

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

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Austin, Texas 78701

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Rather House
606 Rathervue
Austin, Texas 78705

May 14, 1980

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters Education Fund was called to order by Chairman Clark at 1:25 P.M. on Wednesday, May 14, 1980.

PRESENT: Bene, Brown, Carpenter, Chamblin, Clark, Davis, Gordon, Keever, Miller, Perrine, Price, Sarles, and Sturgis.

ABSENT: Clem.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the April 18, 1980 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1; III.; insert the following paragraph before the first paragraph:
Clark reported that Evelyn Lord had won a seat on the Beaumont City Council and has resigned as vice-chairman of LWVTEF. Brown MOVED that the board accept the resignation of Lord. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Page 1; IV.C.; first sentence insert tentative after "A" and substitute meetings for "workshops."

Page 2; IV.C.; second line substitute \$35 for "\$30."

Page 2; V.C.; second paragraph following "Sarles," insert Brown, Titus,.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Brown MOVED that Nancy Price be appointed a trustee and vice-chair of the LWVTEF. SECONDED and CARRIED.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Sturgis reported a net worth of \$3,183 as April 30, 1980. She estimates an over-commitment of \$6,060 as of May 31, 1980. A pre-board report is on file.

Sturgis recommended and Keever MOVED that the LWVTEF budget A.1. be adjusted from \$70,050 to \$7,550 and that P.2.a. Environotes \$500 be added. SECONDED and CARRIED.

4. PRESIDENTIAL FORUMS

Clark reported that she and Keever with Harriet Hentges, LWVUS executive director, and Madeline Appel, LWVUS ERA chair, made finance calls for the fall Presidential Forums.

Clark reported that she and Houston LWV members met with LWVUS President Hinerfeld at Convention to review national fund raising policies and to review relationships between national staff and local League Presidential Forum committees.

5. TEF HANDBOOK REVIEW

Clark stated that the section on the Grants Administration Committee and other sections of the TEF Handbook need clarifying. She asked Sturgis and Gordon to review the handbook and to send a working draft to Clark and Price.

6. PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE WORKSHOP

Keever reported that the Public School Finance workshop will be held in Austin sometime during the middle two weeks in September 1980.

7. TEXAS VOLUNTEERS 5th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bene reported on the statewide Texas Volunteers 5th Annual Conference held in Austin on May 7-8, 1980. The conference was attended by staff people and volunteers from public agencies and private volunteer organizations.

Bene will write a summary for the next board report.

8. VOTERS SERVICE/CITIZEN INFORMATION

Davis reported that 65,000 Voters Guides had been printed for the primary. Research in 1975 showed that most Hispanic Americans are able to read English. Also, no League has requested a Voters Guide in Spanish, therefore we have no plans to print one. In the November election there will be two statewide races for the Railroad Commission and two statewide races for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. It was agreed that all constitutional amendments will be listed as they appear on the ballot with an explanation of each. Clark recommended that, in the letters to the candidates and in the guide itself, a statement appear noting that the guide is copyrighted and may not be reproduced without permission.

3:15 P.M. Adjourned. 3:30 P.M. Reconvened.

9. DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Clark reported the following contributions to LWV-TEF:

Harris & Eliza Kempner Fund	\$500 (\$100 to LWV Galveston)
Texas Eastern Transmission	\$350 (150 to LWV Houston)

The form for local League notification of their share of a state contribution needs to be revised. Price will consult with E. Lord and E. Sturgis on this.

Bene will get a printing estimate on a 1981 reissue of the brochure When You Go To Austin, and Price will prepare a proposal to the Texas Bankers Association for funding.

New funding sources for a brochure on youth and the law and other projects were discussed. No final decisions reached. Clark reported that Texas Instruments has contributed \$250 to the Wingspread Project at the request of Pearl Wincorn.

10. TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION ANNUAL MEETING

Sturgis MOVED that Ferrine and Higgins be reimbursed \$96 for costs involved in attending the Texas Environmental Coalition Annual Meeting, March 1980. SECONDED and CARRIED.

11. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

Gordon reported the following local league projects completed between May 1979-80:

Austin	Voters Key
Austin	Voters Guide - November 78
Austin	Citizens Guide to Austin
Austin	Representative to Election Administration Workshop - Dec. 79
Dallas	Zoning Ordinances
Dallas	Directory of Elected Officials - October 79
Dallas	Voters Guide - November 78
Dallas	Voters Guide - April 79/January 80 city election
Denton	Your Elected Officials brochure
Irving	Mental Health Services brochure
S.A. Area	Tax Relief Seminar (TEF funds not used)
S.A. Area	Voters Guide - April 79
San Marcos	Survey of Hays County
Tarrant County	Voters Guide - April 79
Tarrant County	Representative to Election Administration Workshop - Dec. 79
Waco Area	Directory of Elected Officials

The following local League projects are pending:

Austin	Voters Guide - April 80
Dallas City	City Budget and Planning program materials - September 79
Dallas	Slide Projector
Denton	County Government Handbook
Galveston	Voters Guide - April 80
Lubbock	Voters Guide - April 80
Montgomery Co.	Voters Guide - May 80
San Antonio	Voters Guide - May 80

12. TEF PROJECTS

Gordon reported the following TEF projects completed between May 1979-80:

Energy: A Dialogue III - cancelled
LWUS E.Q. Mini-grant (workshop participation)
Water Management Conference - cancelled
Davis to the Election Administration Workshop - Dec. 79
Perrine & Higgins to Texas Environmental Coalition Annual Meeting - March 80
Bené to the Texas Volunteers Conference - May 80

The following TEF projects are pending:

Titus & Higgins to the Texas Environmental Coalition Conference - November 79
Nuclear Waste TV Documentary
International Trade slide show (WINGSREAD)
Public School Finance Workshop - Fall 80
Miller to the International Solar Energy Conference - June 80
TENRAC Coastal Management Program Meetings - Spring 80
LWVEF Coastal Oil Spills Conference - June 80

4:30 P.M. Adjourned.

11:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 15, 1980 reconvened.

12. TEF PROJECTS continued

Keever reported that no other funding sources other than \$1,250 LWVUS funds had been found for the conference on coastal oil spills. Higgins does not wish to be the project director because it would exclude her from lobbying on related legislation. Carpenter MOVED to revoke approval of the conference. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Price MOVED that LWVTEF apply for a CZM pass-through grant from LWVUSEF for a paper on bays and estuaries. SECONDED and CARRIED. Perrine was appointed project director and will prepare the project request form.

Adjourned at noon.

Catherine Gordon
Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

MINUTES

Rather House
606 Rathervue
Austin, Texas 78705

May 13-15, 1980

Board members convened at Rather House on Tuesday, May 13, 1980. The president and vice presidents met during lunch.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

PRESENT: Bene, Brown, Carpenter, Clark, Gordon, Miller, Perrine, Price, Sarles, and Sturgis.

ABSENT: Chamblin, Clem, Davis, Gehan, Keever, Swift.

President Clark called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the April 17-18, 1980 board meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1, #2, line 2 strike the rest of the sentence following \$10,898.

Page 1, #2 paragraph 4 strike N. 6. \$4,176 to \$4,246.

Page 2, #3 strike paragraph 2 and substitute Clark had a phone call from Stuart Davis of Harte Hanks Newspapers who said that he had sent a correction to the "Eagle" in Bryan-College Station stating that Jim Hightower, candidate for Railroad Commissioner had not been endorsed by the LWV-T.

Page 2, #4, sentence 4 strike and substitute The national board did not support our recommendation for convention approval of the formula for sharing contributions to LWVUS with state and local Leagues.

Page 3, #7, paragraph 1 following "that" add because and following "Unit" strike the rest of the sentence and substitute members had paid dues as members-at-large the first year fee for provisional Leagues be reduced to \$100.00.

Page 3, #9, line 3 add proposed following "1980-81."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sturgis reported a net worth of \$28,213 as of April 20, 1980. She estimates an LWV-T uncommitted reserve of \$16,638 as of May 31, 1980 and a combined LWV-T and LWV-TEF uncommitted reserve of \$7,151 as of May 31, 1980. First quarter 1980-81 support payments are due June 15, 1980.

The statement of local League support payments showed seven Leagues not fully paid. The president will write a letter to Amarillo, Brownsville, Temple, and El Paso Leagues.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Clark reported that Human Resources Director Judith Swift wishes to resign. Brown MOVED that her resignation be **accepted**. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Clark recommended that Nancy Price be appointed Development and Finance director. **APPROVED** by general consent.

Clark reported receiving an invitation from Sarah Weddington, assistant to President Carter, to attend a luncheon and national briefing on the Equal Rights Amendment to be held at the White House on May 15, 1980. She will not be able to attend.

2:15 P.M. Adjourned.

3:00 P.M. Reconvened.

4. CONVENTION 1981 DATE

Price MOVED that Convention be held in Beaumont on March 27-29, 1981. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

5. STATE BOARD COMMITTEES

The following committee assignments were proposed:

- POLICY - Perrine, Chair; Bene; Brown; Chamblin; and Keever.
- BYLAWS - Davis, Chair; Gordon; Miller; and Sarles.
- BUDGET - Myrtle McMahen, Chair; Carpenter, Clark; Sondra Ferstl; Price; & Sturgis.
- COUNCIL/CONVENTION HANDBOOK - Price, Chair; Davis; Helen Hunter; Carol Miller; and Sturgis.
- CONVENTION PLANNING - Price, State Board Liaison; Carpenter; Clem; Gehan; and Sturgis.
- BLUE SKY - Brown, Chamblin, Clem, Davis, and Keever.

3:45 P.M. Adjourned.

4:00 P.M. Reconvened.

6. STATE OFFICE PROCEDURES

State office procedures and calendar were discussed. Board members were reminded to send a carbon copy of all correspondence to the president.

4:15 P.M. Davis arrives.

7. BOARD STRUCTURE

Board members identified three areas of board responsibility needing improvement. They are implementing goals, increasing number of pre-board reports, and creating more meaningful content for the VOTER.

5:30 P.M. Adjourned for dinner.

7:15 P.M. Council/Convention Committee met.

8:15 P.M. Reconvened.

8. COUNCIL 1980 EVALUATION

The Council Evaluation report received in the pre-board reports was reviewed thoroughly. It was agreed that a copy of the report should be sent to the national staff with a cover letter from the president.

9:25 P.M. Chamblin and Kever arrived.

Board members added the following suggestions: 1. Guidelines for providing bedding for councils or conventions are needed. 2. Names of guests and leaders of workshops should appear in print. 3. Participant's portfolio should appear on name tags.

Clark recommended that League considering inviting the state to hold council or convention in their city should contact the state board two years ahead of the event. Guidelines and a specification sheet will be sent to the local League so it might evaluate their facilities in light of the needs of the meeting being considered. The state board will then make a decision based on factors of space, ease of access from around the state, and costs, and notify the local League well ahead of the event. APPROVED by general consent.

9. BOARD VACANCIES

Kever reported that Human Resources Director Brenda Gehan wishes to resign. Kever MOVED that we accept Gehan's resignation. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Recommendations for directors for the VOTER, Publications, Human Resources, and Development and Finance directors were requested.

10:00 P.M. Adjourned.

08.45 A.M. The board met in core committees on Wednesday, May 14, 1980.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

PRESENT: Bene, Brown, Carpenter, Chamblin, Clark, Davis, Gordon, Kever, Miller, Perrine, Price, Sarles, and Sturgis.

ABSENT: Clem.

President Clark called the session to order at 11:45 A.M.

10. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Price MOVED that S. 7. Provisional Leagues \$300.00 be adjusted to \$500. Davis MOVED to amend the motion by striking \$500 and substituting \$400. SECONDED and CARRIED. The main motion was then SECONDED and CARRIED.

Sturgis MOVED that A.5. Provisional League PMP - \$100 be added and that Q.2. State Unit PMP - \$945 be adjusted to \$725. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Kever MOVED to add R. 6. g. Historical Perspective - \$500

R. 6. h. We Support ----- \$600

R. 6. i. 6 Program Briefs----- \$600

SECONDED & CARRIED.

11. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

Brown reported that Lamar County League is organized and doing well. Arlington members are planning on withdrawing from the Tarrant County League to form their own League. Montgomery County has received recognition from LWV-US as a provisional League.

Sarles reported that members-at-large feel that they get less mailings from the state when they join a State Unit. After some discussion, Sarles MOVED that members-at-large who are members of State Units receive individual monthly mailings the same as members-at-large who are not members of a State Unit. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Brown proposed several organization counterpart workshops, one for the seven large Leagues and two or three for smaller Leagues. Two or three members of local Leagues concerned with organization would be invited for an in-depth discussion of organization matters. LWV-T would provide lodging and the local Leagues would provide food and travel expenses.

12:15 P.M. Adjourned for lunch. LWV-TEF annual meeting followed lunch.

4:30 P.M. Reconvened.

12. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

Government Director Chamblin reported that copies of the House Study Group summary of the constitutional amendments which will be on the November General Election ballot were distributed at Council.

Chamblin MOVED that we support HJR 86 which gives the governor limited budget execution powers. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Keever MOVED that we support HJR 98 requiring counties to participate in a county-wide single appraisal district for all property subject to ad valorem taxes. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Keever reported that we will monitor and keep members informed on apportionment.

5:10 P.M. Adjourned for dinner. Sarles leaves for the evening. Chamblin left.

7:00 P.M. Reconvened.

Keever commented that a Human Resources director needs to be appointed as soon as possible. Modernizing State Government Associate Director Helen Hunter and Solid Waste Associate Director Eleanor Sutherland have asked to be replaced. Kever is looking for an associate director for apportionment and election laws.

13. EVALUATION OF PAST YEAR

The board agreed that the League had accomplished a great amount of work despite several board resignations. Some specific things we would like to do next year are to market our publications better, mail a copy of our advocacy papers to every member, and lobby more effectively for energy conservation.

10:00 P.M. Adjourned.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

PRESENT: Bene, Brown, Carpenter, Clark, Davis, Gordon, Keever, Miller, Perrine, Price, Sarles, and Sturgis.

ABSENT: Chamblin and Clem.

President Clark called the session to order at 9:15 A.M. on Thursday, May 15, 1980.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT ADIENDUM

Clark reported receiving thank you notes from Ann Valsing, Ann Savage, and Ann Viner, workshop leaders from national, and from Dorothy Brown for hospitality at Council. She also received letters from Pat Nickel and Sally Kersey from Lubbock.

Clark reported receiving a letter from Citizens For Human Development, a private, nonprofit organization, that is using a grass roots approach to assessing mental health and mental retardation services in Texas. They would like to work with local Leagues to do a survey which will be shared with the twelve Health Systems Agencies in Texas and ultimately the Comprehensive Health Plan of Texas. By consensus it was agreed to send them a list of local League presidents with their addresses.

15. PROGRAM CORE REPORT ADIENDUM

Administration of Justice Director Carpenter MOVED that we support constitutional amendment SJR 36 which would rename the state's fourteen Courts of Civil Appeals and make them an intermediate layer of tribunals in criminal as well as civil appeals. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Keever reported the program core goal to be increased visibility to be achieved as follows:

1. press conferences
2. press releases
3. minimum of six Time For Actions with results published
4. publications
 - a. legislative priorities flyer
 - b. six advocacy papers to be sent to every member
 - c. six program briefs dealing with wiretapping, bays and estuaries, hazardous waste, energy conservation, renewable resources and food stamps
 - d. VOTER inserts - food stamps (June) and hazardous waste (September)
 - e. brochure on legal rights for juveniles
 - f. Historical Perspective
 - g. We Support
5. conferences
 - a. Public School Finance (September)
 - b. Legislative Day (February)
6. workshop on program management to be combined with presidents' workshops (June)

APPROVED by general consent.

Bene presented some preliminary priorities for the next legislative session. APPROVED by general consent. See attached copy.

16. ELECTION LAWS

Election laws concerning political action committees were discussed. Davis will prepare a memo on the same to update the memo from Sturgis dated September 24, 1979.

Clark reported that the Federal Election Commission regulation concerning the funding of federal candidates debates allowing 501(c)(4) organizations such as LW-T and 501(c)(3) organizations such as LWTEF to accept funds from corporations, unions, and foundations to defray the cost incurred in staging debates is now in effect.

17. BOARD CALENDAR 1980-81

A state board calendar was approved for 1980-81. See attached copy.

18. WORKSHOPS

Price MOVED that workshops and president-program workshops be held during the fall, preferably September or October. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Sturgis MOVED that \$800 be added to the budget for the organization workshops. SECONDED and CARRIED.

19. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Perrino announced that the Texas Department of Water Resources will send to local League presidents and selected members of the board announcements of a series of meetings to discuss problems, goals, and objectives related to industrial solid waste management in Texas as part of the process of developing a state plan for industrial solid waste management.

20. ACTION

Clark reported that Houston wants permission to lobby statewide legislators on local annexation position. Keever recommended that we delay consideration of this request until the September board meeting since Taking Action - Guidelines For Local Leagues will be revised this summer. Clark appointed the following revision committee: Bone, Clark, Clem, Keever, and Sturgis.

21. BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION

Board members were ask for summer vacation plans and telephone information.

22. DATES TO REMEMBER

The following deadlines were set:

June 2, 1980 - Post-board reports

August 1, 1980 - VOTER articles

The next board meeting will be September 9-11, 1980 at Rather House in Austin.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Catherine Gordon
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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STANDARD REPORT

TO: LL Presidents; DPM; Standing Orders;
Members at Large

FROM: Diana Clark, President

The May state board meeting is traditionally one of evaluation of the past year's activities and planning for the coming year. We decided (with no argument!) to continue to implement the goals set last year:

- to increase and retain membership;
- to make the League more powerful and effective.

And we added a corollary. . . to make the League more visible . . . to the membership, to the legislature, & to the public.

In light of comments made at Council, we spent considerable time reviewing the Texas VOTER and planned strategies to make it more interesting and informative. We did not consider eliminating it as it is the only tool we have to reach every member in the state. Local Leagues are encouraged to send us material on your successful activities for possible inclusion.

The LWV-Texas Directory you receive in this mailing contains the state board calendar for the year, and guidelines for setting your calendars. Every one of your board members should have and READ a copy. It is being sent to LL presidents, members-at-large, and DPM and Standing Order subscribers.

The board accepted with regret the resignations of Brenda Gehan and Judy Swift as Human Resources Directors. We were fortunate in finding Lavora Arizaga, a former HR Vice President for LWV-Houston, to fill this slot. She will be concentrating on HR issues of importance in the upcoming legislative session, rather than on the whole spectrum of potential HR activities.

Nancy Price of San Antonio, and (former) Texas VOTER editor, has agreed to take over the Development portfolio. We are now searching for a new editor. Nancy Bené is tackling the Legislative job, but will carry on with Publications until a new person is on board

This request came home with us from national convention: Nancy Socknat, LWVUS Lobby Corps liaison for Texas & Utah, would like to receive Texas local VOTERS. One copy of your VOTER can be sent to her at: 6711 Weaver Ave.

McLean VA
22101

LWV-Texas
June, 1980
State Board Report; MAL
I. Q.
President's Letter

Note the new dates for the 1981 state convention in Beaumont. They are March 27, 28, 29. The Red Carpet Inn has been reserved.

The board modified the procedures for locating annual activities. Henceforth, any League considering inviting the state to hold either council or convention in their city should contact the state board two years ahead of the planned date. At that time guidelines and a specification sheet will be sent to the local League so it may evaluate the available facilities in light of the needs of the meeting being considered. The state board will then make a decision based on factors of space, ease of access from around the state, and costs, and notify the local League well ahead of time.

Constitutional Amendments on November ballot. This is your first alert. The state board voted to support four amendments (of the nine on the ballot). These relate to:

- A. Allowing the governor to remove his appointees from public office (SJR 8).
- B. Renaming the state's 14 Courts of Civil Appeals as Courts of Appeals and making them an intermediate layer of tribunals in criminal as well as civil appeals (SJR 36).
- C. Giving the governor limited budget execution powers (HJR 86).
- D. Requiring a single appraisal district in a county for all property subject to *ad valorem* taxes and requiring counties to participate.

The Secretary of State has not yet held the drawing to set their order on the ballot; thus there is no identifying number at this time. By late summer, you will receive background information on each of the amendments and suggestions for a positive campaign on these ballot issues

In July you will receive an update memo on election laws pertaining to POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES which will expand the memo from Ethel Sturgis dated September 24, 1979. Meanwhile, please do not call the Secretary of State's office for PAC information. Do call Jeanette Davis, and the enclosed bright pink sheet tells you how and why.

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TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

"Presidents & Program People" regional workshops. Laura Keever and I are planning four regional get-togethers -- in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, Houston, Austin, and Midland. Please see the enclosed yellow sheet for logistics. We're looking forward to seeing many of you at these gatherings!

The LWFUS Education Fund approached the state trustees to submit a proposal for a coastal zone project pass-through grant. A brief, non-technical fact sheet on Texas bays and estuaries seemed a most "do-able" project for the limited funds proposed. Catherine Perrine will be the project director and author of the paper.

The Texas Ed. Fund will produce other program briefs: Lois Carpenter is looking into the need for a "youth and the law" pamphlet. Isabel Miller is planning information on energy conservation and renewable resources. Hazardous waste is being considered by Catherine Perrine.

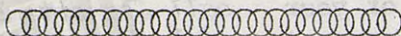
A LITTLE REMINDER: Please send 3 copies of your board minutes to the state office as well as 3 copies of ANY material you produce for your local membership, other than your VOTERS. One copy of local VOTERS goes to the state office and also to all members of the state board. Also, one copy of any correspondence with the LWVUS -- the national office -- goes to the state office. Your FS Rep. also receives 1 copy of everything.

The TEF Handbook will undergo revisions by Ethel Sturgis and Nancy Price to clarify the requirements for local Leagues.

One thing needs to be mentioned again and again. PLEASE submit requests for your TEF funds on deposit before you spend the money --and preferably before a trustees meeting. Our next meeting will be on September 9. And do remember that the requirements are those of the IRS -- not the trustees! Our books are audited very carefully and all paperwork must be in order.

While doing your planning for workshop attendance which will include the "presidents and program people" mentioned above. . . DON'T FORGET to read Beth Brown's organization board report with preliminary information about ORGANIZATION WORKSHOPS. These will occur a bit later on your calendar but are no less important to the ease and efficiency of your League's operation!

HAPPY CALENDAR PLANNING!



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LWV-Texas
June, 1980
State Board Report
I. I.
Development & Finance

☆☆☆ ATTENTION LOCAL LEAGUES! ☆☆☆

WOULD YOU LIKE MORE MONEY TO CARRY OUT YOUR 1980-81 PROGRAM AND VS/CI ACTIVITIES?

Are you saying, "YOU BET WE WOULD!"??

