

League of Women Voters of Texas

612 NORTH 18TH STREET • WACO, TEXAS

September 1, 1965

CALL TO CONVENTION

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown

The Tenth Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas will be held in Fort Worth on March 22-24, 1966 at the Hotel Texas. This is your formal call to participation in the events prior to and during the Convention.

Under state bylaws provisions, delegates to the Convention shall consider and adopt a Program, adopt a budget, elect officers and directors, make any bylaws changes deemed necessary, and transact such other business as shall come before the Convention body.

PROGRAM: Following the procedures outlined in Article X of the state bylaws, members enrolled in local Leagues have full responsibility for the choice of the State Program for 1966-68. It is the member's responsibility to consider carefully and express her choice for that State Program. It is the local Board's responsibility to provide for maximum participation of the individual member in the discussions and decisions on possible items and to report the best thinking of the member in its official recommendation to the state Board. Deadline for the first-round of state Program suggestions is November 22, 1965. Recommendations bearing a postmark later than November 22 will not be considered.

The forms for Program suggestions were sent to the local Leagues on August 15.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: The State Nominating Committee held its first informal exploratory meeting at Presidents' Council in March 1965. The Committee will meet to prepare a slate for your consideration in September. Its official report will be sent to every member in the Pre-Convention Texas VOTER in February 1966.

BUDGET: The State Budget Committee will meet in Waco on September 28 to blueprint the financial future of the League of Women Voters of Texas. A proposed state budget and suggested local League pledges to state and national services will accompany the October Post-Board Report.

BYLAWS: The deadline for proposals to amend the state bylaws is November 22, 1965. Article XIV of the bylaws provides the method for amendment. Bylaws changes must be submitted by local Boards, not by individual members or committees.

BYLAWS DEADLINES LEADING TO STATE CONVENTION IN 1966:

November 22, 1965 Deadline for mailing first-round Program recommendations.
Recommendations must be postmarked not later than November 22.

November 22, 1965 Deadline for proposed amendments to state bylaws.

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January 1966

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
RE: FORMAL CALL TO CONVENTION

The Tenth Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas will convene at 12:30 P. M. on Tuesday, March 22, 1966 in the Hotel Texas, Fort Worth.

Business to come before the Convention includes the consideration of state Program, a state budget and such Bylaws amendments that have been proposed; election of officers and directors and such other business as shall properly come before the Convention for decision.

Full information necessary to the delegates to the Convention is included in Workbook - Part I which comes to you with this Formal Call.

Listed below is the number of delegates, in addition to the president, to which each local League is entitled, according to official membership figures in the state office. In addition, local Leagues are encouraged to send as many observers as desired. Delegates and observers will pay the same registration and travel equalization fees.

Abilene	3	Irving	6
Amarillo	3	Lake Jackson	3
Austin	17	LaMarque	4
Baytown	5	Longview	6
Beaumont	8	Lubbock	10
Brownsville	4	Midland	10
Corpus Christi	19	Odessa	4
Corsicana	4	Pasadena	6
Dallas	20	Richardson	5
Denton	5	San Angelo	2
Dickinson	10	San Antonio	20
Edinburg	2	San Marcos	4
Fort Worth	15	So. Jefferson County	5
Freeport	4	Texas City	4
Galveston	19	Tyler	6
Harlingen	3	Victoria	7
Houston	20	Waco	10
		Wichita Falls	4

Provisional Leagues of Bay Area and El Paso - Observers only.

January 22, 1966	Proposed Program sent to local Leagues by state Board.
January 22, 1966	Proposed bylaws changes sent to local Leagues with state Board recommendations.
January 22, 1966	Report of Nominating Committee sent to local Leagues.
February 21, 1966	Deadline for second-round Program recommendations <u>received in state office.</u>
March 22-24, 1966	State Convention, Fort Worth, Texas

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Notice of official delegate strength of each local League will be based on membership lists received in state office by November 1, 1965 and will be sent to the local Leagues in January 1966.

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On Duplicate
President's Mailing

January 21, 1966

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: State Office
RE: Convention Exhibits

And what do YOU have to brag about????

Space is being provided at the Tenth Biennial Convention in Fort Worth (the NEW VISIONS Convention) for special exhibits. The Convention Committee had hoped that there would be time available for a "Texas Local League Brags" session, at which those of you who have been successful in some particular area of League work could tell the others about it, but with so much business on the agenda, and such good programs planned for the two dinner meetings, there was just no spare time. However, with one good sized room provided for displays and exhibits you are invited to send, or bring with you, any exhibits you may wish to set up, depicting any activity of the last two years of which you are particularly proud. Some of you may have had a successful Local Program Item with unusual graphic aids for discussion, good publicity, or a fine publication. Some of you may have done something unusual in the area of Membership Recruitment or Involvement. Others of you may have had unusually good Public Relations. Whatever story you'd like to tell, do so through an exhibit. If you need to mail something in advance, send it to the Hotel Texas, Fort Worth, Texas marked 'For League of Women Voters of Texas' Convention Exhibits. Please let the Fort Worth Convention Chairman - name and address below - know by March 19th, no later - how much space you will need - table, wall and/or easel.

