It will be difficult to walk the fine line between needed flexibility and the commitment to the priorities we select.

TO: State Board
FROM: Betty Anderson
RE: Working Paper--Emerging Priority: MONEY: FINANCING THE LNV-T

I. The Problem

- Increased costs and dwindling income
Paper has risen 20%
Postage has risen 30%
But pledges have decreased.
- Ten years ago LL pledges to state were \$31,185.
In 1976, pledges to state are \$30,089.
- Today we send \$26,650 (theoretically) to national (\$17,425 in PMP's + \$9,225 in pledge).
Ten years ago we sent half that amount.

II. Goals

To get LNV-T on an even financial keel by Convention 1977.

- To raise \$5,000 in non-member contributions in 1976.
- To raise LL consciousnesses to be willing to increase pledges by 10% by 1977.
- To obtain a significant grant which dovetails with League priorities.
- To develop a workable League Legislative Service available to governmental units or organizations.
- To work toward functional coordination of the work of League through activities of LNV-T and LNV-TEF.

III. Justification

"State Board responsibility in finance is crucial to League development. Building understanding of the paramount position the LL holds in the League's integrated financial structure is one of the most important functions of the state board in promoting strong, effective, growing Leagues." (State Board Handbook)

It's really a matter of survival and maintaining effectiveness.

IV. Plan of Action

- State Board members within geographical areas of the state explain and sensitize Leagues of the plight of the state budget in 1976 and 1977.
- Conduct a management review of our operations, coordinated mailings, publication costs, where we might economize.
- Assist and support the development committee to the fullest in raising money.
- Immediately prepare and pursue another grant proposal to a specific grantor.
- Develop the "for sale" League Legislative Service.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 28, 1976

I. ADMINISTRATION

Minutes of November 18 meeting

Diaterka and Clark

Treasurer's Report

Heaberlin

Audit Report

Heaberlin

Houston Production Co. Stock

On December 22 we received \$11,500.00 as partial amount liquidating cash distribution from the sale to Houston Oil and Minerals Corp. It is presently in a savings account in Waco. How shall we invest the money?

II. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECT REQUESTS

A. Houston

Land Use Contest

Criteria for L-U contest approved 12/10 by Anderson, Hunter, Wilbur, & Peterman

B. Dallas

Tentative approval given by Executive Committee

LWV-Dallas Energy publication

Requested an amount up to \$150. for publication of an informational and educational tool for the membership and surrounding community on the energy program item. Director for the project, Pearl Wincorn, states: "Objective: LWV-Dallas has not found it economically feasible to make available to its members and interested non-members the Energy briefs published by LIVEF. However, they feel the need for a concise, readable, current statement about the energy situation."

Method: They plan to compile a F&I of 6-8 pages utilizing as much as possible of the material in LIVEF Energy Briefs 1-18. Additional current data would be used, including new federal energy legislation, etc. The publication would be similar to one produced by the Atlanta-Fulton County, Ga. LWV--but would place heavier emphasis on conservation.

Circulation: League study units on energy are scheduled for Feb. and March. Distribution would include their membership of 532; financial contributors and advisers, selected public officials, and environmental organizations. A limited number would be available for sale.

LL PROJECT REQUESTS

III. Denton

1. Publication of Voters Guides for Primary
2. Need: Distribution of information; educational value
3. Description of Project:
 - a. Person in charge: Betty Thetford, VS Chairman
 - b. Plans for execution:
 - Author - candidates questionnaires
 - Proposed Timetable: Jan. - prepare questions
 - Feb. - mail out questionnaires
 - Mar. - receive back questionnaires and prepare
prepare answers for printing
 - April - approximate Apr. 15th distribution
 - c. Distribution plans - still in planning stage; perhaps will be distributed
by newspaper. If not, Denton League will print and
distribute. If printed and distributed by newspaper,
League will distribute about 2000 extras around county.
4. Plan for follow-up: None
5. Budget:
 - Postage for approx. 50 certified mailings with return
receipt requested \$34.50
 - Printing of cover letters 3.50
 - Stationery and envelopes 5.00
 - L.D. phone calls 2.50
 - Printing costs of VGs 354.00
 - \$400.00