THEN, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LWV-T'S GENEROUS SHARING FORMULA. Under this formula, if the state League solicits and receives funds from a contributor to a local League, that local League is GUARANTEED the amount previously donated to the local League PLUS 20% of the additional money received by the state League. If a new contributor is solicited and funds are received, the local League is GUARANTEED 30% of the contribution PLUS a 10% Finder's Fee (first year only on the fee). You can't lose!

All you have to do is send me the names of present or potential contributors whom you are willing to have the state League contact. Use the attached form or send me the following information: name of firm(s), unions, foundations, or individuals; name of executive officer; mailing address; phone number; whether or not they have contributed to your League in the past, include the amount last received; any other information that the state development director should know (i.e. wife of president is LWV member; interested in voter service activities; they prefer making restricted contributions, etc).

We will write to them about the LWV, our programs and activities, sharing policy, and ask for a contribution. If a personal call is advisable, the state board member making the call is always accompanied by a member of the local League, unless you prefer to leave it up to LWV-T.

HURRY! GET THE NAMES OF POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN GET THESE LETTERS IN THE MAIL THIS SUMMER. THE SOONER WE DO, THE SOONER YOU WILL REAP THE BENEFITS!

REMEMBER, WE ALL GAIN UNDER THE TEXAS SHARING FORMULA!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
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NAME OF PROSPECT FOR A STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CALL

Name: (Company/Foundation/Union/Individual) Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____
A/C (Zip Code)

Name of Chief Executive Officer & Title:

_____ Title

Good prospect because: _____

League-related information: (e.g., have they expressed interest in the League? Do they agree/disagree with any particular League positions? Have they participated in any League projects?, etc.) _____

Contacts: List any League members or League friends who can assist in setting up an appointment with the chief executive officer:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____
A/C (Zip)

Have they contributed to your LL previously?

Amounts last two years: _____ (year) _____ (year)

Individual submitting the above information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____
A/C (Zip)

Please mail this form to: Nancy Price (512) 656-2715 or mail to state
225 Windcrest Dr. office & it will
San Antonio, TX 78239 be forwarded.

1/80 Use other side of page for additional information. Thanks for your help.

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June, 1980
State Board Report
II.
Program - General

PROGRAM PROCEEDINGS

Planning for the legislative session was the primary focus of the program directors at our May board meeting. With a principal program goal of INCREASED VISIBILITY:

- to legislators,
- to members, and
- to the public,

we set goals relating to publications and public relations, and established a first round of legislative priorities.

With regard to publications, we plan to issue a legislative flyer, advocacy papers, and various program publications (in the form of one-page briefs and in the form of *Enviro-Notes*). Topics we plan to cover include wiretapping, bays and estuaries, hazardous wastes, energy conservation, renewable resources, and food stamps. Additionally, we plan to publish a pamphlet on "youth and the law."

Our PR goals are to hold more press conferences during the legislative session, issue more press releases, and to have a minimum of six legislative Action Alerts which we hope every League will answer. We will send you additional details regarding this goal as the legislative session approaches.

We also reviewed plans for a conference on public school finance in September, Legislative Day in February, and PROGRAM workshops (to be held with PRESIDENTS' workshops) in June.

We developed several criteria for this first round of legislative priority setting. Consideration was based on:

- . Interest of local Leagues (as reflected by Council priorities),
- . Possibility of success,
- . Personnel availability, and
- . Timeliness.

With these in mind the following priorities were set as primary priorities: Energy Water, Administration of Justice, Election Law Recodification, and Public School Finance and Financing State Government.

Secondary priorities include: Land Use, Solid Waste, and Welfare (AFDC). All other program issues will become tertiary priorities. KEEP IN MIND, HOWEVER, that these priorities ARE NOT FINAL and will be reviewed again in September, and then again in January.

While Apportionment will not be a primary legislative priority as we see it now, we hope to approach that issue on an information and monitoring basis. Please see also the Legislative Director's (Nancy Bené's) page in this State Board Report. We are looking forward to all of these activities. It is going to be an active and productive year! We look forward to hearing from you.

We also made plans relating to the constitutional amendments which we will be supporting in November. Those we will be supporting include:

- more -

Program (cont.)

SJR 8 --- To allow the governor to remove his appointees from public office.

SJR 36 - To rename the state's 14 Courts of Civil Appeals as Courts of Appeals and make them an intermediate layer of tribunals in criminal as well as civil appeals.

HJR 86 - To give the governor limited budget execution powers.

HJR 98 - Requiring a single appraisal district in a county for all property subject to *ad valorem* taxes and requiring counties to participate.

You will be receiving further background information from us regarding these ballot issues as well as a flyer for distribution.

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I. A. 2.
Action - State

PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING SESSION

The state board set some preliminary priorities for the next legislative session. Since this was only the first go-round, they are not cast in cement. Our decisions were based on: (1) local League interest; (2) possibility of success; (3) personnel to handle the area; (4) timeliness.

Areas of PRIMARY importance:

Energy: Omnibus solar
Energy Development Fund (EDF)
Lighting and thermal standards
Low-level nuclear waste sites

Water: Hazardous waste
- fines
- superfund
- spills
Bays & estuaries
Groundwater study (to be done by the state of Texas)

AJ: Wiretapping
Centralized youth agency
Prison reform
Appropriation to replace LEAA funding

Election Laws (recodification); Initiative & referendum?

Public School Finance and
Financing State Government: Oppose possible constitutional amendment
re income tax

Areas of SECONDARY importance:

Land Use: Flooding & faults (hazard disclosure)
County ordinance making

Solid Waste: Container deposit

Welfare: AFDC

Areas of TERTIARY importance:

Education
Air
Housing
Modernizing State Government
Urban Crisis
Employment

More discussion will take place at the September board meeting and a more final list will be prepared then. In the meantime, I'll be watching various interim committees to learn how they are reacting to areas in which we are interested. Please keep your ears to the ground and let me know what you hear.

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Program - Water

I hope that many of you have been able to attend the meetings on industrial waste management held around the state the first two weeks in June by the Texas Department of Water Resources. (Notices were mailed to Leagues in areas where meetings were to be held). I will welcome any comments that you have on the meetings, as the League will wish to comment on the proposed Texas plan when public hearings are held in October.

The LWV-T Education Fund has received tentative approval from LWV-US Education Fund for a pass-through grant under the Coastal Management Program for preparation and distribution of a brief nontechnical publication on Texas Bays and Estuaries, emphasizing measures needed to assure continuing productivity of these areas-- especially freshwater inflows. I am to be project director, and will welcome any volunteer assistance from local Leagues. Target dates are: writing in July and August; review and publication in September & October; distribution in November.

Amarillo and other west Texas Leagues may wish to attend a "scoping hearing" being held June 24, 2-4 p.m. in the Acapulco Room, Best Western Villa Inn, Amarillo, to receive comments on what should be included in an Environmental Impact Statement which is to be prepared on the Six-State High Plains-Ogallala Aquifer Area Study. The hearing will be conducted by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce -- the federal agency sponsoring the study. Unfortunately, I do not understand why an EIS should be prepared for a study -- let alone what issues should be addressed in one. However, I have been assured by Camp Dresser & McKee, the contractor for the study, that information as to the study itself will be presented in the course of the hearing. So the meeting should be of interest. If local League members do attend the meeting, please let me know what goes on and what, if anything, you think the League might say about the EIS. (Written comments can be made after the hearing.)

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Program - Admin. of Justice

TAKING NATIONAL ACTION ON A LOCAL OR STATE POSITION

Several Leagues which have local support positions for community correction programs in their municipalities have asked if they may lobby at the national level if federal funding for these agencies is threatened by the proposed demise of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. LEAA funds have been a prime source of monies for community correction agencies as well as for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. These funds are seriously threatened by congressional budget-balancing efforts.

The LWV national office tells us they have had inquiries from Leagues in other states about this, particularly Illinois. Their response is that YES we may certainly lobby our own congressional delegations if it is in regard to a local or state position. I would call your attention to *Action* (LWVUS), p. 15, Appendix B, *When national action is needed on a state, local, or ILO position*. The next-to-last paragraph states:

National authorization for congressional action on the basis of state or local positions only authorizes action with the congressional delegations of the Leagues involved, and does not include contact with other members of Congress or with congressional committees.

We also must be sure our lobbying would not conflict with any LWVUS position. For example, I was asked by the Jail Standards Commission if the state League would urge Senators Tower and Bentsen to support an amendment to the Senate Budget Resolution to provide \$100 million for LEAA. The problem was that the amendment specifically proposed taking this money away from the budget for foreign aid, which would have conflicted directly with a longstanding LWVUS position on International Relations.

So, briefly, if a local League wishes to lobby in support of LEAA funding, that League may do so as long as (1) there is no conflict with any LWVUS position, and (2) the lobbying is directed only to that League's congressional delegates.

There has also been some question about lobbying for legal services to the poor, specifically congressional reauthorization for the Legal Services Corporation. While the state League has no A.J. position on this under which local Leagues can act, the subject does quite clearly fall under the national Human Resources program: "Promote social justice by securing equal rights for all and combating discrimination and poverty." See especially p. 7, *Impact on Issues*, (LWVUS), second full paragraph beginning, "For the past decade. . ."

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State Board Report
I. O.
Organization

At its May meeting the state board approved the concept of holding a series of regional local League counterpart workshops devoted solely to the organization aspect of League. While workshops on program and public relations matters have been offered in recent years, relatively little attention has been paid to the function and interrelation of those portfolios that come within the purview of the organization vice president. Specific planning is not yet complete, but it is envisioned that each local League will send two people who are vitally involved in organizational activities. The organization vice president would be an obvious choice, of course, and we urge local Leagues to include someone who represents future leadership for organization portfolios.

Dates and locations have not been decided, but the timing generally will be in late September or early October. A noon-to-noon format is proposed and the state budget will fund overnight lodging for local League participants. Details will be forthcoming when plans are complete.

FIELD SERVICE

The Field Service Representatives met in Houston on May 22. I want to bid a grateful farewell to Lucy Edwards of Waco and Helen Duckworth of Victoria, and to welcome Pauline Clarke of Corpus Christi and Lou Ann Garrett of Amarillo. Please be sure that your FSR receives a copy of all minutes and bulletins, in addition to the three copies of minutes being sent to the state office, and the single copies of your bulletins going to each state board member and the state office.

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Membership

MEMBERSHIP & STATE UNITS

The state board approved the recommendation made at the May meeting to send the monthly mailing material directly to each State Unit Member-at-Large. This will save the unit chairman the chore and expense of seeing that each unit member gets the information. We feel this will be helpful and worth the amount of added postage. The unit chairman will continue to receive the expanded mailing that is sent to the local League presidents.

At present there are five state units with a total membership of 100 members-at-large.

Cleburne - has just published an excellent 12-page Voters Guide along with all their other activities.

Kerrville - had two members present at Council in Waco, and is growing in numbers and accomplishments.

Pasadena - continues to be active in their fine Voters Service activities.

Port Lavaca - The newest unit, fills their fine newsletter with activities and also just published a Voters Guide.

Round Rock - members are active in the community making their presence known.

These five communities are well served by the state units, and each unit should feel a sense of accomplishment. It is not easy to work on a community analysis, membership growth, voters service, and fund raising at the same time in a small group, but that is what is being done and successfully. Three cheers for each, and may there be Provisional League status in your future if you so desire!

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May, 1980
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Organization

On May 7 & 8 I attended the 5th Annual Texas Volunteer Conference as the state League representative. The Conference was co-chaired by Mrs. Clements & Sarah Lea. Half of the 400 delegates were volunteers, half were staff who work with volunteers. Our own Joann Lovelace was part of the planning staff who did a superb job.

I'd like to pass on to you - who have just gotten a glimpse of what seems like an overwhelming job - some suggestions on how to get that job down to a manageable level. I hope they help.

One of the main speakers was Marlene Wilson, consultant and author of The Effective Management of Volunteer Programs. She not only gave 2 speeches but also a workshop on time management. The following is a synopsis of that workshop:

She recommended 3 sources: 1) How to Get Control of Your Time and Your Life, by Alan Laiken; 2) Getting Things Done by Edwin Bliss; and 3) The Time Trap by Alec McKensie. We saw a film about the points of the Laiken book and some of them are:

1. Establish goals (long and short term) for yourself and your job or League.
2. Set priorities.
3. Make a daily "do list". Start with the most important at the top, i.e. set priorities for the list.
4. Evaluate your goals from time to time.
5. Always ask yourself "What is the best use of my time right now?"
6. Handle each piece of mail once. Separate it into priorities. "C" priority mail gets put into a drawer.
7. Do it now! It won't go away.
8. Break down overwhelming tasks - analyze it, poke holes in it. (swiss cheese approach)

Suggestions from the Bliss book included these additional suggestions:

1. Plan objectives (you can't do a goal). These should be specific, measurable, achievable and compatible with goals.
2. Take breaks - be good to yourself.
3. Avoid clutter. (I smiled a lot at that one. ed.)
4. Apply radical surgery when you feel fragmented. The surgery should be based on your goals. You can do it by saying no or by delegating.
5. Don't be a workaholic.

Some of the above suggestions I had heard said in League workshops, but here are some things I had not heard before:

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Every time we approach a new task or job we go through 4 cycles beginning with #4.

1. Unconscious Competence - when the task is second nature to you.
2. Conscious Competence - you know it but have to think about it.
3. Conscious Incompetence - you know what you need to know.
4. Unconscious Incompetence - you're dumb and don't know it.

→ Recycle to keep yourself fresh, challenged. Learn something new - keep looking forward. This can be done by reading a book, going to a meeting, talking to someone, taking up a hobby. In other words, keeping your mind open to new ideas. And one of the greatest responsibilities of a manager is to help your workers recycle - to keep them interested.

If we cannot manage our time, Mrs. Wilson stressed, we (a) burn out; (b) become a hero-martyr (enjoy feeling crummy about our work); or (c) become an abdicat (a nonfunctioning entity who doesn't want new ideas or conflicts).

The greatest motivator is a sense of growth & development.
The greatest demotivator is when you think you're not growing.

I have to confess that I'd heard some of these ideas discussed in our own League workshops. But does that make them any less valid? It will take a while to incorporate them into your day but as Henry Ford once said, "People who have no time, don't think. The more you think, the more time you have."

***** Now on to another area of the Conference. I was asked to chair a discussion table on "Should Volunteers be fired?" This was one of 36 topic tables. Delegates were instructed to choose 2 topics, to spend 45 minutes at each. The people who came to my table either had problems they needed to solve or had dealt with the problem at some time. We discussed:

1. Lateral Placement for people not working out in their present job.
2. Training - extensive, up-front delineation of responsibilities
3. Breaking down jobs into "doable" parts - or letting the person take on a project you think won't work.
4. Creative job invention - creative job naming.
5. Evaluation of the volunteer on a regular basis.
6. Evaluation by the volunteer of the program/staff/facilities.
7. As a last resort, suggesting another place where their talents would be better appreciated.
- ★ 8. Rewarding the good volunteers - making their jobs meaningful & fulfilling - RECOGNITION.

This was all on the assumption that the problem volunteer was not working toward the established goals of the organization - not that the person was trying to do things unconventionally.

I hope all of you with League experience have by now learned and have emblazoned across your forehead "League is a Volunteer Organization". Sometimes remembering that can make life a lot easier, for you and those you work with.

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Voters Service/Citizen Info.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

September has been designated as the League of Women Voters of Texas Voter Registration Month! Why a whole month? So that you may choose your dates to fit your schedule in your area. Labor Day is Sept. 1 -- any "biggie" happening in town to plug in to?

During the summer Toni Clem and I will send each local League a packet which will include (among other things) sample press releases; ways to make voter registration easier and more productive, etc. Also included will be citizen information "guides" on how to capitalize on the beginning and end words in our theme, "Speak Up" and "Vote". All this in the League's continuing effort to help the citizen feel less confused about registration, choosing candidates, making decisions on issues, and voting.

GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS GUIDES

At the May state board meeting we set a calendar for a statewide Guide for the November general election. Included will be: a listing of presidential and vice-presidential candidates; the two Railroad Commission races; the two Supreme Court races; and the constitutional amendments with an explanation of each.

According to our present schedule, the printer will ship your orders September 26, well in advance of any urgent deadline. Veloxes are scheduled for that same date, but may be available sooner, as they were this spring. You will be sent all necessary forms during the summer, so no response to this is needed now!

VOTERS GUIDE POLICY AND COPYRIGHT

The Voters Guide Policy sent to you with the 1980 January Board Report still applies, as does the Copyright Guide. One question arose during the primary period as to candidates' reprinting parts of our Voters Guides to use in their campaigns. This did happen, and though it may not have occurred in your area, you should know that it could. A copyright on a publication with the following statement may deter such action:

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SUMMER ELECTION-RELATED HAPPENINGS

In this mailing you will find the invaluable *LWV-Texas Directory*. It contains this year's planning calendar including important election dates. As this calendar is issued for all League leaders, it is not possible to include all election-related activity. There are a few additional dates to which you should be alerted:

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Voters Service Calendar (cont.)

JULY 1980: Commissioners' Court at July term appoints Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each voting precinct for elections held at expense of county. (Election Code, Art. 3.01)

JULY 1980: County Clerk (or Elections Administrator) recommends to Commissioners' Court polling places. (Election Code, Art. 2.02a)

JULY 1980: At July or August meeting, Commissioners' Court may make such changes in election precincts as they deem proper. (Election Code, Art. 2.04)

OCTOBER 25-26, 1980: Absentee voting may be conducted on last Saturday and Sunday of absentee voting between 2-8 p.m. before election. The office conducting the absentee voting shall have the authority to decide whether to keep the office open during any or all of the hours permitted; provided, however, that if the office is kept open during any of these hours, notice shall be given at each entrance to the office at least ten days before said Saturday or Sunday. (Election Code, Art. 5.50, Subd. 3d)

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Publications

STATE BOARD DECISIONS

We heard you in Waco! During the summer the State Board decided to publish 6 Program Briefs dealing with Wiretapping, Bays & Estuaries, Hazardous Waste, Energy Conservation, Renewable Resources and Food Stamps. Two will be Voter inserts - Food Stamps (June) and Hazardous Waste (September).

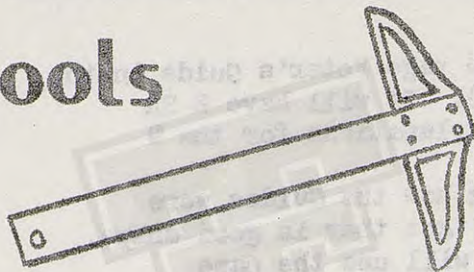
Lois Carpenter is planning a brochure for juveniles on their legal rights in the JJ system. We Support is still on the list as is Historical Perspective. A series of advocacy papers will be done in the fall along with the Legislative Priority brochure.

This sounds like a lot - and it is - but we're gearing up for the session, you need to know, and we will space them so you will have time to read and use them.

COMPOSITION SEMINAR

I had the good fortune to attend a seminar (free) on composition done by a local quick-print business. I would advise you to see if any printing businesses in your area are doing the same. Or, at least, talk to a reliable printer about how to put together a "mechanical", a camera-ready copy. It could save you some money.

Tools



Because a mechanical needs to be black on white, straight & clean, you need some tools. For low budget you need a ruler (preferably clear plastic), scissors, non-photo blue pencil (does not show when photographed), and glue (Glu Stik was mentioned as preferred). These things you would use to do a final paste-up of the components or elements of your mechanical.

If you want to get a bit more professional, consider getting: a T-square, triangle, liquid paper (1 for originals, 1 for copies-red label), erasers, erasing shield, proportion scale for reducing or enlarging, masking tape, blue on white graph paper. There are also Chartpaks (carbon rub-on letters), light tables, clip art. Some of the best clip art can be found in educational supply houses.

When using Chartpak, remember that the letters sometimes chip off. Protect your final mechanical as best you can and tell your printer what type and style you used in case they need to fix it during printing.

Preparing a Mechanical

1. Draw a rough sketch of what you want.
2. Center the components using the ruler & blue pencil. Be sure to keep the limits of your paper in mind as well as staples or folds. Leave at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " all the way around free of image.
3. Make a zerox copy of your mechanical before you take it to the printer. You may want to make some changes.
4. If you use the typewriter be sure of the corrections. Use a good black ribbon.
5. If you have copy typeset, decide what style you want. Chartpak catalogs are good or printers have catalogs of what type styles they have. Ask their advice if you don't know.
6. Typeset copy should be double spaced with big margins to allow for printer's notes. Be sure the copy is correct. Most printers will hold you to the copy. Corrections after typesetting could cost you more.
7. Editing symbols are used and understood by printers. Most symbols are listed in the back of dictionaries. Use them.



Getting a Bid

First, and most important, give each printer you go to the same information so they all bid on the same project.

They need to know: your budget, number of copies, number of originals, 1 or 2 sides, color of ink, finished size of job, what kind & color of paper. Do you need collating, stapling or folding, special packaging requirements, deadlines or schedules? Describe your art work or better still take them a mock-up or example. And convey your expectations of quality.

I recommend getting at least 2 bids. The state policy requires it for state projects and it's a good idea. If estimates are vastly different, ask why. You may want to use that printer for another job later.

FOR MY INFORMATION

It looks as though we'll have another 4 page Voter's Guide in the fall (shipping date to you is September 26). It will have 2 RR Commissioners races, 2 judges races, and explanations for the 9 amendments.

I have not heard from anyone concerning how the Guides were shipped this spring so I'm assuming you all got them in good shape. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, we will use the same shipping company - but, again, if this was not satisfactory, let me know soon.

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Wednesday, May 14

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Room Assignments

A. North (with bath)
Clark
Price

B. North
Keever
Bene

C. Old office
Davis
Sarles
Brown

D. East Room (4 beds)
Gordon
Carpenter
Chamblin
Swift *Bene*

E. West room
Sturgis
Perrine
Keever
Extra beds or room
for:
Miller } *Fellows'*
Gehan } *Suite*

Don't forget to bring your R & R. Soft drinks, iced tea, etc. are available.

Toni Clem will be cruising the Caribbean instead of working with us in Austin.

Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. in the state office there will be a meeting of the following to discuss the Council Manual: Price, Carol Miller, Nancy Newton. Possibly Gordon? Sturgis? Miller & Newton will join us for lunch.

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 13

Noon Lunch VPs meet with president

1:30

LWV-T Plenary Session

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

New committee assignments:

Policy, bylaws, budget, other? Blue sky, convention

ad hoc council/convention manual review

Evaluation of past year -- successes & otherwise (see preboard)

Board structure

Office procedures

Waco Council evaluation

Filling board vacancies -- Publications

VOTER editor (if Nancy P. does Devel.)

5:15

R & R

6:00

Dinner

7:15

Committee meetings

Preliminary legislative priority setting

Ad hoc council/convention -- Price, Sturgis, Gordon, et al

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May agenda (cont.)