Fort Worth Convention Chairman: Mrs. William Watson, Jr.
[REDACTED]

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January 1966

1966 POLL TAX CAMPAIGN REPORT

Please return one copy to:

Mrs. E. S. Prashner, Voters Service Chairman
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

DEADLINE: February 15, 1966

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF _____

Number of poll tax receipts issued _____ (Include Federal Election Only)

Number of exemption certificates issued _____

Number of Deputies _____

Remuneration received _____

What publicity and/or promotion techniques used _____

Were LWV publications distributed _____ Which ones? _____

What other community organizations participated in the Poll Tax Campaign?

Describe briefly other Voters Service activities since September 1, 1965.

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Tenth Biennial Convention
March 22-24, 1966, Fort Worth

PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM
1966 - 1968

PREAMBLE

The League of Women Voters of Texas works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League studies and takes action on selected state governmental issues which are in the public interest. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

PROGRAM

- adopted*
adopted
Substitute
amending
adopted
adopted
almost
unanimously
- I THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE: Evaluation of the organization and functioning of the Texas Legislature
- II TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Support of measures to promote revision of the Texas Constitution
- III STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS: Support of more effective state and local government in Texas by comprehensive state and metropolitan regional planning, organizational flexibility and adequate financing
(1) E. v. T. & L. C.
(2) E. v. flexible structure
adequate powers for local
govts in Texas consistent w
state responsibility for effective govt.
- IV VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION LAWS: Support of improved procedures for the registration of voters and the conducting of elections in Texas.

19 bills in 1965 legis were pertinent to our E & L position

Continuing
registration
"P P R" - permanent
personal registration
only League
Safeguarded Pers. Registration
Certified Personal Registration

Florence - Mrs. Owens Corpus wanted to talk about their recreation item. We never found a time. I can write her & introduce you if you like. Mrs. Dale Owen, 410 Dolphin St. Corpus

W. J. Joor

Get minutes from Lucia. Set San Antonio packet for Joor

Brown

POST-CONVENTION 1966 STATE BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Agenda
March 24, 1966
Hotel Texas - Fort Worth

2:00 P. M.

Full Board Meeting

Appointments to Board
President's Welcome

2:15

Consideration of San Antonio's Request to Work on Home Rule Amendment

2:30 - 5:30

Committee Meetings

2:30 - 4:00

Training Session for Field Service -- Full Board Leaders: Pollard, Braunagel

4:00 - 5:30

Program Chairmen -- Listen to Tapes of Convention Discussion
Leader: Casperson

4:00 - 5:30

Public Relations Chairmen -- Brainstorming Session
Leaders: Martin, Pollard

Dinner

8:00 - 10:00

Plenary Session

8:00 - 8:30

Organization of Board Joor
Assignment of Committees
Appointment of Site, Policy, Council Chairmen and Committees
Appointment of Budget Chairman, two Board members, two off-Board members
Appointment of two Board members to Nominating Committee
Selection of two delegates to National Convention - in addition to President

8:30 - 9:00

Evaluation of Convention

Linehan

9:00 - 10:00

Orientation of New Board

Braunagel assisted by
Pollard, Casperson,
Martin

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 - 12:30 A.M.

Individual Committee Meetings

Lunch

whole Bd. frame attending up to 7 representatives all out contests

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FRIDAY - MARCH 25 (Continued)

1:30 - 5:30	Plenary Session	
1:30 - 2:15	Field Service Assignments, etc.	Pollard
2:15 - 3:15	Program Outlook for work leading to calendar for year. This includes brief reports from individual chairmen	Casperson
3:15 - 4:15	Public Relations Brief reports from chairmen	Martin
4:15 - 4:30	Publications Listing of proposed publications so that a realistic schedule may be set up	Ziegler
	Voter Dates	Ballard
4:30 - 5:00	National Program Second Round Recommendations	Nolle
	National Convention Display?	
5:00 - 5:30	Area Workshops	
	Dinner	
7:00 - 8:30 8:00 - 9:30	Plenary Session	
7:00 - 8:00 8:00 - 9:00	Calendar for Year Board: Quarterly Dates, Council	Joor
	Discussion of National Board's offer to send one or two people for State Board training in June.	
	Local Leagues <i>calendar</i>	Casperson
8:00 - 8:30 9:00 - 9:30	Post-Convention Board Report - Date?	
	Other business	
	Adjourn	

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BOARD PORTFOLIOS 1966-67

New Program Item
TCR
State Local Relations
Election Laws
National Program
Legislative Chairman
Local Program
Publications
Units
Membership
Public Relations
By-Laws
Voters Service
Voter
Publishing Editor
Finance

Wackerbarth
Winick
Lancaster
Lancaster
Nolle
May
Ziegler
Ziegler
Hausman
Hausman
Nitchie ✓
Nitchie
Prashner
Ballard
Brownscombe
Rosenzweig

Appointments to Board for election by new officers and directors.

Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
Mrs. Spencer Nitchie
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. E. S. Prashner
~~Mrs. Darol Ramey~~
MRS. S.E. Ziegler

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Room Assignments -- Post Convention Thursday and Friday Nights

Suite 1 - Martin, Joor, Casperson
Suite 2 - Linehan, Pollard, ~~Ramey~~

Braunagel to ~~replace Linehan~~ Friday night

Prashner - Nitchie

Brownscombe - Rosenzweig

Nolle - Winick

May - Ballard

~~Wackerbarth~~ - Ziegler, *Ramey*

~~Braunagel Thursday night~~

Ramey - Martin Tuesday and Wednesday ?

Lancaster - Hausman

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

1841 BINGLE ROAD

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77055

October 1966

Chairman's Report on 1966 State Convention in Fort Worth, March 1966 - Linehan

This was apparently one of the most successful Conventions ever held by the LWV of Texas, according to the glowing reports from the delegates and in the LL VOTERS following the Convention.

Financially, it was a success. Came out with an excess of \$79.00, which is calling the shots pretty close. The committee is pleased with this, because we feel the LWV of Texas should not make much of a profit on the Convention. At least, not if the LLs assume that the registration fee is to cover just Convention costs! The prior Convention with a ten dollar registration fee made an embarrassingly large profit -- but more was charged to the fee this time, and extra services were added.

Size - The Convention was smaller than anticipated. Because of the central location the committee had expected a larger delegate body than in the past. We have no good suggestions as to the reason for the smaller number of delegates. Perhaps after this successful meeting that was so enthusiastically enjoyed by the delegates we can expect a better turn out in 1968. There were one hundred and eighty four voting delegates.

Several new things were tried this year and proved to be quite successful. The committee recommends that they be done again - with perhaps a few improvements.

New at this Convention were:

The Convention VOTER (called the 'New Vision' VOTER) - distributed each morning. This could be 'jazzed up' and made more use of by the delegates in getting material to the Editor if the Editor tried harder to get the help of the delegates.

Local newspapers available at registration center every day. Constant reminders to delegates need to be made that they are there and include pictures and articles on the Convention - to be taken home for use in their scrapbooks and reports to their Leagues.

Press releases accompanied by pictures taken the night of arrival were sent to the hometown papers of the delegates. Releases prepared ahead of time by the PR chairman on State Convention Committee so that the blanks could be filled in giving names of delegates, etc. Suggest that LLs be asked to send in, earlier, names of media people to whom these releases should be sent directly.

Vuescope - used in meeting room. Suggest that the person writing on it print - and use larger letters. There were complaints that it was hard to read sometimes. It was a great help anyway.

Room in hotel (suite) for press headquarters. Hospitality. Not much liquor was consumed - but it was helpful to have this headquarters.

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Announce caucuses better and offer assistance in setting them up--rooms, etc. Provide time for caucuses in daytime, rather than just late at night. There was considerable mention of this in evaluation sheets.

Perhaps a short session at the beginning of Convention to serve as briefing time for how to caucus, be effective on floor, etc. New delegates are hesitant but if they knew they were in the majority and could discuss and learn at the beginning they might be less hesitant on the floor later.

Allot more time for program direction, with help from state Board on the floor, and less time for Program discussion prior to final vote. Little meetings plus so much time on the floor seems to be too much. Some of this time could be used for the earlier briefing session.

There was considerable mention of a desire for the orientation or briefing session at the beginning of Convention. They were very enthusiastic about the help with the PR to go back to their home town news media.

There was considerable number of requests for the orientation period and also for time during the day for caucuses - with places announced, etc. The orientation period could include some help on how parliamentary procedure works. Most delegates come woefully ill prepared. At Convention is where they learn but they don't get to come back the next time and put what they have learned to use.

There was some criticism (not a huge amount, but some) that it seemed as if state Board was 'railroading' its recommended item. I think this is because we are better prepared, of course - and more experienced. Suggest that the not recommended items be discussed first, as at national Convention. This might dispel this feeling.

Suggest that Convention Committee study the evaluation sheets thoroughly and think about some of the suggestions. Some of the best were probably made by delegates who have attended a national Convention and seen how things are handled there. New delegates did not know what to say in some respects. A few new delegates did write thoughtful evaluations and were probably speaking for others who did not quite know how to evaluate.

It is the feeling of the chairman that since by far the majority of the delegates are always 'first timers' we need to do all we can to help them to participate. They are usually hesitant to speak up - and many don't know quite how.