IV. Abilene

From: Kathy Webster, President

- /A. Local Voters Guide
- B. Details: The Abilene Report News has agreed to print 23,000 Voters Guides
and distribute them with the paper. They will provide in kind services of \$500
and we will need to find \$1000 in the community

Project Director: Jeanette Davis, 3701 High Meadows, Abilene 79605
(915) 692-3205

B. Printing Know Your Community Survey

We are in the process of compiling information for this study and hope
hope to have it printed in booklet form in late spring or early summer
Have not found funding yet

We plan to distribute this to the schools, industry, Chamber of Commerce
Industrial Foundation, and to the newcomers to Abilene

Project Director: Hannah Rickman, 1241 Highland, Abilene 79605
(915) 673-0796

(This is in the very early planning stages. We should have more
information as to number needed, cost, donors, etc. by your March meeting.)

TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

MINUTES

First Unitarian Church
Dallas, Texas 75205
November 18, 1975

The meeting was convened by Betty Anderson at 11:05 a.m. Present were: Anderson, Brown, D. Clark, P. Clarke, Glickman, Heaberlin, Headrick, Higgins, Hunter, Moore, Nobles, Peterman, Sugihara, Titus, Wilbur.
Absent: Davies, Shlipak

I. ADMINISTRATION

Resignation of Marion Gholston was accepted. Barbara Materka was nominated as her replacement as trustee and secretary and unanimously elected. In Mrs. Materka's absence, D. Clark agreed to take the minutes.

Minutes of the September meeting were corrected as follows: The amount of \$308.75 is the corrected total for Houston Facts and Issues project. Also, paragraph on Government in the Sunshine was amended to read "\$48.25 from Legislative Research Material Account of LWV-T already granted."

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented as was local League Trust Fund Balances as of 11-15-75.

A committee composed of B. Anderson, S. Heaberlin, and B. Glickman was appointed as an investment committee to review the possibilities of moving the TEF bank accounts to a bank in Austin.

By general consent, TEF Treasurer Heaberlin was authorized \$50.00 to set up a new book-keeping system. No auditor has yet been found.
Report on Houston Production Company stock was postponed.

II. POLICIES

LWVUS will not accept state pledge payments in Education Fund money. Pledges and mechanics of same were referred to the investment committee.
The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

November 18, 1975

The meeting of the trustees of the TEF reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Shlipak and Mrs. Materka were present. Mrs. Anderson presided.

III. HOUSTON LAND USE CONTEST

Discussion centered around the IRS policy which states that no conclusions (right or wrong) can be drawn by any TEF funded project; therefore, is a contest "winner" selected on the basis of conclusions? It was decided to request further information asking what criteria would be used for selection of contest winners. Criteria factors acceptable to TEF would be those based on creativity and/or originality. It was moved by Glickman, seconded by Higgins that the proposal be approved contingent upon acceptable criteria for granting the prizes. Motion passed with no negative votes. Bobette Higgins will be Project Supervisor, Rachel Ohman and Penney Murn of the Houston League are project directors.

Corpus Christi Voters Service project as presented on board agenda approved contingent upon Corpus Christi getting the necessary funds from local sources. Project supervisor will be B. Nobles, local project director, Linda Stubing.

Baytown (not on printed agenda). Another request to pay Voters Service bills after the fact. Project approved with no negative votes. J. Peterman appointed project supervisor who will ask for as many receipts as possible with a signed voucher for expenditures to be submitted before check is sent.