Wednesday, May 14

8:30 P.M. Core Committees Program, PR, Organization

11:00 A.M. LWV-T Plenary Session
Organization report

Noon Lunch

1:15 PM LWV-TEF Annual Meeting
Appointment of new vice-chair
Minutes
Treasurer's report
Chair's report
Presidential Forum(s)
Houston finance calls with national staff
Grantsmanship Committee
Review of TEF Handbook
PSF fall workshop (with Wilbur)
VS/CI
Development plans ("When You Go To Austin")

4:00 LWV-T 2nd Plenary Session
PR core report

5:15 R & R

6:00 Dinner

7:30 National Convention Debriefing
Other committee meetings will be assigned

Thursday, May 15

8:30 A.M. LWV-T Plenary Session
Program Core report
Legislative priorities, round one
Calendar for 1980-81
Committee reports
Adoption of state board goals
Unfinished business
Summer plans
Dates to remember

Noon Adjourn -- lunch

To: State Board...
Ethel Sturgis

Pre-Board Report
May 1980

Budget Analyses and Guesstimates to 5/31/80

<u>LWV-T:</u>	Net Worth as of 4/30/80	\$28,213
	Anticipated Income	4,113
	Anticipated Expend (actual 7468 less 6780 TEF reimb) (assumes "We Support", "Historical Perspective", & remaining 6 program briefs will not be completed during this fiscal year)	(688)
	Required reserve	(15,000)
	UNCOMMITTED RESERVE AS OF 5/31/80	\$16,638

<u>LWV-TEF:</u>		
Operating	Net Worth as of 4/30/80	3,183
Funds only	Anticipated Income	1,423
	Anticipated Expend (1886 plus 6780 TEF reimburse) (assumes "Environotes" will not be published this fiscal year)	(8,666)
	Required Reserve	(2,000)
	ANTICIPATED OVERCOMMITMENT AS OF 5/31/80	(\$6,060)

Projections for use of LWV-T Uncommitted Reserve

Committed to 1980-1981 Budget	3,500
Additional needed to cover S.O. parking spaces	200
Additional needed for support of Provisional League (Beth--is this a good estimate??)	500
Anticipated transfer to TEF to cover anticipated expenses to 5/31 and \$2000 start up money for fiscal 1980-81	6,060
	\$10,260

Wrap Up --Based on the above, we will finish this fiscal year with a total combined uncommitted reserve of \$6,378.

This is over and above the \$15,000 required reserve in LWV-T and the \$26,600 TEF investments.

Re: Local Leagues

Please note Statement of LL Support Accounts when you receive it at the May Board meeting. Those LLs circled have not yet completed their commitment for this year.

Employer ID Numbers still not received from Brownsville, Harlingen, Temple.
(Note that state units are part of LWV-T and may use LWV-T EIN number if needed)

Incomplete LL TEF projects: Dallas (Citizen Participation, budget, and slide projector purchase); Denton (county Gov't Handbook); Austin, Lubbock, San Antonio (Voters Guides). Can we clear up most of these before the end of May??

Catherine P. and L. Carpenter--Please send vouchers for April Board/Council meeting.

Vacation--Jim and I will be touring Arizona and California May 20 - June 20. Hooray! I'll pay all vouchers submitted at the Board meeting or before (please get them to me ASAP). Nancy Bené will handle others if needed while I am away.

FROM: Diana Clark

LWV-Texas
May, 1980
Preboard report

I will fill you in verbally on some of what occurred between end of Council and my getting home the following Friday. It was a wonderful week. I even became an honorary citizen of Galveston and received an engraved key to the city from Jan Coggeshall! And when I did get home, I found that the Young Lawyers Assn. in Dallas had awarded me the Liberty Bell award (YLA is the former "Junior Bar").

I had a conversation with Carol Flatten, the local convention chair from Beaumont, re location and dates for 1981. She thought we had approved the last weekend in March . . . actually we approved the 10-12 of April. After reviewing Easter and school vacations both before and after that holiday, I will ask you to consider the end of March date. I will be going to Beaumont right after board meeting for a Probation Commission meeting and will visit the proposed site with the Beaumont committee. Therefore, if you can find it, will you bring to board meeting last year's San Antonio convention workbook. . . at least the agenda part of it. I want to review the kinds and sizes of meeting rooms we think we need for workshops, caucuses, etc.

I want to have a better procedure for deciding locations of Council/Convention. Something on the order of a League contacting us several months before making formal presentations at Convention -- so that physical facilities, both positive and negative, can be checked out beforehand. We have some basic minimum meeting room requirements and it's sometimes HARD TO HAVE TO ADAPT THE AGENDA TO FIT THE space (see note below). As great as Waco was, if it had rained, I don't know where we would have had the reception -- and sleeping rooms are not ideal for program priority setting.

Please try to think of what YOU want the state League to accomplish in the upcoming year. You will receive a planning sheet with this mailing. Use it to translate your good ideas into concrete proposals we can incorporate into our total workplan and calendar.

Last year our goals were:

1. Retain and increase membership
2. Become a more powerful/effective organization

To refresh your memory, look back at the minutes of the May, 1979 board meeting, item #23.

Off to Washington. . . see you soon.

NOTE: The office apologizes for all those caps. Don't ask how they happened -- don't know. It's day before the primary. Phone is ringin' its little heart out. . . sorry.

LWV-Texas
May, 1980
Preboard report

COUNCIL EVALUATIONS 51 forms received as of 5/2/80

Results of "Please rate the following":

	<u>Exc.</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Leadership Skills Wkshp.	12	13	8	3
Membership Wkshp.	21	12	5	2
Program Mgmt. Wkshop.	8	16	17	5
Prog. Direction Exchanges	7	18	21	3
Prog. Direction Finale	7	16	22	4
Nat'l. Convention Briefing	4	19	7	7
VS/CI Media Event	25	12	1	0
I Wish the League Would..	16	19	3	0

Do you feel this Council's activities will help you in leading your League?

A lot 25 Some 21 Not much 2

More on activities:

- Six mentioned the PSF caucus as being very good.
- Comments about Iola Johnson were positive, tho one person wanted a speaker with newer ideas.
- Six mentioned the skit -- all loved it.
- Thirteen mentioned (and really liked) the riverboat lunch.

Did holding this Council on a weekend make your participation possible or easier?
Possible or easier: 34 Didn't matter: 16

What follows is a distillation of remarks. It wasn't feasible to adhere to the questions as they appear on the eval. form in doing this report. Items are listed in order of frequency of appearance on forms.

- 23 liked having the chance to informally meet members of other Leagues to discuss problems, positions, solutions, etc. This indicates that pre-business-meeting gatherings are a good idea, as is some free time during proceedings.
- 12 indicated frustration at the generalities expressed in workshops -- lack of concrete new suggestions; too much repetition of old info. They want more Lubbock!

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- 10 wanted more time for program direction activities -- one of the basic reasons for Council.
- 7 would have liked smaller groupings. They felt frustrated by 30-50 person workshops.
- 7 felt good about the more relaxed pace of Council vs. Convention. This is probably something fixed and immutable, however.
- 5 mentioned enjoying the contact with state board. One is looking forward to the promised "road show."
- 4 suggested that program exchange group recorders be trained/briefed better.
- 4 suggested that the convention briefing be optional for those attending.
- 5 (this one's out of order) -- all who mentioned the facilities & general planning by Waco were quite pleased.

Following are one-of-a-kind suggestions, in no sort of order, that may have some merit, or are at least interesting:

1. Provide a list of those attending and their Leagues for each person.
2. Have meetings closer to larger airlines. Mentioned by two people.
3. Have Bobette do a grants workshop.
4. Have something to drink other than coffee & water, i.e. iced tea. (\$\$\$!)
5. Publish a list of League jargon, i.e., PMP. (Is it time to redo "League Lingo"?)
6. Have more parliamentary procedure info. (We could insert that page from the Convention Workbook.)
7. Schedule Council earlier in spring so it doesn't fall so close to natl. Convention.
8. Give observers evaluation sheets.

****AWARD*** for the most creative idea: "Is this meeting necessary? Could not much of the formal business of Council be conducted by mail, as consensus procedures are?"

And make of this what you will: "Any state board that can make idiots of themselves must be doing something right!"

TO: State Board
FROM: Laura Keever

LWV-Texas
May, 1980
Preboard report

I urge all program directors to give thought as to what legislative areas you wish to pursue during the next legislative session. Direct your thoughts to specific bills, as well as general areas. We will begin LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY SETTING in May!

TO: State Board
FROM: Lois Carpenter

I will prepare some brief background information on wiretapping for distribution to local Leagues through a state office mailing this summer.

LEAA funds have been a prime source of funding for juvenile community correction agencies as well as the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. These funds are seriously threatened by congressional budget-balancing efforts. Some local Leagues have positions on local justice facilities and LWV-T supports "a state jail standards commission, adequately funded," but our position does not say where the funds should come from. We have lobbied the Legislature for funding in the past and will probably continue to do so. I am writing to LWVUS for some guidance on how much, if any, lobbying of Congress the state League, or local Leagues concerned about LEAA-funded programs, may do. Will let you know when we hear something.

LWV-Texas
April 26, 1980
State Board Mailing

TO: State Board
FROM: Isabel Miller, Energy
RE: Publications

After the program emphasis vote and the requests of the members in the program-exchange group, I feel we should start a series of concise information sheets on renewable energy sources, conservation, etc., to be generally useful and also specifically to augment the how-to suggestion in the LWVUS Community Guide, "Citizens, the Untapped Energy Source."

I should like to discuss cost, budget, etc., for this at May Board. Also to consider any other activities you feel would be appropriate.

To: State Board
Re: Admin. of Justice, etc.
From: Lois Carpenter

LWV-Texas
May, 1980
Preboard Report

Publication. I suppose a board decision to proceed would be needed on this. Ye gods, and a project request form too. Participants in the program direction exchange at Council responded positively to the suggestion that we publish a folder for juveniles providing info they should have if they come in contact with the law. The idea is to address topics to the juveniles. Did you know that. . .? What happens to you if. . .? Funds (\$1,000) are provided in the proposed (Jan., 1980 edition) TEF budget, item Q.6. However, the funds need to be raised.

Recent Info. Trip to Austin last week for Model Rules Committee (the TACIR thing). Talked to Michael Haynes, the new staff person for Interim Cte. on Security & Sanctions. One of this committee's charges was to examine ways the juvenile justice

system in TX can better deal with juv. offenders, including an analysis of the benefits of a unified juv. jus. system, etc. He has been examining the recommendations on a TX Dept. of Juvenile Services made by the Special Ct. on the Delivery of Human Services. He thinks most of the input on this came from Ron Jackson (Exec. Dir. of TYC). Actually, I had thought TCJJ and some others had had substantial influence there. . . . Anyway, he has recommendations from the district judges association and a report from the Legislative Council. He is preparing a brief that will compare all these proposals and promised to send it to me. We'll see.

Interesting Rumors (Gossip)

Haynes also said he had talked to a legal aide to Judge Justice recently, and it looks like Justice is going to mandate that jurisdiction over status offenders (CHINS) be entirely removed from TYC and placed with DHR. (This is what is left of the Morales Case which was remanded to Justice's court by the 5th Circuit.)

Haynes thinks Billy Clayton expects to be indicted and give up speakership. He thinks Gib Lewis about has that job sewed up. It seems that when Lewis was in town to give a talk recently, "everyone around here" went home to put on a coat and tie!

MAY 6 1980



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOUSTON

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May 2, 1980

To: Diana Clark, President, LWV-Texas
From: LWV-Houston

Re: Authorization to act at State level on a local position

Enclosed is a copy of our reply to the comments of the Action VP of the LWV-Dallas, Kay Irvin, concerning our request for permission to lobby for our annexation positions at state level.

Some of the comments made in the last section of her memo have raised questions concerning precisely what action we may take at state level if permission is granted us to act at all, and also, if we do not have such authorization, what the limits are to action on a local position.

We had understood that, with authorization, we would be able to lobby state legislators, contact committees, and testify at hearings, but this is not clearly stated.

"Taking Action - Guidelines for Local Leagues" (April, 1976) merely speaks of acting on a local position at various governmental levels, leaving the impression that, given permission to act, it is acceptable to contact more than the League's own legislators. While it does point out that authorization for action given by National to a State or Local League is limited to the congressional delegates of the League receiving the authorization, no such limitation was laid down for action at the state level.

A second question concerns the nature of the permission given by a local League. "Taking Action" states that "permission of the state board along with clearance and concurrence of the other local Leagues affected by the action -- if legislation or governmental action results in mandated action" is required. Clearance would seem to imply permission; concurrence suggests something more. The February, 1979, issue of "Taking Action" does not repeat this phrase, but mentions only assent or objections. Does this supersede the 1976 "Taking Action"?

Thus we wish to request clarification of state policy in the following questions:

First, what are the limits to the action we may take A) without state board authorization? B) with state board authorization?

Second, what is the implication of a local League's assent to another League's request to act on a local position at state level? Is "clearance and concurrence" still required and what does it mean in this context?

Lynne Johnson, President, LWV-Houston

Lynne Johnson

Emma Dickey, Annexation Committee

Emma Dickey

To: Lucy Polter, President, LWV-Dallas
From: LWV-Houston

MAY 6 1962

Re: LWV-Houston request to lobby for its annexation positions at the state level

We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to respond to Kay Irvin's comments. Taking her points in order:

POINT 1: Houston has a policy of encouraging growth in its ETJ through water districts, with the objective of annexing the water districts when they are fully - or almost fully - developed. The City has such a hands-off policy toward planning that it has not even passed a subdivision ordinance and only enforces its subdivision regulations by its ability to withhold permission for the formation of water districts.

At the same time, Houston is a "low-service" city; services provided to residents are minimal, yet it must be stretched to cover newly annexed areas. If areas without water or sewage facilities are annexed, a situation that Houston tries to avoid, the City does not feel that the provision of these services is its responsibility and several such areas within the city limits have gone for years without these facilities.

Other Texas cities are more concerned with planning growth in their ETJs and making sure that the growth will be compatible with orderly annexation.

Therefore we have not felt that annexation is a problem of the same dimensions in other cities and did not consider that other local leagues would be interested in a state study. With hindsight we agree that we should have given them the opportunity to decide for themselves.

POINT 2: The legislation that we would like to support would require that:

- A) Annexation would be preceded by multiple public hearings, at least one of which must be within 3 miles of the affected area. (This can be supported under the LWV position of greater citizen input.)
- B) Plans for municipal services and capital improvements for the area to be annexed must be provided within 60 days. Capital improvements must begin within 2½ years.

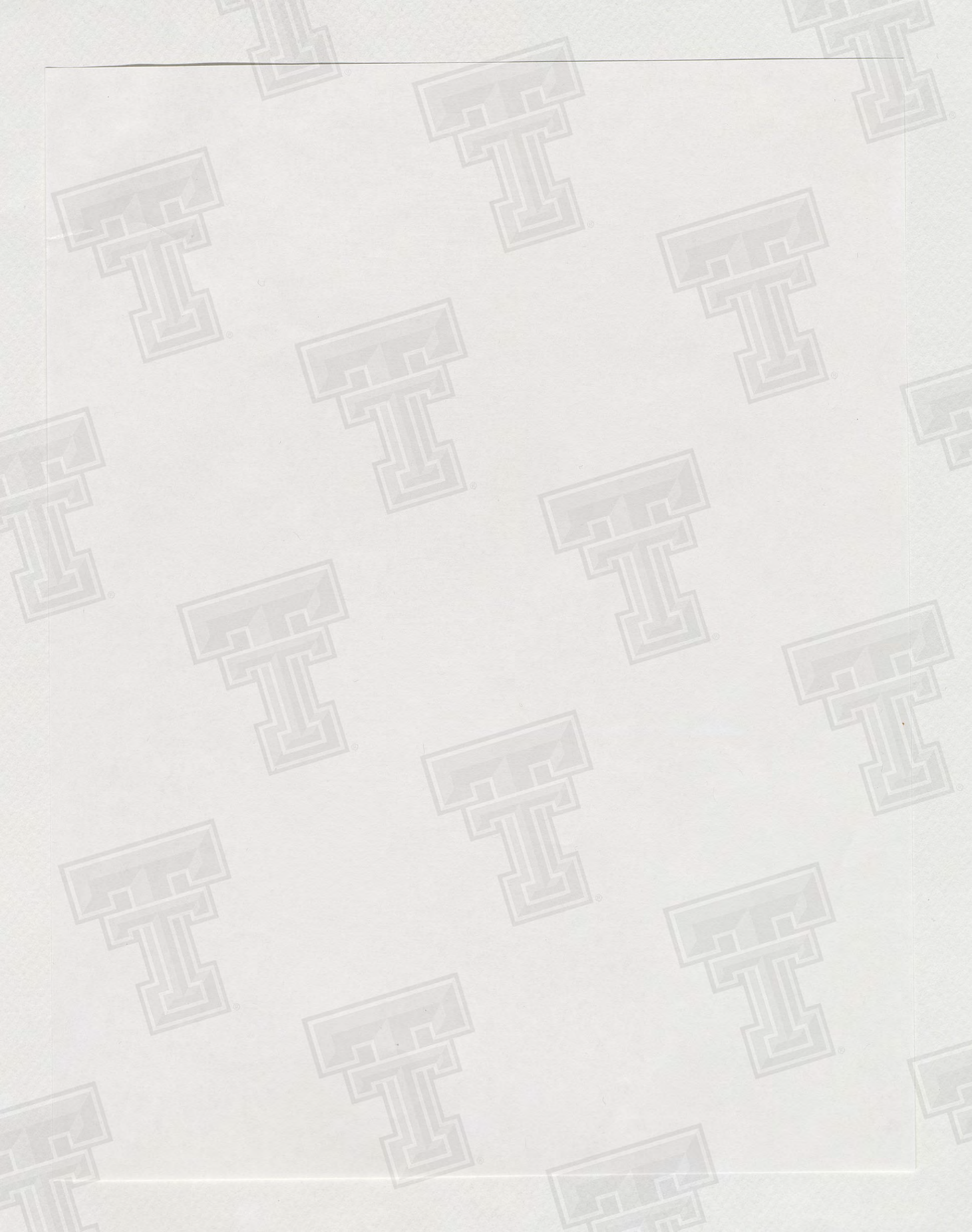
These plans will be part of the annexation ordinance. Thus failure to implement them would be cause for de-annexation.

That a city should provide services to its residents seems so reasonable to us that we do not believe that other leagues would object to such amendments to the Municipal Annexation Act. They would not interfere with orderly growth nor would they conflict with other League position; actually some, such as "capabilities for planning and management of land resources" would be enhanced by requiring advance planning.

Our position does not cover consolidation as this is a contractual matter between the two cities involved.

POINT 3: We have not asked for concurrence in the sense that we wish other local leagues to lobby; we are requesting permission for us to do so. However we would like to do more than lobby our own legislators; we would like to lobby other state officials and to testify at hearings, making it clear in all cases that we are speaking only for the Houston League.

In a telephone conversation with the State League, we understood that we would be able to do this. However it is true that this is not clearly spelled out and we are asking the State League to take this question under consideration and to clarify it.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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STAFF BOARD REPORT

TO: LL Presidents; DPM; Standing Orders;
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FROM: Diana Clark, President

LWV-Texas
September, 1980
State Board Report; MAL
I. Q.
President's Letter

Before relating specifics of the September board meeting I want to pass along information I just requested from the LWVUS office on their response to the Reagan-Bush TV and/or radio ad which begins by mentioning the LWV.

Ruth Hinerfeld sent (by special messenger) a strong letter to the Reagan-Bush national campaign headquarters on September 24 expressing the nationwide "disquiet" of members and the public over the implications of the ad which compromises the League's non-partisan policy. Her letter asks that the ad be withdrawn. As of Friday, Sept. 26, no response had been received.

If you have seen the ad and object to its implications, you might contact your local Reagan-Bush headquarters or write your objections to the national headquarters in Arlington, VA.

I was invited by the national LWV office to attend the Baltimore "2/3 debate." Airline connections (or lack of) prevented a return in time for a scheduled trip to Huntsville prisons with the Dallas Co. Grand Jury.

During the board meeting we sent a telegram to Pres. Carter urging him to change his mind and appear, and another wire to Ruth Hinerfeld supporting the League's approach to candidate qualifications for the debates.

Now to the board meeting.

Lavo a Arizaga of Houston was formally appointed director in charge of Human Resources; and Georgia Kidwell of Ft. Worth was appointed as publications director. Her address:

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The consensus on Initiative & Referendum was approved and is included in this mailing.

Preliminary plans for the legislative session were reviewed. Nancy Bené's report brings you up to date.

Legislative action policies were reviewed and clarified. They will come to you in October with additional action guidelines for testimony before state and national agencies.

Preliminary plans for the 1981 LWV-Texas Convention were made. A special party featuring something unique to Beaumont is in the works, as is a workshop on "Thinking On Your Feet!"

Speaking of convention. . . please note Jeanette Davis's memo on state bylaws proposals in this report.

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TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Ethel Sturgis and Catherine Gordon have been working on revisions of the TEF Handbook. The new format is designed to make necessary procedures easier to understand and follow. Past policies are not changed, but we hope are made clearer.

The TEF Trustees want to encourage solicitation of tax deductible money and are always ready to help in drafting proposals for local Leagues' use of their funds on deposit.

The new Handbook will be ready for the October 24th mailing. Anyone needing an emergency copy a bit earlier may request it from the state office.

The Texas Bankers Association has agreed to fund the upcoming edition of When You Go To Austin!

TEF has received two pass-through grants from LWVUS Ed. Fund. The first will provide a publication on Texas' bays and estuaries in conjunction with the Year of the Coast celebration. Catherine Perrine is the researcher/author. The second funds a hazardous waste disposal site tour and discussion session in January. Bobette Higgins is the project director.

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Energy director Isabel Miller, plus a potential project director, will attend a nuclear education conference in Washington, courtesy of a LWVUSEF grant. After the conference, a proposal for a Texas component of the nationwide effort will be submitted.

Jan Wilbur is moving ahead with her plans for a Public School Finance conference in Austin early in the legislative year. This grant was received from a Lubbock donor.

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THE MAIL BAG recently delivered a game! Called *Run For President*, it was designed by a Houston League member's husband. We did not have time to play it at the board meeting. . . but Georgia Kidwell, who took it home, reports that "it is fun, fairly simple, and interesting." The Houston League member reports introducing it to her 4th and 5th graders and they loved it. It is recommended for ages 5-18 and can be found in Foley's stores or by mail from Perfect Visions, Inc., P.O. Box 90003, Houston TX 77090. Cost is \$9.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

The mail also brought a request from the Libertarian Party candidate for the Railroad Commission to hold a debate. We had to decline. It has also been suggested we have a debate for Speaker of the House candidates after the November election. What are your thoughts on this?