Revision of the TEF Handbook, postponed from the morning session, was presented by C. Shlipak. After several word and sentence changes, the suggested revisions were accepted. All votes were yes with the exception of Heaberlin who abstained.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
Diana Clar, Acting Secretary

January 15, 1976
Sue Heaberlin, Treasurer

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
Statement of Income and Expense
(11-15-75 to 1-15-76)

Cash Assets 11-15-75

Checking (Dallas)	\$ 3,061.30	
Time Deposit (Dallas)	2,677.79	
Savings (Waco)	4,672.75	
	<u>\$10,411.84</u>	\$ 10,411.84

Income

Interest	150.18	
Unrestricted	550.00	
From LL's		
Restricted to LL's	\$1,806.00	
Administration Fees	95.00	
	<u>\$1,901.00</u>	
	1,901.00	
Total income	<u>\$ 2,601.18</u>	2,601.18
		<u>\$ 13,013.02</u>

Expense

Administration		
Postage	\$ 1.00	
Telephone	2.47	
Supplies	66.45	
Other	12.25	
	<u>\$ 82.17</u>	
	82.17	
Local League projects	700.00	
Qtrly. support transfer	(475.00)	
Total expense	<u>\$ 307.17</u>	307.17
		<u>\$ 12,705.85</u>

BALANCE SHEET
1-15-76

Assets

Cash	
Checking (Austin)	\$ 2,368.85
Checking (Dallas)	2,836.28
Time Deposit (Dallas)	2,766.24
Savings (Waco)	4,734.48
	<u>\$12,705.85</u>
Investments (100 shares Houston Production Co.)	12,205.85
	<u>\$25,205.85</u>

Liabilities

None	
Capital	
LL Trust Funds	\$ 8076.38
General Fund	4629.47
Stock	12,500.00
	<u>\$25,205.85</u>

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
(Local League Trust Fund Balances 1/15/76)

Amarillo	\$ 160.00
Austin	344.85
Bay Area	47.50
Baytown	487.81
Beaumont	133.00
Corpus Christi	161.50
Dallas	1756.16
Denton	664.25
Edinburg-McAllen	28.50
El Paso	522.50
Galveston	190.00
Houston	1591.11
Hunt County	9.50
Irving	24.94
Lubbock	206.25
Midland	22.12
Richardson	47.50
San Antonio	484.50
San Marcos	133.00
Sherman	9.50
Tarrant County	942.64
Victoria	66.50
Waco	42.75
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	\$ 8076.38

STATE BOARD LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Marie Lisi is not going to be able to be with us, but I told her we would take a second look at the workshop. Please rank each section before you come to board meeting and answer the question, "Are there any management techniques taking hold--after seven months?"

	Extremely valuable to me						No value
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I. Time -- The Common Denominator							
Uses of Time							
Lists of Uses of Time							
II. Doing Something About It	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Dialogue on Members Shut-Out							
Joining the Dots							
LL Case Study							
Analysis of internal League problem							
III. Priority Setting and Total Board Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hollow Square							
Mock Model meeting to pick priority within HR portfolio							
IV. Identifying the Goal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strategy Planning							
Overnight assignment (Develop a plan for her portfolio to fit into the board strategy plan.)							
V. State Board Concerns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
VI. Leadership Management	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Why Be a League Leader							
Transferring Skills (Career Development)							
Spotting Leaders							
VII. The Briny Deep (Delegation)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The Leader. Looks at Authority and Responsibility							
Newsweek article, "Management: The Japanese touch"							
VIII. Styles of Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
IX. Leadership Management	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The Chaste and the Chased							
Role Play followed by critique							
Leadership Styles and their Effect on Problem Solving							
X. Assisting Leagues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Goals of servicing Leagues							
Organizing and Servicing Prov. Leagues							
Identifying Sick Leagues							
People and Paper Servicing							
Board Orientation Techniques							
XI. Developing and Conducting Workshops	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Developing an Agenda							
Techniques							
Overnight assignment: Plan a Workshop							
XII. State League Budget and Development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Who Determines the Budget							
Priorities							
Functions of a Budget							
Philosophy and Concepts of Budget Forms							
Analysis of state budget as a fund raising tool							
Uses of Ed. Fund							
Sources of Funding							

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
1212 GUADALUPE, SUITE 109
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

January 28-30, 1976
Rather House, Episcopal Seminary
Austin, Texas

PLENARY SESSION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1976

PRESENT: Anderson, Brown, D. Clark, P. Clarke, Davies, Glickman, Heaberlin, Headrick, Higgins, Hunter, Materka, Moore, Nobles, Peterman, Shlipak, Sugihara, Titus, and Wilbur.