The board was happy to get together again after the long hot summer. We have tried to make our activities helpful to you so that we can maintain a strong, integrated, three-tiered (local, state, national) organization. We all need to work hard at communication which incorporates reading, writing, and listening to each other.

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TWO IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. When reprinting published material from other sources (newspapers, national or state League publications, other League VOTERS, etc.) you must name the source and give proper credit. This is particularly important when the material being used has been copyrighted.

2. Please consult other Leagues and state units sharing your congressional and legislative districts for candidate questions on voters guides. Also, you will be receiving legislative interview sheets in the near future and you need to determine who will do the interviewing. The *LWV-Texas Directory* lists all districts and Leagues therein.

Nana Rylander of Sherman who is coordinating all ABC Election Night Reporting for us, indicates a good response from local Leagues she has contacted.

The precincts ABC wants covered in Houston are none of the 123 they already cover for the local Election Central, but Houston promised to come through somehow!

The money earned contributes mightily to the LWV-T treasury and helps to keep the PMP down. Accordingly, everyone appreciates all efforts in the project.

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LWV--Texas
September, 1980
State Board Report
I. I.
Development/Finance

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

"Why do local Leagues conduct finance drives?"

"That's obvious -- to raise money!"

"Right! BUT, finance drives also give local Leagues the opportunity to sell themselves to their communities. For example, it gives you the chance to meet on a different level that developer you've been opposing at zoning hearings."

"But I'm uncomfortable asking for money and don't know what to say."

"We all are! But remember, the worst thing that can happen is that he or she will say that it's not possible this year, sorry. And, we have some things that will give you ideas on what to say and how to organize a drive."

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HINTS FOR DEVELOPMENT/FINANCE CHAIRMEN, or . . .
How to Make Your Job Easier and More Effective

- DO YOU HAVE: (if you don't, get your publications chairman to order them)
1. *12 Steps to a Superbly Successful Finance Campaign*, LWV-Texas.
 2. *We Support* (LWV-T); *In League*; *Impact on Issues* (both LWVUS). Learn as much as you can about LWV and how it operates.
 3. A committee to brainstorm and plan.
 4. Copies of letters sent during previous drives.
 5. A brochure highlighting accomplishments of your League - should be VERY well done.

BE POSITIVE BE CREATIVE And when you make that important call, remember you are selling the League and, to that potential contributor, you are the League. You should dress accordingly. Put away those "old tennis shoes" and bring out that really great outfit you're saving. Go easy on accessories. Remember you want to give the impression of being confident, trustworthy, intelligent, and businesslike.

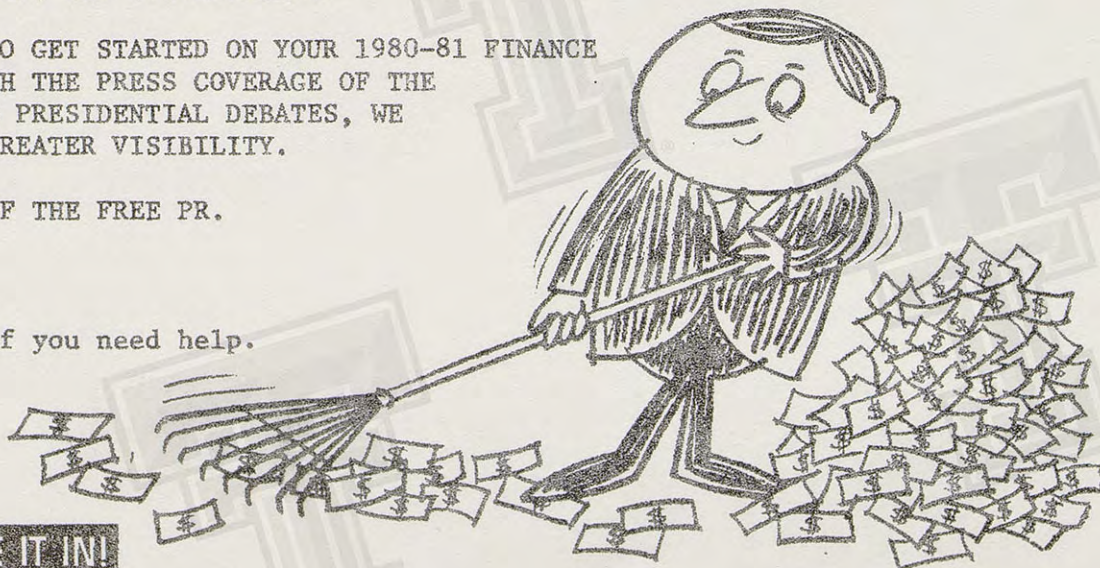
NOW'S THE TIME TO GET STARTED ON YOUR 1980-81 FINANCE DRIVE! WITH THE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE LEAGUE-SPONSORED PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES, WE HAVE NEVER HAD GREATER VISIBILITY.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE PR.

GOOD LUCK!!

P.S.: Call me if you need help.

RAKE IT IN!



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LWV-Texas
September, 1980
State Board Report
I. A. 2.
Action - State

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Guess what happens after the election! . . . or, it's about time to think about the legislative session.

The state board refined the list of priorities a bit more at the September meeting. The list now looks like this:

I. PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

Energy: Solar legislation
Energy Development Fund (EDF)
Conservation
Low-level nuclear waste sites

Apportionment

Water: Hazardous waste
- fines
- superfund
- spills

Floods

Groundwater study to be done by state govt.

AJ:

Centralized youth agency
Wiretapping
Community based corrections

Public School Finance and
Financing State Government

Initiative and Referendum

II. SECONDARY IMPORTANCE

Election laws recodification
Land Use: Flooding and faults (hazard disclosure)
Solid Waste: Container deposit
Welfare: AFDC

III. TERTIARY IMPORTANCE

D. C. Ratification
ERA
Education
Air
Housing
Modernizing State Government
Urban Policy
Employment

This fall we are planning to provide focus papers on energy conservation, renewable resources, wiretapping, and hazardous waste. Advocacy papers will cover energy issues, water & waste, juvenile justice, public school finance, and initiative and

Legislative Priorities (cont.)

ACTION ALERT CORPS

You've heard of the Capitol Corps -- those fine people who are the eyes and ears of the legislative office. Well, let us introduce you to the Action Alert Corps which will be part of the "voice" of the legislative office.

Included in this mailing is a memo explaining in detail what the Corps is. We are asking for the names of two people from each state representative district in your League area who will answer Action Alerts in the spring. With your help the League can expand its effectiveness. Please read the memo and fill out the form before November 15.

PROGRAM ACTION MEETING

On November 5 & 6 state board members directly involved in lobbying efforts will meet in Austin to discuss strategies and procedures for the coming session.

LOCAL LEAGUE ACTION POLICY

Also included in this mailing is the new *Taking Legislative Action* which was approved at the September board meeting. This policy supercedes all previous issues of *Taking Action - Guidelines for Local Leagues*, so please discard all old copies.

I realize that sending reports to the legislative office may seem like an nuisance, but we can do a much better job for you if we know what contacts and testimonies have been made. Keep us informed and we can keep you in the know.

OCTOBER 24 MAILING

I am planning to include in the October 24 state office mailing:

1. Update on lobby laws
2. Subscription information for the *Legislative Newsletter*
3. Legislative interview questionnaires

A legislative priorities brochure will probably reach you after the program action meeting in November.

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LWV-Texas
September, 1980
State Board Report
II. A. 1. b.
Program - Energy

1980 SOLAR JUBILEE

American Section of the International Solar Energy Society

The Phoenix Solar Jubilee was a six-day series of plenary meetings, presentations of papers, and evaluation-of-the-future sessions on renewable energy, primarily solar. It was a "25th Solar Jubilee" because it was held on the 25th anniversary of the founding (in the same city) of the organization from which the American Section of the International Solar Energy Society (AS of ISES) has grown.

The papers varied, including highly technical reports on research, how-to-do-it sessions, documented installations, and historical precedents. Of the hundreds of papers presented in concurrent sessions for five days (1,525 pages as published), I will present an overview of the state of the art and appropriate applications of solar design, and extensive quotations from the evaluation-of-the-future dinner speakers. Please be aware that there has not been time to check all the facts as reported here.

Active solar space heating, using solar collectors, is technologically mature, economically feasible, and dependable if properly designed and installed. It is most advantageous when replacing electric heating, and when in a cold climate. Its cost makes its use as an economy measure still questionable in coastal and south Texas, where the heating season is short and gas is the dominant fuel. If there were underground storage reservoirs in which summer heat could be stored by collectors working year round, fewer collectors would be needed. Satisfactory aesthetic integration in design has seldom been achieved.

Active water heating, which is a year-round need, is economically defensible even against gas almost everywhere, especially now with the income tax credit.

Active cooling is still too ineffective and expensive. Several new principles are being researched.

Passive solar heating (the structure designed as the collector and storage medium) is highly effective and economical. For maximum effectiveness it is essential that the building be well insulated and tight. In fact, it is stated that any extra above-normal construction cost spent on passive features should be matched by extra spending on insulation.

In large buildings, such as offices, lighting, equipment, and personnel frequently produce excess internal heat in all seasons. Hence, solar heat is of little benefit, whereas the introduction of natural daylighting reduces both the energy use and heat production of artificial light. Sky light can be "piped" by reflectors and through white formica ducts to interior spaces. Actual sunlight, undiffused, is undesirable. A large cause of unnecessary energy use in large buildings is needless overdesign, or overly complex design, of mechanical systems.

The available wind energy exceeds the available solar energy in winter everywhere in the United States except California, southern Arizona, and northern Florida. In Texas the areas of maximum available wind energy are the High Plains and the coastal plains. Numerous huge-scale pilot wind-power installations, some with 300-foot blades, are being erected in the continental United States and Hawaii. Small wind-conversion

systems (WCS) are available which produce electricity for four cents per kilowatt. Federal regulations now require utilities to furnish back-up power and buy excess power from such installations, thus eliminating the need for storage batteries.

Photovoltaic cells, surfaces with a thin layer of a material which converts light into electrical energy, are considered to be a very promising energy source. They were used in space in the 60's, producing electricity for \$400 per watt. In the 70's they powered equipment far from power lines in jungles and mountains for \$50 per watt. They are available now, producing electricity for about \$7 per watt for railroad crossing signals, caboose lighting, electric fences, and power for a remote Indian village. The goal is 70¢ per watt in 1986, and the technology exists; what is now needed are the production-line economics which brought transistor radios to under \$10. General Electric is marketing a roofing shingle which is surfaced with cells. Within the 80's we may see many electricity-independent buildings. Where utility lines are accessible, the same back-up and buy-back regulations apply as for wind. The storage problem which exists where installations are remote is now a prime area of research.

Wind power, low-head hydropower, and solar power are naturals in agriculture. One or more of these energy sources is available to every farmer, and can be financed as a business investment. Farmers are accustomed to being their own maintenance crew. And they urgently need ways of cutting energy costs.

In addition to drying grains, which now consumes enormous amounts of fuel, solar heat is useful in agriculture for:

- heating water for dairies
- heating greenhouses
- heating portable farrowing sheds
- heating chicken houses
- drying oranges after washing and after waxing
- drying sprouted barley to fix malt
- drying fruit

The use of grains to produce alcohol does not divert them from further feed use. Stillage, the grain used in fermentation, is actually improved as a cattle feed. (The real hazard to food production in the United States is the removal of agricultural land from production for development and roads. Three million acres of good farm land are lost annually. Urban sprawl must be limited to non-productive land.)

Two dinner meetings, each with four widely-known speakers, examined the energy crisis and attendant issues, and were the most exciting part of the week. I will amalgamate all eight talks into one report, since they duplicated topics to some degree.

Oil Outlook. Dennis O'Brien, D.O.E. Office of International Affairs.

Sixty percent of the world's oil comes from the Middle East. Even with political stability, the supply may fall short of the demand.

1968 is the last year we added as much newly discovered oil as we used. Now we discover only half as much as we use. Many major oil fields, especially in the U.S., are declining ten percent each year because of age. Without political upheavals, the crisis will peak in mid-1980's, and sooner with upheavals. Meanwhile, we ship out \$10 million per hour for imported oil; this equals roughly one-sixth of our annual national budget.

Economic Outlook. Dennis Meadows, co-author, *The Limits to Growth*.

Is solar use economic? That is irrelevant. All observers agree there is a flood of woes ahead. To require a certain "payback" for installing a solar heating

device is absurd. We don't require that for a color television set. If it saves fossil fuel now and will continue to operate free after it's paid for, everyone benefits.

The old economic laws are obsolete. The United States is used to getting richer. Now it is getting poorer, and will throughout this century. That is OK if we face it. When you are getting poorer it pays to spend \$2 now to save \$1 later.

The traditional U.S. economic system can't deal with irreversibles. Its theory is we can buy our way back.

Corporations aren't aware of or concerned with the long-term external effects of their practices. They don't assume responsibility for these effects on the public and the environment.

Climate Outlook. William Kellogg, National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Global changes in climate are being caused by: deforestation
overgrazing
changes in concentration of
carbon dioxide

In 1900 the CO₂ index was 280 parts per million. It is now 336, and increasing at more than one part per million annually. As it increases, it absorbs the infrared light and re-radiates it, making the earth warmer, like a greenhouse. By 2050, at present trends, the average temperature may be 3°C higher, 10°C at the poles. This will warm and raise the oceans; the ice caps may slide off and float into warmer areas and melt, raising sea level 15 feet. The growing season in northern temperate climates will lengthen 10 days for each degree rise. We can't predict what may happen to rain patterns. Four to eight thousand years ago the Sahara was a grassy prairie.

Since we (the U.S.) burn only one fourth of the fossil fuel used in the world, we can't control the problem; changing practices must be global. Since initial changes in climate will not be all bad, reactions will be mixed.

Ted Taylor, lecturer, Princeton University

The good news is that we have a lot of coal. The bad news is that we may have to use it!

We must develop storage mechanisms: fill underground reservoirs with solar-heated water in summer for winter use, fill with ice formed by fog machines on cold days in winter for summer use.

Ray Reece, author, *The Sun Betrayed*.

We cannot afford to spend 3/4 of our national capital for generating electricity. Our oil and gas are our bridge, our interim fuel, while we get renewable energy sources in place. We're burning our bridges without establishing our beachhead.

Electricity is the most costly fuel. Nuclear generation (counting all costs, including handling waste and decommissioning old plants) is the most expensive of the expensive. It has no future.

- more -

The Solar Outlook. Modesto Maidique, author of solar chapter in *Energy Future*, the report of the Harvard Business School Energy Project.

Today is a window of opportunity for solar development:

- . fossil fuel prices are high, and rising
- . there is a nuclear stalemate
- . synthetic fuel is undeveloped
- . nuclear fusion is undeveloped

If we wait 10 years, the situation may be less favorable.

Solar energy in all its forms provides 1% more now than nuclear. In ten years alcohol may provide 10% to 20% of our motor fuel needs.

Jack Pfiester, President, American Public Power Association

Our energy policy is poor because the subject is immense and complex, and we lack adequate data. We have nothing we can expeditiously implement; therefore we must communicate, cooperate, and

MAXIMIZE ALL AVAILABLE INDIGENOUS RESOURCES!

Our society's mechanisms for dealing with abundance are more developed than those for dealing with scarcity. Therefore accurate forecast of the near-term demand is not crucial. By the long term, we may be able to sharpen our forecasting. We need now to proceed at full speed with conservation and indigenous resources. (Caution! Only those conservation measures which will not affect life style and self image can be expected to succeed.) Disagreement on the appropriate long-term percentage of solar use in our energy mix is irrelevant if our present task is to develop all that is economically feasible as rapidly as possible.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

There have been several changes in dates for the Environmental Legislation workshops being held by For the People (Bobette Higgins). Here is the current schedule:

October 14 9:00 - 4:00	Houston Julia Ideson Bldg.	Flood control and natural hazards
October 29 8:30 - 4:30	Lubbock Koko Palace	Water quality; injection wells
November 7 8:00 - 4:30	McAllen Caravey Inn	Environmental needs of <i>colonias</i>
December 4-5	Austin	Environmental Legislation: The 67th Session

The Natural Resources Division of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council will be mailing out copies of the revised draft Texas Coastal Program next week. Hearings on the proposed program will be held:

October 28 9-12; 1-5	Austin	Room 100E, John Reagan Building
October 29 1-5; 6-8	Corpus Christi	Coastal Bend Council of Governments
October 30 9-12; 1-5; 7-9	Houston	City Council Chambers
October 31 1-5; 6-8	Beaumont	Jefferson County Courthouse

The FY 1981 State/EPA Agreement includes the following priorities for the year beginning October 1: better response to spills of oil & Hazardous substances; a coordinated program to control toxic pollutants; safe disposal of toxic containers; delegation to the state of programs for control of wastewater discharges, hazardous wastes, and underground injection; adoption of a state solid waste management plan; EPA technical assistance for local, regional, and state solid waste problems; improvement of wastewater discharges where stream standards are not being met; and identification of all underground injection operations. This year's principal opportunity for citizen participation in setting these priorities was a questionnaire sent out to agency mailing lists in April. LWV-Texas comments on the Agreement urged more information to the public and a more effective public participation program. Copies of the League comments are available from the state office.

LATE NEWS: Numerous local Leagues have been keeping up with the Superfund legislation and contacting Members of Congress. The House passed its Superfund bill Tuesday, September 23, by a vote of 351 to 23.

Urge Senator Bentsen, who serves on the Senate Finance Committee, to work for a prompt and favorable report from that Committee on the Senate Superfund bill (S 1480).

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

We are concentrating this fall on preparations for the 67th Legislature. The brief on wiretapping will be finished shortly, and an advocacy paper on justice is planned as part of our LWV-T legislative package. We must decide in November on our justice priorities for this session.

There has still been no decision on the Ruiz vs. Estelle case, and I have not heard very much about TDC over the summer. It seems like everyone hesitates to take any action or make any recommendations on the prison system until a decision is handed down. The facts remain, however, that TDC is badly overcrowded with roughly 27,000 inmates, and enough money for expensive new prisons just is not to be found. Cheaper community corrections may therefore become the choice of even those who have opposed them before.

There is some concern that the Ruiz decision may include a ceiling on TDC population and that convicted felons will have to be held in county jails pending solutions. The problem such a situation could cause is illustrated by an incident in Alabama last month. It seems a convicted felon (robbery) had been held in a county jail in a 6 x 8 foot cell for 21 months because there was no room in the state prison. The man pleaded to be transferred, said he was going crazy in the little cell, and threatened suicide. The sheriff finally obtained a court order for transfer to the state prison. On arrival at the prison, however, they were met by an officer with written orders not to allow the man to enter. After waiting two hours, the sheriff handcuffed the prisoner to the outer fence, pitched the key to the cuffs through the entrance, and left. The prisoner was then taken in, but his status is still uncertain.

On the juvenile side a great deal of noise is being made once again about how to change the juvenile justice system. The Senate Special Committee on Delivery of Human Services has recommended changing the name of TYC to the Texas Department of Juvenile Services which would then do what TYC does now, but also set and monitor standards for juvenile probation and parole services and for detention and other facilities. They would also, jointly with local departments, provide direct probation and parole services. The Committee made this recommendation because it does not believe the legislature would favor a new and separate commission.

The Texas Probation Association and the Texas Juvenile Court Judges feel this would be a "takeover" by TYC, that TYC officials have no probation experience. Some 97% of juvenile delinquents are handled by probation. They favor a state-wide juvenile probation system similar to the adult probation system. If all this sounds familiar, it should. It is a rehash of this time two years ago. With all this infighting the outlook for statewide juvenile probation appears bleak.

On a happier note (I think) the Human Services Committee also recommended re-defining truants and runaways as children subject to child abuse, neglect, or in

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need of services and placing responsibility for services to them with DHR. They also recommended restructuring the Board of Pardons and Parole as a nine-member commission. I think these two might stand a good chance of passage.

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SHOCK PROBATION SURVEY

The Adult Probation Commission has recently reported the results of a survey to evaluate the use of shock probation in Texas since the law went into effect in 1977.

Shock probation is the rehabilitation technique by which a defendant is given a 120-day taste of prison or jail and then placed on probation for the remainder of the sentence. The decision to do this rests with the judge imposing the sentence rather than with the Dept. of Corrections or the Probation Commission. The judge may choose this course on his own motion or on written motion of the defendant.

Eighty-seven out of 106 probation departments responded to the survey. (It was determined that most of those not responding had had no experience with shock probation.) Seventy-five of these 87 departments had used shock probation for a total of 1078 adults. Of this number, 808 (75%) are still on probation, 49 have successfully terminated probation, and 221 had unsuccessful probations.

Prior knowledge by the defendant of being placed on shock probation is an important issue. Two-thirds of the departments responding felt that for shock probation to be really effective, a defendant should not be informed of being placed on it until recalled from incarceration. However, it was reported that two-thirds of the shock probationers did have prior knowledge of the subsequent shock probation. This could be due to several factors. Sometimes shock probation enters into plea bargaining process, though some departments object to this. There is a very efficient prison grapevine system, and also the prisoner may file a motion requesting consideration for probation.

Seventy-one percent of the responding departments rated shock probation as effective. Only 5% thought it not effective, and 22% thought it too soon to evaluate.

The survey showed that had shock probation not been available, 667 (64%) would have been incarcerated. A comparison of the cost of shock probation to the cost of incarceration showed that having those 667 people on shock probation instead of in prison for two years resulted in conservatively estimated net savings of \$2,787,059.

JAIL STANDARDS COMMISSION

You will remember that the Jail Standards Commission was begun in 1975. It established statewide standards and then inspected all the county jails to determine degree of compliance with the standards. The Commission offers technical assistance and consultation to the local jails. Late last year they began certifying jails in compliance with the standards and had certified 20 at year's end. Robert Viterna, the Commission's Executive Director, has been kind enough to keep me informed of their progress this year. As of August 1, 1980, 55 jails are in compliance, 15 jails closed (voluntarily, not as a result of Jail Commission action), and 55 more

jails are in committed stages of construction or renovation. Most of the latter category will be in compliance as soon as they are occupied. With the addition of one or two items of safety equipment another 12 jails will be in compliance.

The remaining jails (remember, Texas has 254 counties) are aware of their problems and, with technical assistance from the Commission, working to eliminate them. If you wish to know in which category your county jail falls, just let me know, or better yet, call your sheriff. He (she?) will probably be pleased to know you care.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

I'm glad to see that some local Leagues are already planning their Human Resources update for members. For those of you who are not quite that far along, let me suggest some basic materials with which to start:

LWVUS publications: *Impact on Issues*

LWV Prospectus: A Planning Guide for Local & State Leagues

LWVUS VOTER, summer 1980.

LWV-T publications: *We Support*, September 1980

Program Perspectives, September 1980

Texas Focus: Department of Human Resources

Texas Focus: Food Stamp Program in Texas

You will also want to be watching what the Legislature does about the funding of child care for low-income families. The Texas Department of Human Resources is reorganizing its entire structure. One of the services being restructured is child care for low-income families which has been largely funded from federal Title XX funds. As you know, federal funds for these kinds of services are being drastically cut. Beginning in fiscal year 1982 (which starts Oct. 1, 1981), DHR will request most of the funds for these services from the state budget. The amount and quality of child care services for low-income families will depend on the amount of state funds authorized and appropriated.

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PRESS RELEASES PLANNED:

- 1). LWV-T support of constitutional amendments 3, 5, 6, & 8;
- 2) Announcement of Initiative & Referendum position;
- 3) Gnneral release (perhaps a League News Service feature) containing general election information (suggested by Olivia Meyer of Galveston).

VIDEO NEWS:

In the mill and coming to you -- two slides (different designs) for use by local Leagues for TV shows (as a lead-in or fade-out), or as a background for PSAs. They are being done for us by Southwest Educational Development Labs, the same people who produced the Jordan VS/CI video spot, and should be reaching you soon. We have had a couple of requests for something like this, most recently from Sandy Scarboro of El Paso.

DEALING WITH NEWSPAPERS:

A member of the state office staff (who shall be nameless because she can't remember the name of the book with which we are about to deal. . .) found the following suggestion in a PR book. It's worth a try when attempting to get newspapers to run small articles (meeting notices, membership info, etc.) and place them where they'll be noticed.

Instruct the paper to place the article:

- in the family living section
- on the right-hand page
- above the fold
- next to reading matter (so it doesn't get sandwiched between ads).

REMIND YOUR TV STATIONS: . .

to use their Barbara Jordan video spots prior to the election -- a telephone call might do the trick.

AND ABOUT SENDING THE STATE PR VICE PRESIDENT all clippings of news articles of your local League -- wait a minute!

As the League has grown, so has its press coverage and the PR clippings file is bulging. I would appreciate copies of any UNUSUAL features re League activities, and especially editorials or editorial comment on local League activities. But as for articles on routine meetings, programs, and voter service projects, let's save your postage and time. I generally presume you are all getting good media coverage. If you're not, then drop me a note -- maybe I can help.

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VOTERS SERVICE/CITIZEN INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for the Tarrant County League! It is one of 25 local Leagues nationwide which applied for and received a \$1,000 grant to help capitalize on the LWVUS-EF Presidential Debates. Watch their VOTER for details.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

I hope everyone has seen the new one-page publication from the national League on the Electoral College system. Though perhaps too expensive to use extensively as a handout, it is marvelously concise and would make very good material for a Speakers Bureau offering. Order from LWVUS, pub. #417, 20¢ or 10/\$1.

VOTERS GUIDES

The state Voters Guides are shipped. There is one important copy change. The presidential and vice presidential candidates will not be listed for the following reason: The Texas Election Code requires that when an independent candidate files for a place on the ballot, he or she designate a running mate. When John Anderson filed in July in Texas, he listed Milton Eisenhower. The question of who shall be on the ballot in November with Mr. Anderson (Milton Eisenhower or Patrick Lucey) is presently being decided in court. As all this is terribly confusing and would be difficult to explain in the limited space available in the Guide, it was decided to delete the list from this Voters Guide.

. . . words on the ballot. . .

Those of you planning VS/CI projects for the proposed constitutional amendments should be aware that the wording of the amendments in the Texas Legislative Council's analysis booklet is not the exact ballot wording. The Voters Guide contains the ballot wording. Should you need the exact wording before the Guide arrives, you may call the state office for a copy, or check your local newspaper. Amendment listings are being published in newspapers around the state at this time.

SPEAK UP TEXAS!!

From reading local League VOTERS it seems everyone is having super Voter Registration Drives. . . and successful ones at that. Now to get those voters to the polls!

HAPPY ELECTION DAY!

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PUBLICATIONS

Attending my first state board meeting was quite an experience! Being new in the publications position, there is much I am learning. But I look forward to serving on the state board and hopefully I can do a creditable job.

Program chairmen are planning to have informational material written this fall so that four ADVOCACY PAPERS can be published on

	Initiative & Referendum
	Admin. of Justice - Juvenile
	Water & Waste
	Energy

An advocacy paper on Public School Finance will be published after consensus. The September Texas VOTER will have a "Texas Focus" on Apportionment; one on Hazardous Wastes will be in the December Texas VOTER. Three additional "Texas Focus" sheets will be sent in monthly mailings from the state office on Energy Conservation, Renewable Resources, and Wiretapping.

Of most immediate interest are the publications included in this mailing:

We Support and *Program Perspectives*.

The state office will be shipping - as quickly as possible - sufficient FREE copies of *We Support* for each of your members. Number of copies will be based on the January 1 membership figures sent to the office. An order blank is enclosed if you wish to purchase additional copies of *Program Perspectives*.

If I can be of service in the publications area to local Leagues, please let me know!

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BYLAWS

There are two dates of which you need to be aware:

State Bylaws Revisions

Any proposed changes in the state League bylaws need to be sent to me by

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for presentation at the January state board meeting. (See LWV-Texas Bylaws, Art. XIV, Sec. 1. a.).

Local League Bylaws Revisions

All proposed changes of local League bylaws need to be sent to me three (3) months before the local League annual meeting for review and comment. Please include a copy of your present bylaws with any proposed changes. (See LWV-Texas Policy Guide, section on local League bylaws). Check your calendar.

National League Bylaws

Each local League received a memorandum (pink sheet dated July 25, 1980) from LWVUS regarding the "editorial only" change in Art. III, Sec. 2. Since individual League bylaws must be consistent with the LWVUS bylaws in the first three articles, the new wording under Art. III, Sec. 2 can be incorporated when you reprint your bylaws.

. . . according to *Robert's* . . .

When you consider revisions of bylaws it is worth noting what *Robert's*. . . has to say in part in Chapter XVIII (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*):

Indisputability of meaning and application is a more important consideration than "readability," and the latter must be sacrificed when both cannot be achieved. Each sentence should be written so as to be impossible to quote out of context; that is, either its complete meaning should be clear without reference to sentences preceding or following, or it should be worded so as to compel the reader to refer to adjoining sentences -- as by beginning, "Any member so elected. . . ."

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

MINUTES

St. George's Episcopal Church
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The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at St. George's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, September 9, 1980. The vice presidents met with the president during lunch to review the agenda. Austin League members provided the lunch.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

PRESENT: Arizaga, Bene, Brown, Carpenter, Clark, Clem, Davis, Gordon, Keever, Kidwell, Miller, Price, Sarles, and Sturgis.

ABSENT: Chamblin, Perrine

President Clark called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

1. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Brown MOVED that Lavora Arizaga from Houston be appointed Human Resources and Apportionment director on the board. **SECONDED and CARRIED.**

Sturgis MOVED that Georgia Kidwell from Fort Worth be appointed Publications director on the board. **SECONDED and CARRIED.**

2. MAY BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the May 13-15, 1980 board meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- page 3, item 8, par. 3, line 2 strike "bedding" and substitute accommodations.
- page 3, item 10, par. 1, first line substitute S.6. for "S.7."
- page 3, item 10, par. 3, substitute R.6.h. for "R.6.g." and substitute R.6.g. for "R.6.h."
- page 5, item 15, par. 2.4.b. following "six advocacy papers" strike to be sent to every member.

Sturgis MOVED that all activity as reflected in the May 13-15, 1980 minutes be adopted by the present board members serving after June 1, 1980, the beginning of the current fiscal year. **SECONDED and CARRIED.**

3. COUNCIL '80 MINUTES

Gordon MOVED that the Council '80 minutes be approved with the following corrections:
page 6, item 5, par. 3 strike LWVTEF and on line 2 substitute amended for "proposed."

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Page 6, item 7 add at the end of the paragraph Kelz discussed the agency's recommendations for future local League public relations activities.
SECONDED and CARRIED.

Clem requested that a copy of the adopted budget and a copy of the High Noon Agency's recommendations be attached to the minutes.

Sturgis MOVED that a copy of the Council minutes be sent to each local League president. SECONDED and CARRIED.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sturgis reported LWV-T net worth of \$33,102 as of May 31, 1980. Council '80 account had a closing balance of \$578. Combined LWV-T and LWV-TEF uncommitted funds at the end of the last fiscal year were \$11,570. Sturgis commended the Waco League for its excellent budget process.

Sturgis MOVED that local Leagues be permitted to pay a maximum of one quarter (1/4) of their per-member-payment to LWV-T for 1980-81 from their education fund monies on deposit. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Clark urged board members to submit vouchers for their expenses even if they wish to make an in-kind contribution for the same amount.

Sturgis reported receiving a letter from Fumi Sugihara in response to her letters to LWVUS concerning financial annual reports and 501 (c) (3) status for individual local Leagues. In light of the new Internal Revenue Service ruling which permits tax exempt organizations (501 (c)(3)) to spend a maximum of 20% of their budget on action, much discussion followed as to whether an individual League should apply for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status which would still permit them to use part of their budget for action. It was informally agreed that the Tarrant County League could apply if they wish.

5. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS

Board members made budget adjustment requests to be voted on later.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Clark reported that the National Municipal League is holding a National Conference on Government in Houston, Texas on November 15-18, 1980.

Clark received a letter from Florence Rubin, LWVUS Litigation Chair, informing her that Rubin's department will do workshops on litigation.

The Houston Area League minutes complimented Miller's work on energy.

The LWVUS Education Finance Reform Project awarded the LWV-Mississippi an \$18,000 grant to conduct a school finance citizen education project.

LWVUS has done fundraising for the Debates in Houston and Dallas. Price read a letter from Cooper Industries which is considering a request from LWVUS to help fund the Debates, and thus have not increased their contribution to LWV-Texas.

Clark reported that Herbert Wincorn, Pearl Wincorn's husband, a trustee of the LWV-TEF (1973-75) and contributor to the state and national Leagues, died late in August following an extended illness. Keever MOVED that a collection be taken and the sum contributed to LWV-TEF in his memory. **SECONDED & CARRIED.**

Clark reported that Betty Anderson, Women's Issues chairman, drafted a statement for Women's Equality Day which Jan Albers delivered. The Republican Party plans to make an effort to rescind the Texas Equal Rights Amendment.

Clark asked board members to critique a game titled "Run For President."

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The board met in the following ad hoc committees from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.:

Policy Committee (action policy) - Clark, Bene, Brown, Keever, and Arizaga.

Bylaws Committee - Davis, Gordon, Miller, Sarles

Convention Planning - Price, Carpenter, Clem, Sturgis, and Kidwell

The board recessed at 5:00 P.M. for dinner served by the Austin League.

8. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM CONSENSUS COMMITTEE

Chamblin arrived at 5:00 P.M. and chaired the Initiative and Referendum Consensus committee meeting. Other members of the committee: Keever, Sarles, Bene.

The board reconvened at 7:45 P.M.

9. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM CONSENSUS COMMITTEE REPORT

Clark read a letter from the Amarillo League complimenting Chamblin on the I&R Facts and Issues. Chamblin reported that 22 of the 37 local Leagues participated in consensus. She reviewed her preboard statistical report on the consensus questions. Chamblin MOVED adoption of an I&R position statement. Motion FAILED for lack of a second.

First plenary session adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday, Sept. 9th.

10. CORE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The board met at 8:45 A.M. on Wednesday, September 10th in Program, PR-VOTER, and Organization core committees.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Clark called the second plenary session to order at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 10th. Perrine was present. Chamblin was absent.

11. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

Brown highlighted her preboard report on the status of local Leagues. Brownsville has not paid 1979-80 Per-member-payment and Brownsville and Harlingen are not meeting minimum standards. Brown recommended that Clark write a letter to each League expressing our concern. The letter should be followed by a visit from Pauline Clark, field service representative, and Brown and/or Clark. Arlington will become a fully-recognized League on June 1, 1981 when it will separate from the Tarrant County League. The Lamar County League is considering disbanding.

Brown reported that the Houston League is unhappy with the LWVUS' hotel site selection for national convention which was selected without consulting the Houston League.

Brown urged board members to attend one of the five management workshops that she and Sarles will conduct in Lubbock, Austin, San Marcos, Baytown, & Denton.

12. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORT

Clem asked that program chairs let her know when there are events on subjects within our positions as she plans to do more press releases keyed to these events. She will have a release on our support of Constitutional Amendments 3, 5, 6, & 8; and on our I&R consensus.

The deadline for the December Texas VOTER is November 1, 1980. Article assignments were made. It will include an insert on hazardous waste plus articles on legislative priorities, Legislative Day, and convention.

The second plenary session adjourned at 12:15 P.M. Lunch was provided by Austin LWV.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The third plenary session convened at 8:45 A.M. on Thursday, September 11th. Chamblin was absent.

13. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

Keever announced a Program Action Planning Committee meeting to be held in Austin from noon, November 5th to noon on November 6th.

Keever MOVED that LWV-T budget item T.2. Program Action \$1,950 be assigned as follows: Primary Priorities: Energy, Apportionment, I&R and Election Laws,

Water, PSF & FSG, and AJ each \$285.
Secondary Prior.: Land Use-\$25; Solid Waste-\$100; Welfare/AFDC-\$50;
Air-\$25.

Tertiary Prior.: Combined -\$40.
SECONDED & CARRIED.

Bene read proposed questions for legislators' interviews. Approved by general consent.

Bene as Publications director reported that a program brief on reapportionment will be an insert in the September Texas VOTER and a program brief on hazardous waste will be an insert in the December Texas VOTER. Briefs on conservation of energy, renewable resources, and wire tapping are being prepared. Advocacy papers on energy, water and waste, administration of juvenile justice, public school finance, and I&R are planned.

Carpenter, AJ director, reported that she and Mary Blackstock of Austin represented the League on the Information System Advisory Committee created by the Adult Probation Commission to help the commission determine questions the public has concerning them. The Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Practices of the Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, of which she was a member, has produced a handbook of model rules for police and sheriffs. The advisory committee also decided to make some recommendations to the 67th Legislature. Two of these parallel LWV-T positions: requiring that a magistrate be available to peace

officers 24 hours every day to handle situations in which appropriate law enforcement action cannot occur without a magistrate; and improving the quality, along with increasing the quantity, of minimum training required for a peace officer to receive state certification. Carpenter also reported that the draft recommendations of the Senate Special Committee on the Delivery of Human Services recommends adding responsibility for juvenile probation and parole services to the Texas Youth Council and renaming the Council the Texas Dept. of Juvenile Services. We will need to monitor closely the bills on juvenile justice in the coming legislative session.

Perrine, Water director, reported attending Tuesday's session of a National Symposium on Freshwater Inflows to Estuaries sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service held at San Antonio September 9-11, 1980. She has consented to testify at an Environmental Protection Agency hearing on proposed groundwater strategy in Dallas the last week of October for LWVUS.

Miller, Energy director, reported that there was a good and diverse group participating in the American Section of the International Solar Energy Society Conference that she attended. It was held in Phoenix, Arizona on June 2-6, 1980. Texas needs a more active Texas Energy & Natural Resources Advisory Council (TENRAC). She will prepare a full report for the next State Board Report.

Keever reported that Program Perspectives and We Support are complete except for adding the I&R position statement. They will go out in the September mailing.

DC Amendment Ratification Associate Director Louise Cummins and Air Associate Director Titus prepared preboard reports which are on file in the state office.

14. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Clem MOVED that T.3. Coalitions \$50 be adjusted to \$150. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Clem MOVED that LWV-T contribute \$100 to the Texas Coalition for the Equal Rights Amendment. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED that S.6. provisional Leagues \$400 be adjusted to \$800. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Davis MOVED that we adjust budget figures as follows:

- N.1. Equipment Maintenance---add \$25 for desk repair
- R.5. PSA Slides-----from \$75 to \$100 for 100 copies of two slides
- S.8. State Unit Mailings-----add \$250
- T.1. VPs expenses-----add \$100 for 3 trips to Austin for Prog. VP
- T.4. Planning Meeting-----add \$700 for Program Action Planning meeting
- U.10. Ind. Action Alert Mlg.---add \$600 for Action Alert Corps mailings
- A.5. Provisional LLs-----add \$100 for Del Rio Prov. LWV
- I.1. Withdrawals-----from reserves to balance the budget
- I.2. For TEF-----from \$3070 to \$4520

SECONDED & CARRIED.

Sturgis MOVED that we seek funding for a Mag card typewriter, but if funding is not found, we authorize \$2000 expenditure for same. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Clem MOVED that we add \$400.00 to N.2. State Ofc. Supplies. SECONDED & CARRIED.

15. CONVENTION '81 COMMITTEE REPORT

Price reported that the Convention Manual is finished. The Council Manual will be a separate publication.

Convention '81 will be held at the Red Carpet Inn in Beaumont on March 27-29, 1981. Price has met with Carol Flatten, Local Arrangements Chair, Lura Burns, LA Co-chair, Kathy Schattner, Special Events Chair, and Evelyn Lord. A diagram of meeting room assignments and a tentative agenda will be in the next mailing to board members. She asked all people planning convention activities or presentations to report all necessary arrangements including equipment to the convention chair in writing with a copy to her by November 1. Clark discussed the workshop entitled "Thinking On Your Feet" which is to be presented by private communications consultants Barbara Miller and Bebo Keys. Their workshop is described as a demonstration of the pitfalls in professional women's styles of presentation that affect credibility and effectiveness. Price presented a list of people proposed for guest speaker by the Convention Planning Committee.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT

Clark announced that she had received an invitation from LWVUS to attend the Presidential Debate in Baltimore Md. She does not plan to attend because of a scheduling conflict.

The board recessed at 11:00 A.M. and reconvened at 11:10 A.M.

17. INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM POSITION STATEMENT

Arizaga MOVED adoption of the I&R position statement and amplification as presented by the I&R Consensus Committee. Kidwell asked for a roll call vote. There were seven ayes and 7 nays. The motion FAILED for lack of a majority. Clark asked the I&R Committee present (Keever, Sarles, Bene) to meet with Davis and Sturgis to prepare a revised I&R position statement to be presented to the board later in this meeting.

18. ACTION GUIDELINES

Bene as Legislative Director presented a revision of Taking Action--Guidelines for Local Leagues. Some amendments were made. Brown MOVED approval of the document as amended. SECONDED & CARRIED.

19. INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM POSITION STATEMENT (continued)

Davis read the following position statement on I&R:

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports action to achieve constitutional and statutory referendum by petition with petition signatures representing statewide distribution equal to 10-15 percent of those voting in the last gubernatorial election with the following provisions:

- . legal review of a proposal before signatures are gathered
- . signatures collected by volunteers
- . full disclosure of funding sources and amounts
- . adequate voter education, including public notices

Amplification of Position

In implementing the above position, the following should be considered:

- . The attorney general and secretary of state were most frequently mentioned to review a proposal before signatures are gathered.
- . While direct initiative and referendum is preferable, indirect initiative is acceptable.
- . Types of public information suggested included public hearings, public service announcements, information mailed to every voter, and debates.

Davis MOVED approval of the above position statement on Initiative & Referendum and the amplification of the position. SECONDED & CARRIED.

20. POLICY GUIDE

Perrine, chair of the Policy Committee, proposed the following revisions to the Policy Guide:

- Page 2: II.D. Substitute state League committee for "state board committee."
- E. Substitute field service representatives for "off-board organization personnel."
- F. MANAGING GRANTS - new section
- Page 4: III.C. BUDGET - rewritten to include board members, assoc. directors, and off-board committee chairs responsible for monitoring budget allocations.

Sturgis MOVED approval of the above revisions to Pol. Guide. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED that expenses of the nominating & budget committee members and of field service representatives be paid at the discretion of the president pending revision of the Policy Guide at the January board meeting. SECONDED & CARRIED.

21. POLICY GUIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Bene, Legislative director, recommended that the "Policy Guide for LWV-T Legislative Activity" be adopted without revisions. Brown MOVED adoption. SECONDED & CARRIED.

22. VOTER EDITOR

Clem MOVED that Linda Poerner from San Antonio be asked to be off-board Texas VOTER editor. SECONDED & CARRIED.

23. CALENDAR

Clark reminded board members of the following dates:

- September 22-----Post-board reports due
- September 26-----State Office mailing
- October 15-----Budget proposals due
- October 20-----Deadline for state office mailing
- October 24-----State office mailing
- November 5-6-----Program Action Planning meeting in Austin
- November 11-12-----Budget Committee meeting

24. ANNOUNCEMENT

Polly Cave, LWV-Tarrant Co. President Elect, announced that the Tarr. Co. LWV was a recipient of a \$1000 LWVUS pass-through grant for activities promoting the Presidential Debates.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M. Austin LWV provided lunch.

Catherine Gordon, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

September 10, 1980

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 10, 1980

St. George's Episcopal Church
4301 North IH 35
Austin, Texas 78705

The Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund met at St. George's Episcopal Church, 4301 North IH 35, Austin, on Wednesday, the tenth of September, 1980. The chairman called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M.

PRESENT: Arizaga, Bene, Brown, Carpenter, Clark, Clem, Davis, Gordon, Keever, Kidwell, Miller, Perrine, Price, Sables, Sturgis, and Associate Director Jan Wilbur.

ABSENT: Chamblin

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the May 14, 1980 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund were approved with the following correction: Page 1, item 3, par. 2, last line substitute \$70,550 for \$7,550."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sturgis reported that the TEF operating budget was \$1,548.07 as of May 31, 1980. The operating budget as of September 31, 1980 is \$3,190.68.

3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Price reported a total of \$10,653.24 in contributions since April 30, 1980. She plans to take the initiative in contacting potential contributors and will inform the local Leagues of her contacts. Letters of solicitation contain a "Voters Guide," "Pick a Candidate," and a "Speak Up, Texas" bumper sticker.

The Bloom Agency of Dallas will again produce our annual report. Texas Bankers Association has agreed to fund "When You Go To Austin."

4. TEF HANDBOOK

Sturgis and Gordon have drafted a revision of the TEF handbook. The new handbook will be divided into sections on policies and procedures for local Leagues and on policies and procedures for trustees of the fund.

Clem MOVED approval of the following policy changes: 1) All program publications published by the TEF shall be copyrighted; 2) New local League projects may not be approved if reports from prior projects are two months delinquent; and 3) No administration fee will be charged for state publications ordered by local Leagues from their funds on deposit. SECONDED & CARRIED.

The new handbook will be mailed to presidents of local Leagues in September or October.

Wilbur presented a project proposal for a Public School Finance Conference to encourage understanding and cooperation among leaders of diverse citizen and professional groups concerned with how the state finances public education and the elected and appointed officials involved in making policy for and funding public elementary and secondary education in Texas. She proposed a one-day conference in Austin early in the legislative year limited to 120 participants. The project director will be Jan Wilbur and the project treasurer Jeanette Vanderwater. The project is funded by a grant from Helen DeVitt Jones of Lubbock.