ABSENT: Farmer

1. 1976-77 PRIORITIES

In order for forthcoming committee meetings to set goals and develop strategies, Anderson asked that each related director speak to one of the five emerging priorities (see 11/19/75 Minutes, p. 5) of Administration of Justice, citizen participation, membership, money, and property tax reform.

Hunter presented membership gain and loss figures, and discussion centered around state's responsibilities to local Leagues, the need for every member contact directly from state, the failure of local Leagues to recognize close affiliation with state, and the suggestion that many membership problems are local in nature.

D. Clark stated that she does not suggest that AJ be ranked a number one priority for the biennium, although it is becoming an extremely interesting program area. She suggested that it become a legislative priority. It was mentioned that exciting program items such as AJ can also contribute to membership interest, communication, and retention.

Brown referred to her preboard report stating that citizen participation is a stated objective of LWV.

Titus referred to her preboard report stating that property tax reform is a current concern of citizens. It would touch nearly every program portfolio, and its emphasis now could bring badly needed legislative successes for LWV, improve LWV's image, and in so doing could help both development and membership.

Anderson referred to her preboard report on Money: Financing the LWV-T, stating that with rising costs and dwindling LL pledges, financing is really a matter of survival and maintaining effectiveness.

Anderson asked for written ballots ranking all five categories from one to five and reported the resulting positions:

1. Money
2. Citizen Participation
3. Membership
4. Property Tax Reform
5. Administration of Justice

2. WELFARE FUND IMPOUNDAGE.

Davies reported that she had met that morning with Jonathan Hole, Assistant to the Commissioner, State Dept. of Public Welfare, and had discussed with him Governor Briscoe's impounding of legislatively appropriated welfare funds. She MOVED that the LWW-T simultaneously issue a press release and write a letter to Governor Briscoe expressing concern for his recent failure to comply with the intent of the legislature in not releasing contingency funds to the Department of Public Welfare for the medical costs of AFDA recipients. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Recessed 4:10 p.m.

Reconvened 1/29/76, 1:40 p.m.

PRESENT: As previously listed, plus Laura Keverer

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. Announced change of 1978 LWWUS convention site from Chicago to Cincinnati, Ohio in keeping with the policy of not supporting states that have not ratified the ERA.

2. LWWUS has received a grant to produce forums designed to focus attention on major contenders for the presidential nomination, with emphasis on issues.

3. Board meeting dates will be March 29 in conjunction with Council and possibly cluster meetings in May.

4. Opened for discussion the possibility of sending only two delegates to National Convention May 3-7 because of lack of money. Wilbur MOVED that LWW-T send three delegates to the National Convention, paying total expenses for the President with the other two delegates equally sharing funds up to the total of \$1400 budgeted. SECONDED and CARRIED. Titus and Wilbur were selected by written ballots to be delegates.

5. Requested Wilbur to submit her budget report and Financing State Government report and Brown to submit her Voters Guide report to the state office before returning home.

6. Again called attention to the number of officers and directors not complying with deadlines and to the burden it places on others, especially the staff in the state office.

7. Changes in LWW-T listing of officers and directors:

a. Barbara Materka's address and telephone number are 4114 Northaven, Dallas, Texas 76229, 214-352-9003.

b. Remove "Air" as a responsibility of Headrick.

c. List Shelley Friend as new assistant secretary (staff).

8. ABC Election Night Reporting will be chaired by Bunny Sawin.

9. Pat Lawson of Houston is attending the Wingspread Symposium on International Relations, February 2-4.

10. Agreed that a press release on Susan B. Anthony Day would not be beneficial.

4. FINANCING THE LEAGUE REPORTS.

Jeanette Naman joined the group and gave a report on the financing the League "unit meeting" held the previous night with board members. D. Clark MOVED we accept the report. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Naman is compiling LL's replies to the survey questions and will shortly send copies of that information to board members.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Glickman briefly covered the two submitted budget analyses as of November 30, 1975 and as of December 31, 1975, calling attention to an added column entitled "Noncash." She plans to distribute the six-month analysis to LL's with an explanation of the "Noncash" column. It was VOTED to accept the analyses.