Arizaga MOVED that the Public School Finance Conference proposal be approved. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Price MOVED that up to \$1450 from LWV-TEF be allocated to supplement the Jones grant if needed. SECONDED & CARRIED.

6. VOTERS SERVICE/CITIZEN INFORMATION

Davis reported that 55,000 copies of the "Voters Guides" for the November general election have been ordered. Presidential and vice presidential candidates will not be included. She recommended that LWVUS be asked to submit questions to these candidates in the future. San Antonio did send questionnaires to the presidential and vice presidential candidates. Davis plans to prepare a guideline for local Leagues publishing Voters Guides with their local newspapers.

Davis reminded board members that voters service people are allowed to take action to enforce existing election laws without jeopardizing non-partisanship.

Davis reported receiving a letter from David Hutzelman, Libertarian candidate for the Texas Railroad Commission, requesting that LWV-TEF sponsor a debate in Austin among all candidates running for both positions on the Railroad Commission.

Davis MOVED that we not sponsor the above debate because of the lateness of the request and the extra work involved. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Clem recommended producing a pamphlet on how a bill is passed. This proposal will be considered later and could use restricted funds.

The board recessed at 3:15 P.M. and reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

7. NUCLEAR ENERGY EDUCATION PROJECTZ

Miller reported on details of the LWVEF(US) Nuclear Energy Education Project. A state project director and state energy director from each state are to attend a three-day national training conference near Washington, D.C. in mid-November with expenses paid. Following this, the two are to present to the national League a plan for a "Texas Nuclear Energy Education Plan" to compete with other states for \$2000 seed money. The plan is due by mid-December and the grant will be awarded in mid-January. She presented resumes from two project director applicants.

Keever MOVED that Miller pursue this pass-through grant and that Betty Mitchell of Denton accompany her as a potential project director. SECONDED & CARRIED.

8. ENERGY CONFERENCE REPORT

Miller will prepare a written report on the American Section of the International Solar Energy Society Conference that he attended in Phoenix, Arizona on June 2-6, 1980. It will be mailed to all local Leagues in the state board report.

9. LWVEF(US) U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PASS-THROUGH GRANT

Clark reported that verbal approval had been given on August 11, 1980 to applying for an LWVEF(US) U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pass-through grant of \$3500 to conduct a project for citizens on hazardous or solid waste management in the state. The purpose of the project is to educate citizens in the state about the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and to encourage their participation in the development of the state hazardous and solid waste management programs. Bobette Higgins of . . . for the people, Inc. will be project director. Davis MOVED board approval of the project. SECONDED & CARRIED. Clark is to be project supervisor.

10. PROBLEMS WITH PASS-THROUGH GRANTS

The time allowed for response, allowances for indirect costs, and project director's stipends for pass-through grants were discussed. Clark will draft a memo to Marilyn Reeves, Natural Resources Coordinator for LWVUS, expressing our concerns.

11. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

a. Tarrant County. The LWV of Tarrant County's request to use funds on deposit to publish a directory of local elected officials in August 1980 and to publish a directory of federal, state, and county elected officials in December 1980 was approved July 21, 1980 by mail poll of the board. The project director is Georgia Kidwell. Sturgis was appointed project supervisor.

b. San Antonio Area. Gordon MOVED that the LWV-San Antonio Area's request for funds on deposit to pay for the costs of compiling a Voters Guide for the general election be approved. SECONDED & CARRIED. Martha Lankford is the project director. Price was appointed the project supervisor.

c. Dallas. Gordon MOVED that the request of the LWV-Dallas for use of funds on deposit to publish a Voters Guide for the general election be approved. SECONDED & CARRIED. Glenda Matzke is the project director. Perrine was appointed the project supervisor.

d. Midland. LWV-Midland requested that funds on deposit be used to purchase national publications. Prior approval has been granted for the use of Education Fund monies for this purpose. The customary 5% administration fee will be waived because the TEF handbook states that the administration fee will not be charged for the use of money on deposit to purchase Education Fund publications. It was intended to cover LWV-Texas Education Fund publications. The error will be corrected in the new handbook.

e. Denton. Clem MOVED that the request of the LWV-Denton to use funds on deposit to pay for the printing of a general election Voters Guide in the Denton "Record Chronicle" be approved. SECONDED & CARRIED. The project director is Sue Smith. Clem was appointed the project supervisor.

12. TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF HALFWAY HOUSES CONFERENCE

Carpenter MOVED that the treasurer be authorized to pay \$25.00 from budget item P. Program, Unrestricted for the registration fee for Mary Blackstock of LWV-Austin to attend the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Halfway Houses. **SECONDED & CARRIED.**

13. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Keever MOVED that budget item C.2. Administration Fees for Restricted Grants - \$300 - be increased to \$500. **SECONDED & CARRIED.**

Davis MOVED that budget item 0.1.a. VS/CI Chairman - \$100 - be increased to \$200. **SECONDED & CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M. Board members had dinner at the home of Diana Tilley.

Catherine Gordon
Secretary

SEPTEMBER 1980

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TONI'S PRE-BOARD...

What with that incredible circus called "American politics" getting in full swing, it's time to haul out that old sheet on "Differences between Rep. and Demo." (see pg. two)

QUICK NOTES:

Those of you having articles for the Sept. VOTER get them to me quick...I need to edit and give the copy to Nancy P. before we leave Thursday. Do we have any articles for the VOTER?

Have a couple of requests from lls re a simple logo slide for use as a lead-in or fade-out for League TV shows (there are such things) ...and that's in the mill. If we get our figures this week, it can go in budget adjustments...sigh...

We need to discuss the need for ll newspaper clippings...a few leagues still send them...I have scores in an old box and folder at home...and I'm not keeping a scrapbook...nor was that in my job description...yuk.

The Barbara Jordan PSA evidently got good play all/the state...from messages I've received...Houston, Midland, Corpus, San Antonio. I even get an accounting from KMOL-TV in San Antonio --to date we have had \$500 worth of their air time (free). So I guess we can say that it was worth it. There will be a post-board reminder to lls to call their stations and ask them to haul it out for use again in Oct. and Nov. But most PR people I heard from indicated their media people had already said they had earmarked it for use in Nov.

Wow...think of what we can do with that five or six thousand in two years...Blue Sky comm., here we come...



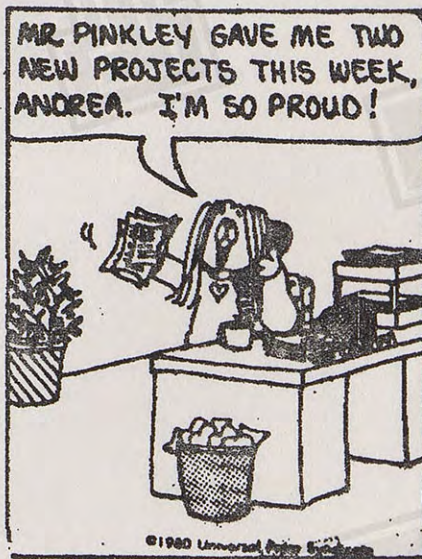
"We are a right-wing group, true, but we are currently making every effort to reach out for membership among like-minded leftists, minorities, and women."

September 6, 1980

TO: State Board
FROM: Catherine Perrine
RE: Pre-Board Report

SEP 9 1980

CATHY (PERRINE - NOT GORDON)



NEW PROJECTS (see illustration): Had a call day before yesterday from LWV-US saying EPA would be holding hearings on a proposed Groundwater Strategy in October & November, and would I testify at the one in Dallas October 30-31? (LWV-US to provide background info & assistance) Said yes.

HEALTH & WELFARE: Thanks to good doctor, steel pin, your generous sympathy & silly cards, my recuperation from femur-break is coming along well. Will demonstrate grace-on-crutches at Board meeting.

BAYS & ESTUARIES: The \$1250 from LWVUS Ed. Fund is in the bank. The first draft of my pamphlet is weeks away. A National Symposium on Freshwater Inflows to Estuaries (sponsored by U.S. Fish & Wildlife agency) is being held in San Antonio next Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. I'll be going there Tuesday

and arriving at Travelodge for the Board meeting Tuesday night. Perrine's law: If there are two 3-day meetings you need to go to in a given month, they come on the same 3 days.

POLICY GUIDE: Please bring to Board meeting your LWV-T Policy Guide, dated October 1979, yellow cover. Since I will be absent from the committee I was supposed to chair to review this, my few thoughts are attached hereto. (This is not to be confused with the Policy Guide for LWV-T Legislative Activity included in your Preboard, or with Taking Action--Guidelines for Local Leagues, which we will also be reviewing--a vivid pink single page dated February, 1979.)

September 1980

TO: Policy Guide Revision Committee (and any other state board members who wish to read it)
FROM: Perrine

Thanks to the major overhaul given the Policy Guide by Beth last year, I feel that only minor changes are needed. Suggestions are:

page 2:

B. Board Administration

Omit last sentence of first paragraph, reading: "Authorization for legislative action may be found in the State Board Handbook, p. 33."

Reason: We also have other legislative action policies, more recent than State Board Handbook. Also, since this Policy Guide goes to local Leagues and the State Board Handbook doesn't, some LLs may wonder what policy is referred to.

Omit "E. OFF-BOARD PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS
See State Board Handbook, p. 31"

(That will make F. become E.)

Reason: Same as last sentence above.

page 3:

After B. STATEWIDE FUNDRAISING, add "(policy approved by 1979 State Convention)"

Reason: Our Bylaws require approval of the sharing policy by convention; hence some distinction is needed for this policy from the rest of the Policy Guide, which is adopted by the state board.

page 5:

Ethel has suggested that the child care allowance be expanded to include meetings of the Nominating and Budget Committee meetings and other committee meetings:

Change III. F. 5. to read: (The second sentence is to be added)

"Child Care - A member shall be reimbursed for actual baby sitting expenses not to exceed the amount of \$15 per day for the purpose of attending state board meetings, council, and convention. Similar reimbursements shall be made for the purpose of attending meetings of the Nominating Committee, Budget Committee, and other committee meetings at the discretion of the appropriate committee chair."

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAVEL TO TRAVELODGE & ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Austin

TO TRAVELODGE FROM I 35 going north: Do not take the upper deck.
Exit at 38 1/2 St., get into right lane, motel is less than two
blocks from exit. Sign is orange & white Sleepy Bear.

TO TRAVELODGE FROM I 35 going south: Do not take upper deck.
Exit from I 35 at 38 1/2, stay to the left. Make a left turn at
the light (38 1/2), go over I 35, turn left again onto the frontage
road and get into right lane. Motel is a couple of blocks away.
Sign is orange & white Sleepy Bear.

TO CHURCH - if you are going there first - execute the above maneuver for
your direction of travel. The church is only a bit north of the motel
on the same frontage road. Read following paragraph.

From the motel: Turn right onto frontage road - stay in right lane.
You will pass Wilshire St., a large Academy Surplus store, cross
RR tracks, pass an unmarked driveway and start to curve to right
onto Airport. Slow down - Ardenwood is the first marked street -
turn right onto Ardenwood. Kleberg Hall is on your left, after
you pass a driveway leading to the rectory. Kleberg is a low,
tan, boxy building. Enter from the parking lot.

BACK TO THE MOTEL: Turn right onto frontage road, BUT DO NOT TAKE THAT
NEAREST LANE. You'll end up on Airport - don't want that.
You will aim for the second (middle) lane, just on the other side
of the barrier dividing the frontage road.
You will not be able to see the lane you want from the intersection
of Ardenwood and the frontage road. Trust me - it's there. Aim your
car toward the other side of that barrier and go downward, curving
immediately to the left - following the sign that says I 35 SOUTH.
Curve around automatically onto the frontage road and stay there.
Go to the 1st light - 38 1/2 St. - turn left, go over I 35, turn left
onto the other frontage road; motel is a couple of blocks away, so
get into right lane.

Austin Midtown Travelodge
4001 N. IH 35

(512) 454-6721

St. George's Episcopal Church
4301 N. IH 35

(512) 454-2523

State Board Meeting
September 9, 10, 11, 1980
St. George's Episcopal Church
4301 N. IH 35, Austin
(512) 454-2523

LWV-Texas
Pre-board report
August, 1980

Sleeping accommodations
Austin Midtown Travelodge
4001 N. IH 35
(512) 454-6721

As you know, we are no longer able to use Rather House. But we may find these new arrangements much to our advantage. **

If you can get to Austin by 11:00A.M. you can check into the motel before coming over to the church for lunch AT NOON. If not, please come directly to the church. Our room reservations are guaranteed so we can have a late check in.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Clark, Bene	Carpenter, Sarles	Keever, Sturgis	Arizaga, Perrine
Brown, Davis	Gordon, Price	Kidwell, Miller	

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 9

Noon - Lunch VPs meet with president to review agenda

1:15 - 3:15 First plenary session
Appoint new board member
May board minutes
Council minutes
Treasurer's report
Budget adjustment requests (to be voted on Thurs.)
President's report

3:30 Committee meetings
Policy Committee (Action policy)
Perrine, Bene, Brown, Keever, Kidwell
Bylaws Committee
Davis, Gordon, Miller, Sarles
Convention Planning (1st session)
Price, Carpenter, Clem, Sturgis, Arizaga

5:00 I&R Consensus Committee (Chamblin will only be here from
4:30 until 8:30)
Chamblin, Keever, Sarles, Bene
R&R for all others

6:00 Dinner (prov. by Austin League)
7:00 Plenary session to approve I&R consensus

** NOTE: If you don't find them to your advantage. . . complain gently. Or the staff will tell you what went into setting this up!!!

(signed) The staff

7:30-7:45

8:00

Return to motel

Committee meetings

Convention Committee (2nd session)

same as before plus Gordon, Davis

Policy Committee (legislative and board)

same as before plus Sturgis and Sarles

(Perrine will not be present, Keever will chair)

Wednesday, September 10

Coffee & doughnuts will be available at church. Those of us needing something more substantial will get to the motel coffee shop early enough to convene mtg. at 8:15 at the church.

8:15 - 10:15

Core committees

Program, PR-VOTER, Organization

10:30

Second Plenary Session

Organization report

PR-VOTER report and assignments

Policy committee report and recommendations

Noon - Lunch

1:15

Texas Education Fund Plenary session

Minutes

Treasurer's report

Development

Review & adopt TEF Handbook revisions

Public School Finance

Voters Service

State Projects reports (Energy, Miller;

Haz. Waste, Clark (for Higgins)

Local League project requests (see preboard)

San Antonio, Midland, Dallas

5:00

R&R and dinner at Diana Tilley's (bring your

swim suit & bottle) -- Betty A. will be there also

After dinner - at the motel

Blue Sky Committee

Brown, Clem, Davis, Sarles, Kidwell, Bene, Miller, Clark

Development Committee

Price, Keever, Carpenter, Arizaga, Sturgis, Gordon, Perrine

Thursday, September 11

8:30

Third Plenary Session

Program Core report

Budget adjustment decisions

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MINUTES OF THE
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PRECOUNCIL EVENTS

1. Workshops

Marie Lisi, national staff director of the Management and Training Department, with LWVUS Director of Management and Training Ann Viner, LWVUS Legislative Director Ann Savage, and LWV-PA Program Vice-President Ann (Ping) Valsing conducted several workshops at the Holiday Inn. A leadership skills workshop was conducted on April 18, 1980 from 1-5:00 P.M. Membership and program management workshops were conducted from 7:30-10:00 P.M. on April 18, 1980 and were repeated on April 19, 1980 from 8:30-11:00 A.M.

2. Dinner

State board members, Ann Viner, Marie Lisi, and Ann Savage were guests of the LWV-Waco at a dinner at the home of Nancy and Frank Newton, president and member of the LWV-Waco Area respectively, on April 17, 1980. Following the dinner, Ann Viner and Marie Lisi met with state board members.

3. Riverboat Tour

Following the workshops on April 19, 1980 a tour of the Brazos River on the Brazos Queen, including a luncheon and a talk on the ecology of the Brazos River by Dr. Owen Lind from the School of Environmental Studies at Baylor University, was held.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

President Clark called the first plenary session of the Sixteenth Biennial Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas to order at 1:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn, 1001 Lake Brazos Drive, Waco, Texas.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Clark amended the agenda as printed in the workbook by adding Roll Call following "Introductions." The amended agenda was adopted by common consent.

2. Welcome

Welcoming remarks were given by LWV-Waco Area President Nancy Newton. She introduced Waco Mayor George Chase who also welcomed the League to Waco.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION continued

3. Convention Rules

President Clark read the rules for the Council as they were printed on page one of the Council Workbook.

4. Credentials Committee Report

President Clark introduced Sue Gainer, chair of the Credentials Committee, who reported that 60 delegates, 26 observers, 15 state board and off-board, 1 staff, 12 workers, and 1 press were present.

5. Tellers Committee

President Clark introduced Nita Sue Kent, chair of the Tellers Committee.

6. Resolutions Committee

President Clark appointed Janet Imhoff, Sherman, chair of the Courtesy Resolutions Committee and Barbara Nobles of Austin her assistant.

7. Introductions

President Clark introduced the members of the state board and announced that Nancy Price will be Development Director to replace Evelyn Lord who resigned when she won a seat on the Beaumont city council. Field Service Representatives, off-board directors, and Nominating Committee members were introduced. Fumi Sugihara, nominee for the national board, was introduced.

8. Appointment of Parliamentarian

President Clark introduced Dr. Calvin Kent, director of the Center for Private Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at the Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University and appointed him the parliamentarian.

9. Roll Call

Secretary Gordon called the roll of Leagues. Thirty Leagues were represented by two delegates. Brownsville, Edinburg/McAllen, El Paso, Harlingen, Lamar County, Pearland Area, and Rockwall County were not represented. Kerrville and Montgomery County state units sent observers. No members-at-large were present.

Organization Vice-President Beth Brown announced that the state board had approved Montgomery County's application to national for recognition as a provisional League. She presented Karen Shaw, president elect, a rose in honor of the occasion.

10. Minutes

Council 1978 minutes were approved by the board at the November 1978 board meeting and are on file in the state office.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION continued

11. Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets and budget analyses for both LWV-T and LWVTEF to March 31, 1980 were in the delegates packets. Treasurer Sturgis estimates that our true net reserve at the end of the fiscal year (5/31/80) will be about \$19,000 which is adequate to meet committed operating expenses for a six month period as required by League policy.

Sturgis reported that we have invested as much as possible in ready assets trust accounts in order to take advantage of their high interest rates. Slowly we are developing increased support from contributions from outside the League.

In our political action account the balance as of 3/31/80 is \$9.47. We spent \$327.27 to help defeat Amendment #2 on the November 1979 General Election ballot.

She reported that she is working on the Handbook For Local League Treasurers.

12. Introductions continued

President Clark introduced Council Local Arrangements Chair Carol Miller and Executive Secretary Joann Lovelace.

13. President's Report

President Clark titled her report We Can Make A Difference, But It Is Not Getting Any Easier. She cited our biggest accomplishment as making a seventeen member board, ten of them new to the board and five of them in new roles, into a team. Other achievements of the year were as follows:

1. Produced publications on three issues with accompanying study guides and consensus questions.
2. Redesigned the state VOTER, varied it's content, and included an insert on the Texas Department of Human Resources.
3. Planned and produced a new membership flyer, a flyer and bumper stickers for Voters Service, a handbook on conducting election schools, a Voters Guide for the primary elections, and a videotape public service announcement on voting.
4. Succeeded in defeating Amendment #2 on the statewide ballot.
5. Serviced Leagues with a corps of Field Service Representatives.
6. Prepared testimony for public hearings, raised funds, and prepared a budget.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION continued

14. Budget Presentation

Budget Committee Chair Jeanette Vanderwater discussed the process for preparing the budget and reasons for increases and decreases in the LWV-T and the LWVTEF proposed budgets as printed in the workbook. Local League support and income from election night reporting will be more than proposed in the LWV-T budget. The increase in income will be needed to pay increased parking expenses for the staff. The board will make adjustments as needed.

Lucy Polter, president of the Dallas League, recommended that the word "stipend" be removed from the explanation for LWV-T proposed budget item U.I. Legislative Lobbyist. Since Nancy Bene will be legislative director and remain on the board, she will not receive a "stipend" in keeping with policy for board members.

15. Program Direction

Program Vice-President Kever announced the names of leaders and meeting room numbers for program exchange groups on human resources, administration of justice, public school finance, government, energy, water, air, and land use. When the groups reconvened each group reported on the direction they wanted their program area to go. Floor discussion followed each report and then the delegates were given a form and ask to prioritize state program.

16. National Convention Briefing

A briefing on national convention was given by Jeanette Vanderwater (budget), Beth Brown (bylaws), Laura Kever (program), and Diana Clark (general).

17. Announcements

Tarrant County League brought a scrapbook of it's 60th anniversary party and ask others to fill in a memory sheet for the scrapbook.

Jan Wilbur announced a Public School Finance Caucus in the banquet room following the banquet tonight.

18. Adjournment

The first plenary session adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

ACTIVITIES BETWEEN PLENARY SESSIONS

1. Reception and Banquet

A state board reception was held at poolside prior to a banquet honored with the presence of former state League President (1962-1966) Dorothy Brown of Waco and Immediate Past President Betty Anderson of Lubbock. Iola Johnson, TV newswoman for Channel 8 in Dallas, spoke on women's issues. She berated the lack of political parity for women and complimented the League for it's "courageous efforts" to motivate women to become active in the political process.

ACTIVITIES BETWEEN PLENARY SESSIONS continued

2. Presidents Breakfast

President Clark met with local League presidents at a breakfast from 8-9:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 20, 1980.

SECONDARY PLENARY SESSION

President Clark called the second plenary session of the Council to order at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, April 20, 1980.

1. Thanks

President Clark introduced the members of the Local Arrangements Committee and thanked them for their warm hospitality.

2. Texas Education Fund Report

President Clark reported that a total of \$10,790 has been raised this year through the efforts of Carolyn Lanier and Evelyn Lord. With these monies and income from endowments, TEF has funded three state program education publications, a flyer and bumper stickers on voting, a primary election Voters Guide, and a handbook on conducting election schools. TEF did not fund any statewide workshops this year but several are planned for the coming year. A public education slide show on international trade, directed by Pearl Win from Dallas and funded by a pass-through grant from the International Trade Education Project in conjunction with the Multilateral Trade Agreements, was well received by schools and community groups in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. A membership in the Texas Environmental Coalition and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice were purchased with TEF funds.

3. Program Priorities

Program Vice-President Keever announced the following results of the program priority setting exercise:

Primary: Energy, Apportionment, Water, Public School Finance, Land Use, and Voting Rights/Election Laws

Secondary: Administration of Justice, Welfare-food stamps, Education, Employment, and Solid Waste

Tertiary: Air, Housing, Modernizing State Government, Urban Crisis, and Financing State Government

4. Political Action Committee Report

Program Vice President Keever discussed possible ballot issues in November. Midland League made a contribution to the political action fund and started a collection which netted \$231.52 for our fall campaign.

SECONDARY PLENARY SESSION continued

5. Adoption of the Budget

Nancy Newton, LW-Waco Area, MOVED to amend the budget by eliminating S. 11. Mailings to Local League Presidents - \$1,800 and asking local Leagues to purchase this mailing. FAILED for lack of a second.

Jane Dunatchik, Beaumont League, requested that the state board consider eliminating the state VOTER or publishing fewer issues.

Jeanette Vanderwater MOVED adoption of the LW-T and LWTEF budgets as proposed. SECONDED and CARRIED.

6. "I Wish the League Would...."

President Clark opened the floor to delegates and observers to make suggestions for improving the League. The board will review comments and implement changes wherever possible.

7. Voter Service/Citizens Information Media Event

Public Relations Vice President Clem and Sallie Kelz with the High Noon Agency, the senior public relations seminar at the University of Texas at Austin, showed the videotape public service announcement featuring Barbara Jordan urging everyone to vote. This videotape has been sent to nineteen local television stations to be used prior to any election.

The second plenary session adjourned for lunch at 11:30 A.M. Following the lunch the state board members presented the "Primary Forum Follies", a skit on the political candidates written and directed by Public Relations Vice-President Toni Clem. The plenary session reconvened at 12:45 P.M.

8. Resolutions Committee Report

Janet Imhoff of Sherman, chair of the Resolutions Committee, MOVED that the following courtesy resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS this is the 60th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters, and

WHEREAS the League of Women Voters of Waco has worked diligently and faithfully to provide this springtime atmosphere for the rejuvenation of our spirits, and

WHEREAS the Brazos River and all it's historic mystique was so uniquely displayed, and

WHEREAS most of us have never before seen a suspension bridge from underneath;

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SECONDARY PLENARY SESSION continued

8. Resolutions Committee Report continued

THEREFORE be it resolved that all participants of the 1980 Council gratefully express our thanks to Waco, the "Heart of Texas" League, for a warm -- (personally and weatherwise) -- smoothly-run, wonderful weekend.

The motion CARRIED.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Catherine Gordon
Secretary

TO: State Board
FROM: Ethel Sturgis

Pre-Board Report
August 1980

1. Budget Analyses and Guesstimates

There will be no budget analyses as of the end of August. There hasn't been all THAT much activity, and besides, I'm off to the east coast until September 6th....However, I propose that I prepare budget analyses for the Board only as of September 30; the first "formal" one will be as of December 31.

Briefly:	<u>LWV-T</u>	<u>TEF Operating</u>
Net Worth as of 5/31/80	33,101.90	1,548.07
Income 6/1 - 7/31	7,795.69	1,902.97
Expend 6/1 - 7/31	(11,259.44)	(260.36)
Net Worth as of 7/31/80	\$29,734.18	\$3,190.68

Guesstimates are not included since it is too early in the year for them to be worth anything.

2. Guidelines for Budget Control--update attached

Not much is changed, except that this year I plan to send those little forms showing expenditures against your accounts only when a significant amount of money is involved and for selected accounts where the need for this information is apparent (ie; to Beth B. for Field Service Rep expenditures).

Does the Board concur??

3. Vouchers for May Board meeting--have not yet been submitted by several Board members...

4. Tilley phone call--was \$26.15 plus tax. \$28 was collected for it. Close!

5. The .06¢ a page

This figure, used to charge accounts for material prepared in state office, still holds for this year...In working up the costs to justify this, it came out to .0626¢ per sheet for '80-'81--a sizeable increase over the .056¢ for '79-'80. Although a comparable increase is NOT anticipated for '81-'82, it is possible that the cost could go to .07¢ a sheet...

6. Final Budget Analyses for 1979-1980 --T and TEF

PLEASE BRING THESE WITH YOU TO THE BOARD MEETING...and come with your questions and comments...

-- Ethel

LWV of Texas and TEF
August, 1980
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TO: State Board and Off-Board Personnel
FROM: Ethel Sturgis, Treasurer
RE: Guidelines for Budget Control and for Use of Voucher Forms

Fiscal responsibility is important. The League expects it of government--and the League should set the example.

In general, it may be expected that the LWV-T budget will be funded as indicated, thus the expenditure allowances budgeted maybe used without further board approval. However, the board as a whole needs to coordinate the timing of major expenditures, since income is spread over the year, making only a limited amount available at any given time. Funding for the TEF budget is a different matter. Much of it will come from grants or restricted contributions and thus those using TEF monies need to be sure the funds are available before undertaking any activities.

Most board and some off-board personnel will have an amount budgeted for use for their portfolios. It is expected that plans will be set for the year that can be undertaken within the budgeted allowances. True, a budget is a guide and must be flexible enough to allow for unforeseen circumstances. Even though the T-budget was approved by convention/council delegates it can, to a limited degree, be adjusted by the LWV-T Board of Directors at any time; the TEF budget can be freely adjusted by the LWV-TEF Board of Trustees. Because it is necessary to keep an effective control on the budgets, requests for budget adjustments should be submitted to the board through the treasurer as soon as it becomes evident that such is appropriate. It is just as important to know of categories that will be under-spent as it is to entertain requests for expenditures in excess of allowances.

Some budget adjustments will be informal--that is, the board can pencil in approved adjustments on their budget copy. Only a major change need be handled by a formally adjusted budget that would be filed and sent to local Leagues etc.

The president, vice presidents, or appropriate board members should recognize their responsibility to assist and oversee use of monies by portfolio chairs under their jurisdiction.

Be aware that in early fall you will be asked by the budget committee to submit a budget request to cover the activities of your portfolio/s for the ensuing League year.

Voucher forms are available at the state office or at board meetings. The "Budget Category and Purpose" item on these forms may either be written out or identified by letter/number designation from the approved budgets or budget analyses--just so long as it is clear. Please use a voucher not only to recover personal expenses, but also to let me know that a bill from a supplier is on the way. Show the estimated amount on the voucher; I will then pay it if it is close, question it otherwise, and will let you know the exact amount when the bill arrives. It is IMPORTANT to submit vouchers PROMPTLY.

Although it is your responsibility to monitor use of funds for the budget categories assigned to you, there is no requirement that you sign all the vouchers against that account. However, you do need to keep up with the expenditures on a regular basis in whatever manner you choose. In order to help you do this, I will advise you of significant expenses submitted against your account/s by others. In addition, you should check each budget analysis to be sure that you and the treasurer agree.

August 1980

PREBOARD - NANCY PRICE, DEVELOPMENT

The following contributions have been received since April 30, 1980:

Texas Eastern Transmission Corp.	\$ 350.00	TEFu
Allstate Foundation	200.00	TEFu
Liquid Paper Corp.	1,000.00	T
American Petrofina Foundation	200.00	TEFu
Cooper Industries Foundation	500.00	TEFu
LWUSEF	1,250.00	TEFr - bays & em
LWUSEF	160.00	TEFr - HR6161
Champlin Petroleum Co.	500.00	TEFu
Executives for Good Government	6,493.24	TEFr
Total	\$10,653.24	

Cooper Industries is considering a request from LWVUS to help fund the Presidential debates - hopefully they will decide to do so and will increase their contribution to us next year.

I need more names of potential contributors - please send them to me. Better yet, would everyone please come to the board meeting with the names, addresses, and C.E.Q. of 2 new, potential contributors. I'll be at a budget meeting in Fort Worth in November and could follow up on ones in that area then.

Bloom Agency will do our annual report again - at least they talked like they would - I'll have the final word before the board meeting. I also should have some fairly definite information on the funding of When You Go To Austin - we have submitted a proposal to the Texas Bankers Association (the executive director likes it but it has to go before their board and they have never done anything like this before).

PREBOARD - NANCY PRICE, CONVENTION LIAISON

The Convention Manual is finally finished! You can see it at the board meeting.

The state board, at the September board meeting, is responsible for:

1. making decisions regarding outside speakers - should there be one; if so, who and when
2. making decisions on small group meetings, agenda, procedures, workshops, etc.

Please come to the board meeting with suggestions for speakers, workshops, tentative agenda, breakfasts, etc.

All people planning workshops or special activities or making presentations to a plenary session will have to report all necessary arrangements, including equipment, to the convention chair in writing with a copy to me by November 1! Get you thinking caps on - Beaumont is busy already and they deserve our support. I will be meeting with them Sept. 17 and would like to be able to give them as much of the above information as possible at that time.

Pre-board report, August 1980
Beth Brown

Arranging the five management workshops was something of logistical nightmare and became even more nightmarish for Joann and Margit in preparing the material for the August SO mailing. My heartfelt thanks to them; I have promised to treat them to lunch when an opportunity presents itself.

Martha and I invite any ideas, insights, techniques, etc., that you have as to content and format. As indicated in the mailing, we will discuss the "management team" and its function in planning and coordinating league work so that the organization runs in an orderly and unified manner. Martha and I will be pretty much on a dead run from 9/20 to 10/18. We plan to confer on 10/19 as to the health of our respective marriages.

It pleases me to report that all five leagues were very positive and cooperative when approached about hosting these events.

FIELD SERVICE

I hope to have a more extensive report on the state of the leagues at SB meeting, but want to mention a few specifics now.

Many of you may have noted that Corpus Christi took on an annexation study this summer with a view to consensus in time for November city elections. Despite such potentially inhibiting factors as vacations, hurricane Allen, and the hottest of all long, hot summers, excellent material was developed by Pauline Clarke and her committee. See Corpus Voter, July. The study is finished, the consensus taken, and of 124 members, more than 60 participated. I find this quite impressive in a season when most leagues are relatively quiescent.

In her FSR role, Pauline Clarke has worked valiantly to establish contact with Brownsville and Harlingen. Brownsville has not met since April, held no annual meeting, elected no officers, adopted no program. It also did not pay 1980-81 PMP. A year ago they voted to share meetings with Harlingen, but Harlingen did not come to the meetings. It is difficult to know about Harlingen; my latest minutes are dated April 1979. Its president is not in good health. Pauline is pursuing the possibility of the two leagues combining, but only if the two leagues themselves will take the initiative. More at SB meeting.

There has been some confusion in Tarrant County about the prospective breakaway by Arlington. Your consciously incompetent org veep is wholly responsible and should have known better. In any case, all is more or less clear by now. The bottom line is that Arlington will become a fully-recognized league at the time of the separation, June 1, 1981; Arlington will not serve time as a provisional.

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POLICY GUIDE FOR LWV-T LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

This policy guide is intended to aid the capitol corps, staff, program chairs, legislative director, and others concerned with implementing LWV-T program. Its contents may not be divulged to nonmembers or to the general public. It will be revised before each legislative session.

General Organization

All major policy decisions concerning program priorities and their implementation either during the session or the interim are made by the state board. The making of decisions concerning support of, or opposition to, specific legislation or those concerning strategy is delegated by the state board to a legislative committee composed of the president, the program vice-president, the legislative director, and the program chair concerned. Its decisions are subject to review by the state board.

This committee is also charged by the state board with maintaining an orderly legislative operation to insure a smooth flow of information and coordinated action among the persons involved in legislative activity.

Procedure for scrutiny of, decision, and action on legislation

1. Program chairs may have drafts of bills that may be introduced during the session. They should inform the legislative director that they have the bills so there will be no duplication of effort in securing copies. The legislative director should also know about any state or local League activity or testimony during the interim before legislative committees. Copies of testimony must be sent to the state office.

2. Procedure for new bills or complete committee substitutions that committee chairs have not seen and reviewed:

- a. The Legislative office will scan the titles of new bills introduced daily during the session, note those of League interest and obtain copies.
- b. These copies will be sent immediately to the appropriate program chair, who will (by return mail, if possible) identify the bills that must be carefully watched and those that are of low priority. Capitol corps members will be notified about the important bills and will be encouraged to obtain copies and familiarize themselves with their features. They should also seek out, on behalf of the program chair, any available analyses of an important bill, background material such as its legislative history, the identity and strength of supporters and opponents, who is carrying its companion bill, if any, etc. This information should be sent to program chairs as it is obtained.
- c. Program chairs must prepare, in addition, a report to the executive committee that will be used as the basis for decision making. Make the analysis of pertinent sections of the bill as brief as possible - but not overlooking important points. Make it easy for yourself, but we need the information. This report should include:

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- (1) For a complex bill, a section-by-section analysis, if available.
- (2) If pertinent, past League activity of support or opposition, as well as the legislative history.
- (3) The extent to which it implements or negates League position.
- (4) The potential effect of the proposed legislation.
- (5) The feasibility of the bill's passage. (Consider its prospects in committee, the governor).
- (6) Recommended position:
 - Support the bill - full speed ahead
 - Support the bill - minimal Action
 - Support the bill with amendments. (Write out each League-proposed amendment in full with reasons for advancing it. Describe the means by which it may be introduced -- at a committee hearing, through a particular legislator in committee or on the floor, etc.)
 - Support the concept, but not the bill specifically. (Because the League has a strong position on the issue, we might want to support the intent of the bill, even though it does not have even a remote chance of passage. Perhaps a letter from the president to the sponsor expressing this support would be sufficient. This gesture might cause the legislator to vote for bills for which we are actively lobbying. Coordinating follow-up is crucial.)
 - Oppose the bill. (actively or minimally)
 - No position. Give reasons if pertinent.

d. Program chairs will read each important bill carefully and, as soon as possible after receipt, write a summary including the following information:

- (1) Identification of the bill by Senate or House number, a descriptive title, and its chief sponsor or sponsors.
- (2) The problem the bill addresses and the solution it proposes. i.e. a brief analysis of the bill.
- (3) Why the League is supporting or opposing the bill.
- (4) How the bill fits League program positions.
- (5) Any immediate action to be taken, if any.

This summary may be used in whole or in part in the Legislative Newsletter. It should, therefore, be succinct and written in a form that can be easily used by local League members who contact their legislators. Refer to Report from the Hill for style.

e. Program chairs and legislative director are responsible for maintaining a program item legislative office file for the use of the legislative director, capitol Corps, and program chairs. It should contain all publications, positions, previous actions and testimony regarding that item, and should be updated frequently.

f. A lobby log should be kept and program chairs, state board members, legislative director, and capitol corps members should note when legislators or other state officials were visited for substantive lobbying or interviews. Substantive notes of any such visits should be put in the program item legislative office file (or the legislator's file).

3. Meetings for short-range strategy planning for specific bills will be called by the legislative director whenever necessary and will include, in addition to the legislative director, the appropriate program chair, and the appropriate capitol corps members. Implementation may occur only with the approval of the program vice-president and/or president.

Complying with the Lobby Law (Art. 6252-9c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes)

Each state board program chair and the legislative director should register as a League lobbyist before the legislative session, even though she may never spend League money in the reportable categories (postage, telegraph, publication, printing, and reproduction, entertainment, gifts and loans) to influence legislation.

The legislative director will decide whether or not individual capitol corps members and the legislative office secretary should register and instruct them accordingly. If they are not registered, they must never spend League money or cause the League to spend money on direct communication with members of the legislative or executive branches of government. If the capitol corps member simply acts as a messenger and delivers material from the program chair to a legislator, the cost of the material delivered (if paid for by the League) must be reported by the program chair.

TO REGISTER

1. Complete registration form as shown on sample (forms and sample at leg. office).
2. Make sure attachments A and B are included.
3. Have signature witnessed by notary public. (Notaries in the Secretary of State's Office will perform this service as long as they are not besieged by hordes of applicants.)
4. File or mail form and attachments to: Enforcement Division, Office of Secretary of State, Capitol Bldg., Austin, TX 78711.

TO REPORT

1. Complete form as shown on sample between the 1st and 10th day of each month the legislature is in session; otherwise, every three months.
2. If you have not been reimbursed for any expenditures made or have not had the state League spend money in the reportable categories, write zeros in the appropriate places.
3. If you have given a member of the executive or legislative branches xeroxed copies of testimony of League publications or any such material for which the League has paid, with the intent of influencing legislation, obtain a statement of the cost of the material from the state office for your files and report it on the form. These expenditures do not have to be itemized, but you should be able to produce the documentation if it is ever requested.
4. If you send a telegram or other written communication to influence legislation, its cost will have to be reported.
5. If you buy a meal for a member of the executive or legislative branches in order to talk about pending legislation, be sure to report it if the League reimburses you for the meal. You never know whether that person will report it under HB 1 or HB 4.
(HB 1 is an act requiring certain state officers and employees to file financial statements every year covering certain interests, activities, and gifts.)
(HB 4 is an act requiring disclosure of campaign finance activities of candidates, political committees, and office-holders.)
6. Each report must be notarized before it is filed.

TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

1. If you do not contemplate any additional lobbying activity after the legislative session, fill out a Termination Notice Form (sample in leg. office) and have it notarized.
2. You will have to file a report covering activities up to the time of termination at the appropriate time.

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REMINDERS

If you are registered as a lobbyist, you may not go on the floor of either house of the legislature while that house is in session, except on invitation of that house. (Sometimes a legislator may not be able to leave the floor to confer with you, and without thinking, send word that you should come there. Both of you will be in trouble if you go on the floor.)

If you do not file the reports as required, you may have to pay the state an amount three times the amount that would have been reported, plus court costs.

CAPITOL CORPS

The capitol corps is an off-board committee of the League of Women Voters of Texas. It is composed of League members who live in or near Austin and who have agreed to act as observers and information gatherers for the state board, program chairs, and the legislative director. What the corps accomplishes and reports is often the key to successful League legislative efforts.

1. Corps members will be assigned according to interest to one or more program items. A portfolio of pertinent information (League publications, background material, program positions, previous League action, testimony) is on file for each program area in the League office. Each corps members should become familiar with the material in the portfolio assigned.
2. The corps members' major role is that of observers, attending and reporting on hearings, committee meetings, or legislative sessions. The member not only reports on the substance of the meetings, but also the attitudes shown by the participants, the relative strength of supporters or opponents of bills, the tension at the meeting (or lack of it). Designated League members of the Capitol Corps may act as liaison between the state board and the legislators and their staffs, answering questions or explaining general League position, and may lobby at the direction of the legislative director or program chair. On occasion, the member may be requested to read testimony prepared by the program chair.
3. Another important responsibility is that of gathering information on important bills for the legislative director or program chair. Legislative director and/or capitol corps member will investigate possible sources of such material:--agencies, committee staffs, and legislators' offices. This material would include section-by-section analyses of bills, legislative histories of bills (introduced before? same sponsors? previous amendments? supported or opposed by which interest groups? what changes in legislature (including key committees) since last introduction?), copies of companion bills and the name(s) of sponsors. Austin newspapers and conversations with reporters and representatives of other interest groups often yield a great deal of information about the amount of support or opposition a specific bill has. Such information should be given directly to the Legislative office.

PROGRAM CHAIRS

Program chairs may have monitored agencies and worked with legislative committees during the interim, and may have had input into proposed legislation before the session. Their work continues during the session in formulating suggestions for bills, but the primary focus is now on bills that have been introduced. (See Procedure...legislation.)

Program chairs must be thoroughly familiar with the nuances of consensus positions in their assigned program areas, and must be prepared to explain in detail League position with reference to a particular bill. The chairs must keep fully informed about a bill in which the League is interested, and to that end should develop sources of information that are reliable.

Every effort should be made by program chairs to work in Austin with the capitol corps, visit key legislators, meet with representatives of groups with similar legislative goals, try to have input in subcommittee meetings that may be redrafting a bill, persuade a committee to report out a bill favorably, or give public testimony on a bill. They must inform the legislative director about any activities planned and the persons who will be involved. Any public statement before a legislative committee on behalf of the League must first be approved by the president, and/or program vice-president.

Away from Austin, the chairs should check regularly on committee meetings and bill status by calling the legislative toll-free number. They can then direct the capitol corps members to listen or look for specific items of special interest.

Program chairs are responsible for maintaining a legislative office file on their program item for the use of the legislative director and capitol corps. The file should contain all publications, positions, previous actions and testimony regarding that item, and it should be updated frequently.

Background material for the Legislative Newsletter or Action Alerts should be provided immediately upon request by the legislative director. Material should also be provided for use by local Leagues in their community lobbying efforts. The chairs should attempt to be present whenever a local League sends its members to lobby on bills in their areas of specialization.

Copies of statements and/or letters must be sent to the president, program vice-president and Legislative office.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

The legislative director is responsible for coordinating the various elements of legislative activity; for example, making sure that the means used by program chairs to achieve legislative goals are compatible and that capitol corps members understand the strategy. To accomplish this end, the director must be in constant touch with program chairs and insist that they notify the director about any activity they undertake. The director must be aware of any testimony contemplated and, if possible, should be consulted before it is given.

The director is responsible for the operation of the legislative office and for the performance of the capitol corps and must report, as required, to the executive committee or to the state board. The director supervises the publication of the Legislative Newsletter and the issuance of Action Alerts.

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LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SECRETARY

The secretary for the legislative office in Austin will be hired by the legislative director for a wage and amount of time specified by the state board. The secretary's duties will be supervised by the state legislative director.

Among the duties of the secretary are the following:

1. General office management
2. Typing stencils, operating mimeograph machine, mailing copies of the Legislative Newsletter, Action Alerts, and any other memoranda that must go to local Leagues or board members from the legislative office.
3. Maintaining files on members of the legislature in the leg. office. Each file will contain the legislator's name, district, Leagues in the district, committee membership, interview forms (if any), newspaper clippings, voting record, and any other information that is available about the legislator. These files are for the use of League members only.
4. Maintaining an accurate file of local League presidents and legislative chairs, their current addresses and telephone numbers.
5. Maintaining a file on legislative programs of other organizations with names of individuals to contact.
6. Helping to keep the legislative director, capitol corps members, and program chairs advised of committee hearings, and anticipated floor action on specific legislation, and making assignments for observing if necessary.
7. Working with the legislative director, the secretary will help keep track of legislation introduced that may be of interest to the League, get copies of the legislation if possible, and maintain status records on legislation of League interest.

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

The legislative director may delegate the editing and make-up of the newsletter, but must check content for conformity with LWV policies.

Brief summaries and descriptions of the legislative progress of a bill may be printed including accounts of League activities to modify its contents. No designation of League support or opposition to a bill or to an amendment should be published until the executive committee has acted.

Frequently the content of a bill changes so radically or swiftly late in the session that a summary and comments by program chairs are impossible to obtain. The newsletter may use material from other sources such as newspapers if they are credited properly.

If the League withdraws support of a bill it previously supported, the change should be reported immediately. If a decision to support a bill is reached only after a bill has passed (because League-supported amendments have been included), an explanation should be given in the final issue of the newsletter.