6. MINUTES.

The November 18-19 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Under Unregistered Campaign Activities of WWW's, p.2 in the 5th line, the verb "has" should read "have."

Under Public Relations-Voters Service, p. 3, lines 6 and 8, remove the words "Justices of the Peace" and "JP's" respectively and substitute "statewide Judicial candidates" on each line.

Under 1976 priorities, p. 4, line 3, change "program committee" to HR-EQ committee."

7. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY-HUMAN RESOURCES.

Titus reported a committee discussion of holding a conference on property tax reform and charging \$25 per person as a possible fund-raising project. Various concerned groups would be asked to contribute speakers, printing, and funds for honoraria. There was general consent for a committee (Davies, Higgins, Keever, Nobles, and Wilbur) to meet in Austin soon and bring a proposal to Council if the project seems feasible.

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After consideration the night before, Anderson submitted the following budget revision:

A. State Office (1350 x 5)	\$ 6750
B. President	400
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3b SB Meetings	1700
3c Adm.	100
4a Finance	200
C. Services to LLs	750
D. 1 2 National Convention	4050
E. National Pledge (one more quarter)	2306
F. VOTER	750
	<u>14056</u>

Income:

Pledges	\$10,000
Pubs	1,500
TEF	1,125
Contr.	1,431
	<u>14,056</u>

21. PROPOSED 1976-77 BUDGET.

Wilbur, budget chairperson, went over the proposed LMV-T and LMV-TEF budgets and the anticipated Local League Support of 1976-77. Various recommended changes were accepted by general consent, it was MOVED and VOTED that H.2.d.v. Energy remain \$75, and Wilbur MOVED the proposed budgets be accepted as changed. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Break 11:00

Reconvened 11:05

22. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SERVICE OF TEXAS (LIST).

Jan Albers joined the meeting and Davies reported on a proposed pilot project to begin in San Antonio. LIST would be an information service to cities and local government entities, which would "watchdog" pertinent legislation. It would have a paid project director, in Austin with staff and would produce twice weekly legislative newsletters constantly updating bills of interest, so that the cities, etc. might know when to send their own staff or lobbyists to Austin. Davies reported proposed budget highlights totaling \$11,350 which included staff, supplies, attorney to write bills, and a WATS line. Albers suggested the Legislative News Service at \$2500 might be more valuable than a WATS line. The project is designed as a purely informational, money-raising project for LMV-T and the pilot project is not expected to be profitable, but future projects could be. Peterman MOVED that Davies be given authority to proceed with the exploration of the feasibility of the pilot project called LIST. SECONDED and CARRIED. Albers left.

23. FINANCE DEVELOPMENT, PHASE II.

Shlipak asked for and received a "presidential directive" for board members to memorize the formula used in sharing and incentive guidelines, P. 4 of the "LMV-T Policy Guide" so that board members might enthusiastically communicate it to local League members whenever possible. She also expects board members to take time to consider who might be potential contributors and to send the names directly to her by February 13.

The Annual Report is finished; it was designed, 2500 copies produced, and donated by the Bloom Agency of Dallas. Within 10 days letters to prospects enclosing Annual Reports and letters with sample Annual Reports to LL presidents will be mailed; calls will begin shortly afterward.

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24. PROVISIONALS.

Hunter spoke of some problems with provisionals, but reported that Provisional LMV-Plano and Provisional LMV-Huntsville are working on their know-your-community survey and plan to apply for local League recognition shortly.

The pre-provisional Longview/Kilgore and pre-provisional Marshall group are working in temporary committees on community analyses, budgets, and bylaws.

She plans a special ceremony at Council to welcome new Leagues.

She reported the cost of Provisional LMV-Eastern Bell Co. was \$321 in the 6 months of pre-organization.

Plans are being made for the program core to work on guidelines for consolidation of some program presentation for provisionals to aid them in catching up with other Leagues.

State board members, especially program action people, were reminded that consultation with the respective advisers of provisionals is necessary before they are requested to take action. The advisers at present are:

- PLMV-Eastern Bell County, Kathy Leabo
- PLMV-Gainesville, Marty Kissinger
- PLMV-Huntsville, Sue Taylor
- PLMV-Plano, Beth Brown
- PLMV-Longview/Kilgore, Chris Selman and Audrey Shutt
- PLMV-Marshall, Peggy Farmer

25. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

Peterman reported that Helen Hunter is consultant to the advisers of pre-provisionals and provisionals. Changes in consultants to some local Leagues will be sent out shortly. She passed out Suggested Board Training Assignments 1976 and there were some questions. Anderson agreed to speak with Linda McGowan, President, LMV-Lubbock, about their preference for trainer.

Anderson and Kathy Leabo will conduct training for the assigned board trainers on Wednesday, February 11 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Rather House in Austin. Trainers will stay overnight at a cost of \$3 per person and \$10 for meeting space.

26. FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT.

At Wilbur's request, it was generally agreed to re-order previously approved consensus questions (See November minutes.) and to delete question No. 31.

27. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. D. Clark asked board members from various areas to give her names of district judges with different viewpoints, i.e. liberal or conservative, to be contacted for their opinions on the judicial process, specifically sentencing procedures, to be used for a statewide sample for the next F&I to be produced under the study.

Ten justice games have been sold (one to a teacher for a high school government class), and the Houston Chronicle published a good article on the game. A profit is not anticipated at a selling price of \$2.50.

She is receiving questions from LL's about implications of consensus question No. 1, ie. what constitutes "criminal" information.

She had an interview with the head of the Identification and Criminal Records Division of the Department of Public Safety. Information is being compiled on criminal histories and stored information about crime and criminals, and it will be available to LL's upon request.

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The focus on Juvenile Justice is beginning, and an offboard chairperson, hopefully from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, will be recruited to begin research now. Projected dates for leaders guide and/or F&I is January/February, 1977 with consensus in March/April, 1977. Ethel Sturgis, President of LMV-Tarrant County has asked that, if an assistant is recruited from members of that League, a letter of proposal be sent to their board.

A letter from the AJ committee chairperson of LMV-Tarrant County asking for clarification of several items was read. A draft reply by Clark was generally approved.

Clark had attended the third session of the new Texas Commission on Jail Standards and reported progress is being made despite a lack of legislative funding. Clark introduced herself and the state league justice study to the commission and told them of our interest in their deliberations.

28. VOTING RIGHTS.

Sugihara stated that LMV-T has received an invitation to participate in the Federal Election Commission's Regional Seminar Program to be held February 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The address is
Room 7A23, Federal Building
1100 Commerce
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She has written two memos on the Texas Campaign Finance Law and would like input from the board. She has been investigating the funding for flyers on poll watching.

29. PUBLICATIONS.

Nobles reported that the AJ F&I is moving well; she is working with LL's so that it might be sold on a profit-making basis.

The FSG F&I galley proofs are ready. She asked Wilbur for distribution plans.

An imaginative publications room at Council is being planned.

She is working with her publishers in updating technical printing instructions included in Mary Sieber's "Suggested Style Sheet".

30. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

P. Clarke reported that LWV-Houston has written to Senator John Tower expressing concern about a statement he made when U.S. involvement in Angola was made public, saying in effect that the public with its lack of sophistication in areas of "foreign" policy should leave such decisions to government.

Clarke wrote letters to Texas Representatives Casey and Mahon urging their support of full funding for the International Development and Food Act (HR 9005) and separate appropriations for military aid and development aid.

31. DEADLINES:

February 6: Postboard reports

Information for VOTER

Who-is-flying-in-where-for-Council info to Anderson

Offboard committee

February 13: Council workbook material

Creative finance material to D. Clark

Prospects for development to Shlipak

Skeleton plans to Sugihara from assigned participants

stating what they see their responsibilities to be

at Council.

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