The Legislative Newsletter is funded in part by the state League and in part by subscriptions of \$7.50 per session. The legislative director must keep a careful accounting of the costs of production and mailing and report to the state board. Frequency of publication is determined by the legislative director in consultation with the state board.

Action Alerts:

Action Alerts calling for immediate response by local Leagues may take three forms:

1. Inclusion in the Legislative Newsletter;
2. Special emergency mailing to LL presidents;
3. Emergency telephone calls to certain LLs whose legislator may hold a swing vote.

After consultation with the program chair and corps member(s), the legislative director determines the form of the Alert and the nature and amount of background information needed for response. Preference is given to priorities set by the state board unless an exception is granted by the executive committee. (Program chairs who contact local Leagues on their own initiative must keep the legislative director informed.)

Action Alerts should:

1. Be as specific as possible
2. Be on readily identifiable (conspicuous) paper or letterhead
3. Have a good explanation of points to be made
4. List legislators of specific committees pinpointed for lobbying (if applicable).
5. Remind where copies are to be sent
6. Have a tear-off to return to State Office in case a call or telegram was sent.

The legislative director is responsible for instructing and reminding local Leagues that they must respond to Action Alerts in some way:

1. If a legislator is contacted by letter, a carbon copy of the letter must be sent to the legislative office. In any case, the tear off must be returned to the Legislative office.

NOTE: Provisional Leagues do not respond unless they have received prior approval from their advisors.

LW-T
Preboard Report
August 1980

D: State Board
M: TEF Secretary Gordon
E: Status of TEF Projects

Local League Projects Completed since May 1980

Dallas	City Budget	App. Sept. 79
Austin	Voters Guide	April 80
Galveston	Voters Guide	April 80
Montgomery County	Voters Guide	April 80
San Antonio	Voters Guide	April 80

Local League Projects Pending

Dallas	Slide Projector	App. Sept. 79	SPV. Clark
Denton	Co. Govt. Handbook	Jan. 80	Miller
Lubbock	V. G. & Cand. Rallies	April 80	Carpenter
Tarrant County	2 DEO	July 80	Sturgis

Local League New Project Requests

San Antonio - \$275 for office overhead, phone, and postage to contact
August 80 candidates for info for a Voters Guide which the Express-
News will distribute. Proposed project director is
Martha Lankford.

Dallas ----- \$2,250 for publication of 40,000 sixteen page Voters Guides.
1200 Guides will go to members and contributors and the rest
will be distributed to the public.

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TEF Projects Completed since May 1980

International Trade Slide Show (Wingspread)	App. Sept. 79	Compl. June 80
Conference on Ramifications of Oil Spills	April 80	Canc. May 80
Titus & Higgins to TX Envirn. Coal. Conf.	Sept. 79	Compl. _____
Miller to Intern. Solar Energy Conf.	April 80	Compl. _____

TEF Projects Pending

Nuclear Waste Documentary	App. Sept. 78	SPV. Keever
Public School Finance Workshop	Sept. 79	_____
TENRAC Coastal Management Meetings	April 80	Clark
Publications on TX Bays & Estuaries	May 80	None

Supervisors of incomplete projects which are past their anticipated completion date (on project request form) please check with the project director.

Preboard Report
August 1980

State Board
The Secretary Gordon
Status of the Projects

Local League Projects Completed since May 1980

City Budget	City Budget	City Budget
Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Austin	Austin	Austin
Galveston	Galveston	Galveston
Montgomery County	Montgomery County	Montgomery County
San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio

Local League Projects Pending

Slide Projector
Govt. Handbook
V. G. & Camb.
Lubbock
Tarrant County

Local League Project Requests (cont.)

MIDLAND -- Wish to spend \$360.00 (do not indicate what portion or if all is to be from Ed. Fund) to purchase publications for distribution to LL members, public, newly-registered voters, & contributors.

Pick a Candidate, 300 copies for members, public, & newly-registered voters. (1/10 copies)

Hazardous Waste Primer, 165 copies @ .75 for members, contributors, and public meeting attendees.
ditto for Nuclear Waste Primer, 165 copies @ \$1.25.

Proposed Project Dir.: Janet Pritchett, Pub. Chairman

International Trade Show (Wingspread)
Conference on Remediation of Oil Spills
Texas & Higgins to TX Enviro. Conf.
Miller to Intern. Solar Energy Conf.

The Projects Pending

Nuclear Waste Documentary
Public School Finance Workshop
TERRAC Coastal Management Meetings
Publications on TX Bays & Estuaries

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PRE-BOARD
JEANETTE DAVIS VS/CI BY-LAWS

The Voters Guide is on time with, thanks to Nancy B. & JoAnn L.'s tireless efforts on the scene, not too many problems.

Summer Happenings:

I managed to confuse mightily lots of L.L.'s with the PAC memo. They can't bear not using the VOTER for action but are willing when I assume my non-retractable pose on that issue.

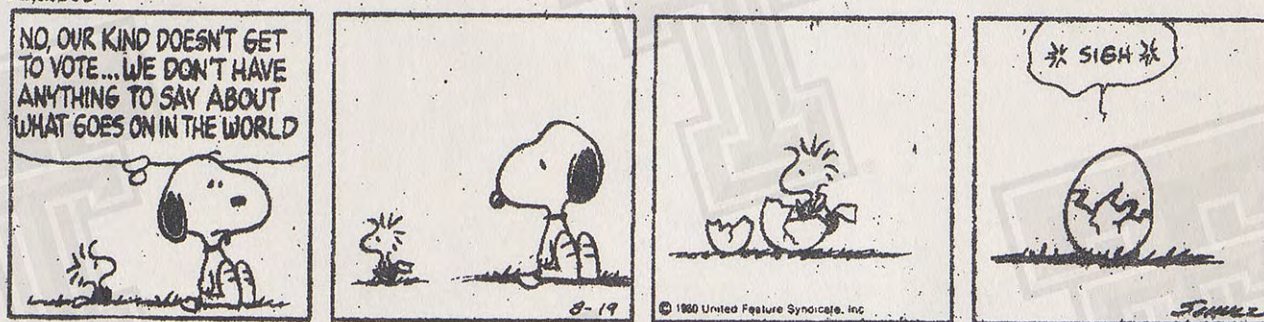
The Davis hamsters had 5 babies while the Davises were on vacation. San Antonio will include the presidential candidates in their V.G.. Upset national much, but Fumi came through in as wise and capable a manner as is usual. End result: national can't police all L.L. independent efforts but would appreciate knowing in advance, that presidential candidates are being sent questionnaires. (Ye Gods! another MEMO!)

Beth (anyone else?) please come prepared to instruct me in the mechanics of being the by-law chair.

Did any of you who were present at the National Convention in Washington see the Arizona "Get Out The Vote" show? They have sent an ad for this very expensive dual-projector audiovisual presentation to overcome voter apathy.

I have relearned, again, that what is written for L.L. use one year doesn't show up in the files next year. All those marvelous(?) how-to's of mine weren't passed on. (Maybe they did & that's the problem) Could we discuss this again? It is very important to me that L.L. know about Voters Guide policy, Copywriting etc.. Should we go to the expense of re-issuing?

PEANUTS



FROM: Isabel Miller . . .

August, 1980
Pre-board Report

. . . while crossing Ohio en route to New York and Philly to see daughter and son -- and Picasso!

Notice has come from LWVEF of details of the Nuclear Energy Education Project. A state project director (LWV member NOT on state board) is to be named by September 15. The project director and state energy director for each state are to attend a three-day national training conference near Washington, D.C. in mid-November, with expenses paid. Following this, the two are to devise and propose to national a plan for a "Texas Nuclear Energy Education" program. Twenty of these proposals will be chosen to receive \$2,000 seed money each. The project director shall not engage in any energy-related action from November '80 through about June '81, the expected completion date of the program.

I am talking with some possible project directors, and should welcome other suggestions in my mail when I return September 4. Good organizing ability and low-profile personal position on nuclear energy are more important, I feel, than current "knowledgeableness" about nuclear -- we will get that.

Each state League may invite to the national training conference one or two citizen energy leaders whose involvement we feel would increase the effectiveness of a statewide citizen energy-education program. National funding would not be available for these (about \$280 each, plus transportation).

It has been a frenetic summer. Much Solar Advisory Committee work, and solar promotion locally. Haven't yet had a block of time to get my Conservation brief done.

LWV-Texas
August, 1980
Pre-board report

FROM: Laura Keever

I have but a few items to bring to your attention prior to the board meeting.

NOTE---that we are in good financial shape -- if you have need of funds, please come with recommendations. For example, I would like to recommend that we buy a new sofa for the office, as the one that we now have is

- 1) unsightly,
- 2) uncomfortable, and
- 3) NOT OURS!

I would also like to recommend funding at least three trips to Austin for the program vice president for strictly oversight responsibilities during the legislative session (\$100.00).

We must set a strict publication schedule (only two of our proposed six publications will make the September 1 deadline.) So come prepared to make some firm commitments.

A note to all program chairs: REMEMBER to check with Diana and/or me when writing official letters on behalf of LWV-T, unless they are of a very routine nature. Coordination is paramount!

From: Lois Carpenter

LWV-Texas
Sept., 1980
Preboard Report

Seems like its been a busy summer with meetings, letters, and trying to read all that mail, but still not a lot to show for it. Anyway, here's a rundown.

In June, thanks to Diana's suggestion, Mary Blackstock (of Austin LWV) and I represented the League on the Information System Advisory Group set up by the Adult Probation Commission to raise all the questions we could about probation. Briefly, they are trying to determine what kinds of information they need to be recording in order to answer questions which may be posed in the future by anyone--gov't agencies, community organizations, and the general public. It was a one-day, one-shot meeting in Austin, most enjoyable and different.

The TACIR committee on law enforcement practices (model rules revision) had its last full monthly meeting in July, but a committee of 5 of us will meet Aug. 29 to give the draft a final "technical and editing" review. (That means I "get" to study three chapters a day starting tonight, the 23rd.) Then the draft will go before the full Commission in September for its approval. Eventually each police chief and sheriff will receive a complimentary copy of it with encouragement and suggestions on how to adapt it to his department. There will be some other complimentary copies distributed, including one to the LWV-T. The chairman, Steve Bartlett of the Dallas City Council, has asked when he could join me in presenting it to the League. Sounds like a nice gesture, which would probably work out nicely if we were having a mini-board meeting in Dallas in Nov. But since we're not, perhaps it would be well for him to just present it to Diana at a LWV-Dallas general meeting--if Lucy P. wouldn't mind. It would only take a few moments. I'll check with Steve on the pub schedule as I suppose it could take longer.

And there is the growing controversy over the draft recommendations of the Senate Special Committee on Delivery of Human Services. I first heard a grumbling tone about this from the staff person on the Interim Cte. on Security & Sanctions (House). Mary Blackstock has said her juv. judge & Probation contacts have been upset about it; and I recently had a letter from LWV-Tarrant Co. expressing their concern, esp. about the recommendations affecting juvenile justice. The main one is to change the name of TYC to the TX Dept. of Juvenile Services, which would then be responsible for current TYC functions and also set & monitor standards for juvenile probation and parole services and for detention and other facilities as well as, jointly, with local depts., provide direct probation and parole services.

Many judges and probation people feel this is a "takeover" by TYC and complain that TYC officials have had no probation experience. They say the proposal has the tail wagging the dog since 97% of delinquent offenders are handled by probation depts. So many of them favor a separate juvenile probation commission like the APC. The Special Committee however, came to its recommendation because it does not believe that the legislature would favor & support a new & separate commission.

Another key recommendation is to redefine truants and runaways as children subject to child abuse, neglect or in need of services and place responsibility for service s to them with DHR.

Furthermore, they recommend restructuring the Board of P & P as a 9-member commission and transferring supervision of parolees to the APC which would then become the Adult Probation and Parole Supervision Commission. Diana???

More

Carpenter, Sept. Preboard, cont'd

They specify that accreditation standards of the American Correctional Asso. be included in legislation applying to the Parole Board. But they do not recommend the same standards for TDC, TYC or the APC. . .

Also, despite the many problems of TDC they only made one rec. affecting it--that incarcerated persons be required "where practical, . . .to participate in GED or high school diploma programs and to receive pre-vocational training." Perhaps they think the Ruiz vs Estell decision will address TDC's problems and they don't need to bother???

In any case, fuel is being fast poured on the fires of controversy and we will have to weigh very carefully our legislative priorities and the bills we support. The Special Committee will approve its final report, including recommendations, in Sept.

The 3 weeks in Colo. were fun and busy with kids, their guests and an extra company --and I never gave League a thought--except to purchase a copy of the Durango LWV's new local gov't booklet. Quite a pub for a small League in a town of 12,000 and timed to coincide with the kickoff of Durango's centennial celebration, which incidentally, featured Gerald Ford and Louis L'Amour as speakers!

Nancy Bené
August 19, 1980
Pre-Board

Included with this memo is the questionnaire used in the '79 session for legislative interviews. Please look it over and be prepared to offer suggestions for questions we might want to ask this time around.

We will also need to discuss legislative priorities in more detail with an eye toward the legislative flyer so come prepared with ideas for that, too.

LWV of Texas
October 20, 1978
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• LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW - FORM II.

Return to: LWV-Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, TX 78701

This interview form is designed to guide you in interviewing your legislators about prospects for legislative action on state program items during the 66th session of the Legislature. It is not for publication; do not give or mail form to the legislator. Deadline for returning is January 31, 1979.

Name of Legislator _____ Party _____

Senate or House District No. _____ County _____

Format of Interview _____
(Reception, coffee, lunch, office, etc.)

Local League(s) participating _____
(omit if a member-at-large)

Number present if a meeting _____

1. What do you think will be the major issues in the coming legislative session?
Will criminal or juvenile justice and school finance be major issues?

Yes Leaning No Leaning No
"toward" position "against"

2. Do you plan to support comprehensive property tax reform similar to the Jones & Peveto bills from previous sessions?
How high a priority is this legislation for you?
3. Are you in favor of ordinance making authority for counties?
Are there any features that you feel should or should not be included in such legislation?
4. How can the Texas Legislature best help the 15.2% of Texans who fall below the poverty level?

A number of organizations are asking for an increase in the basic AFDC payment (which currently averages \$32.58 per month per recipient) to approximately \$41.00. Will you support this increase?

Legislative interview questions

- Do you plan to introduce or co-sponsor any legislation relating to the conservation or development of our energy resources? Water resources?

If so, please explain.

- What are your personal legislative interests or goals for the 66th session?

QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED BY THE INTERVIEWER:

What other information did you gather from this interview?

Signed _____

Position _____

LWV of _____

BEFORE GOING FOR THE INTERVIEW: It is important that you be briefed by program chairs if you are not familiar with all aspects of League program. Excellent reference materials are: We Support, any special papers or publications such as Facts and Issues, Texas VOTERS, and consensus background materials. Write up your report as soon as possible after the interview while it is fresh in your memory.

Pre-board report

From: Louise Cummins, Associate Director

Re: District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment

I had prepared a draft copy of a pre-board and just as I was getting ready to re-type it I received a note about DC Voting Rights from Fumi Sigihara and Laura Keever. So I guess this is a timely pre-board report.

Before the last legislative session convened, the League legislative committee decided that we would move the DC Voting Rights Amendment to the back burner. Our decision was based on the fact that Speaker Bill Clayton had announced that there was no way he would let a vote on the amendment come to the floor of the house. Also Common Cause had surveyed the legislature prior to the session and found that there was little support for the amendment and that there was a great deal of hostility to the amendment by a majority of the legislators. We decided that we would do nothing about the amendment except to send a copy of the green booklet "As a legislator, you now face a decision on the future of 750,000 Americans" to all members of the legislature with a cover letter signed by Betty Anderson and myself asking that they read it and become informed about it. We did send the letter and the booklet and received several replies. I believe that most of the replies were very vocal in their opposition.

That was last session. In thinking about what to do about this issue in the coming session you need to consider the following:

1. There will in all probability be a new speaker and this person may allow the amendment to come to a vote.
2. I believe that if a vote were taken on the amendment it would be defeated. I also believe that once it has been defeated by the Texas legislature, it would be almost impossible to bring it back to be reconsidered at another time.

I recommend that you develop some strategy for what to do about the amendment so that your legislative committee can deal with it if the matter arises.

I would suggest that the first thing you do is to include a question about it on the legislative interview so that you will know where your support and opposition are. (Fumi also suggested this.)

The other thing that needs to be done is to encourage local leagues to be aware of the issue and to know the arguments for and against. The national League has sent material local league presidents this summer so they will have had it brought to their attention.

It might also be a good idea to check with other groups who support the measure to see if they are interested in working on the issue as a coalition. Other groups who have indicated support in the past are Common Cause and the Black Caucus.

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Unless we could determine from the interviews that there is more support out there than I think, you might decide that the best course of action is to keep the measure buried in committee and not let it come to a vote.

The arguments most often heard against the amendment are that Senators and Representatives from the District would vote to enlarge federal bureaucracy because the federal government is in Washington, DC and that representatives from the District would be "too urban, too liberal, too black, and too Democratic." This along with the argument that the District was never intended to be treated as a state and that it should be retroceded to Maryland or Virginia (neither state wants them and in fact Maryland has ratified the amendment).

In looking at plusses as to why to "run with this", the biggest one I can think of is Fumi who chairs this item on the National level and could probably assist the State League.

This amendment does have a time limit on it and eventually Texas is going to have to be counted. The date for ratification is August 1985 and to date nine state have ratified it, of 38 needed.

Do give the matter consideration and let me know what you decide.

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August 21, 1980

PRE BOARD REPORT

AIR QUALITY - Meg Titus

It has been quite a long while since there has been any reason to send a pre-board. However, there are presently quite a few air quality related things that I think the board should be aware of:

1. The federal Clean Air Act will be coming up for re-authorization in mid-1981 which means it will be opened for all sorts of changes -- good and bad. We need to think about the kinds of amendments we think would improve the Act to deal with such matters as acid rain, PSD, banking and other concerns. I would like all of you to try to think of persons or groups I might contact for other opinions on the inadequacies of the act. To date I have a list of people I plan to get in touch with -- TACB members, EPA people, attorneys, academics and industry but I would like to have you suggest more names. I'll be making these contacts on behalf of both the LWV-T and LWVUS as I am pleased to report that I have been asked by Marilyn Reeves (LWVUS board) to be the "air person" on the EQ committee for the coming year. Because the challenges will be greater this year and the committee smaller I imagine it will take more time than previously. If any of you know of one or more Leaguers who would be willing to take air for the state I would like to look for someone to either take over in my place, or help during the coming year. With the LWVUS commitment, the TIC presidency, the Plano presidency, an appointment to a local construction grants advisory committee -- and my horses -- to say nothing of Don -- I find I don't have time to do everything. Help me out if you can. I need not only names of people anywhere in the US to contact for the national committee but names of Texas Local Leaguers with an interest in air quality problems.

2. There will soon be a public comment period opened for inorganic arsenic - the most recent EPA-listed hazardous air pollutant. This is the seventh to be listed in the ten years since the 1970 enactment. The others are asbestos, beryllium, mercury, vinyl chloride as well as benzene and radionuclides (the last two are listed but not yet regulated). These regs. are to become final by December, 1980 so I need any contacts you might be able to provide me soon so that I can have their perspectives before we comment on the procedures necessary to identify, assess and regulate arsenic.

3. Lots of rulemakings also are coming up in the federal area for which they want state comment such as:

- review and possible revision of the national standards for sulfur dioxide, particulates, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide.
 - new source performance standards for industrial boilers -- important knowing that we will be increasing the burning of coal.
 - regulations for the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) from hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, ozone and lead. These are important for siting.
- Please send me names of people around the state concerned or involved in any of these. Industry will be speaking to all of these and we need to hear from all three levels of League as well as from other organizations on all of the above.

4. The TACB will be holding hearings in Sept or Oct. on their proposed revisions to general rules, Reg. I (opacity), Reg. III (to deal with fluoride and beryllium), Reg. IV (Defense Dept. exemptions), Reg. V (reclassification for non-attainment areas and exempting crude oil storage requirements) and Reg. VI (public notification and comment).

I plan to respond to these as I've heard both directly from board members and from various staff and observers that our comments are really given consideration --even sought-- before the final decisions are made. I just hope I get enough advance notice and information so that LLS can really become involved in responding also. So far I haven't even received a copy of these proposed revisions - but then the mail to Wisconsin is not all it could be.

5. It is too soon to predict what if any air quality related legislation may be presented in Austin this session. A statewide I/M bill is the only one I can see on the horizon so far. Many consider the Houston pilot program as inadequate for compliance with the CAA. The September 27th I/M Conference, organized by Bobette for Dallas with such "stars" as John Blair, chairman of the TACB, Adelle Harrison of EPA and Rep. Fred Agnich will be an important event in planning such legislation. We also hope to have a speaker from the National Commission on Air Quality report on recent studies done in the Dallas and Houston areas on the effectiveness of transportation controls in CAA implementation. Don't miss this and encourage LLS to send participants. I don't believe I/M legislation should be a high priority on our legislative list, but I would like the board to consider having one of the position papers which Nancy B. mentioned in her July 18th memo deal with this issue. Updated background information gleaned from the Sept. 27th meeting could provide valuable help to understanding the importance of I/M for legislators, press as well as city and county officials.

6. I'm proud of Fumi's involvement in the PBS September 8th broadcast studying the congressional process by focusing on the Clean Air Act. I hope lots of League persuasion was brought to bear this summer to get local PBS affiliates to not only air this excellent half hour but also to get the additional half-hour allotted for local follow-up discussions.

7. If L.V.T. is not planning to send anyone to the EPA-sponsored national citizens' conference on the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act in West Virginia on November 12-14 I would like to suggest that we consider sponsoring either Sharron Stewart or Steve Frishman of The Texas Environmental Coalition (we are members). Full and partial scholarships are available and both have been extremely active and are extremely knowledgeable (as well as being extremely effective) in the public participation aspects of toxic substances problems. Of course we have not mentioned the meeting to them, but do let me know who the board selects to send in order that TEC can sponsor the same person (unless the TEC board decides to send Sharron or Steve). TEC could perhaps help get a scholarship for the League selection if it is not one of the above, and if TEC does not opt to sponsor someone other than your choice. I'll be eager to hear your decision soon so that we can get on with trying for the aid before it is all spoken for.

I'll be home from Wisconsin on the evening of the 26th of August, I'll be spending the week of September 12 through 23rd in San Francisco visiting, horse shopping and trout fishing in the Sierras, but I'll be home most of the rest of the time. Call me with some names to contact. Thanks.

Government Portfolio
State Board Report
Initiative & Referendum Consensus
8/28/80

Thirty-two Local Leagues participated in consensus. A statistical report is presented below.

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