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January State Board Meeting
Quality Inn South
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LWV-Texas
Jan., 1987
L. Carpenter

PREBOARD AND AGENDA

Quality Inn South is south of the river on IH-35 on the west side of the expressway. Whether coming from the north or south, take the Oltorf/Live Oak exit, #232-A.

We will convene in one of the meeting rooms at 1:00 p.m. Fri. As far as I know, everyone is coming on time and staying to the end. Can this be true? Sondra definitely will be there in time for Fri. afternoon. Budget Chair Ruthann Geer will join us at least in time for the T budget session and stay over Fri. night for the Sat. a.m. TEF budget portion. I was going to assign her a roommate, but realized we will have an odd number of people on Fri. night and even on Sat. If a board member is given a single room on Fri., then that person will need to move in with Ruthann's roommate when Ruthann leaves on Sat. So Ruthann gets the single, unless she or someone else wants to figure out another arrangement and do the moving. Goodness knows I don't care. Suggestions follow:

Bonavita/Coughlin 331
Carpenter/McIntyre 351
~~McCormick/Moses~~
Bonavita / Geer 363

Brudner/McMahan 353
Cummins/Rittgers 345
Gooch/Sheridan 347 - orgn.

Carver/Rodgers 339
Ferstl/Watson 337
Geer

Please bring with you these items:

Program Perspectives (green cover)
Leaders Guide to State Program Planning (beige) from Oct. mailing
October Texas VOTER
1986-87 League Directory (contains Bylaws and Taking Action)
Convention agenda and budget info from last 2 meetings
Memo on Leadership Development Conf. dated Dec. 10 (salmon-colored with 4 white pages attached)

Minutes and Myrtle's preboard and treasurer's report will be distributed at the meeting. Please study your preboard material, esp. the program planning, before the meeting. Also review the bylaws to see if you want to suggest any changes. I haven't heard if there have been any suggested changes from LL's, but the deadline was in Dec. Rowena is Bylaws Chair.

We have tenants! No board members had objections or even any questions regarding our proposed lease to Texas IMPACT. They signed the lease as proposed and moved in on January 3.

I was able to wrap up the postage machine deal in the midst of the holidays. Ken and I have purchased it and contributed it to TEF. The equipment is in excellent, only slightly used, condition. Since we only paid one-fourth or less than what new equipment would cost, I'm very pleased with my bargain. We have Ken to thank for spotting the ad in the paper. Joann, Charlene, and the Pitney-Bowes rep. in Austin are already enjoying the new toy.

Charlene and her children were in Midland over New Year's, and she was able to borrow a car-top luggage carrier from a friend so she could put our postage machine, scale, and stacker in the back of her station wagon to cart them to Austin Jan. 4. That's cheap freight, and saves me from having to drive to the board meeting in order to bring them. So thanks to Charlene and friend Kathy. Also, it means they got the machine installed in the office and running the very next day.

The equipment was certified to be in working order and the machine was put under a maintenance contract (transferable to Austin) while still in Midland. Postage and maintenance contract costs will be shared as always. We could consider charging T a minimal fee ($10/mo.) for usage if you are concerned about an IRS examination of TEF. My accountant-cousin says he wouldn't worry as long as T is paying its own postage.

AGENDA

Friday, Jan. 16, 1987

1:00 p.m.	Arrive, Register
1:15	Be in meeting room; greetings, shuffle paper; core meeting assignments
1:30-3:15	Core meetings
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-5:00	FIRST LWV-T PLENARY SESSION ✓ Minutes ✓ Treas. Report ✓ Development Report (T only) ✓ Pres. Report Presentation and discussion of proposed budget--Geer Agenda ajustments if necessary
5:00-5:45	R & R
5:45-7:15	Dinner
7:30-9:00	Program Core continues Development Ctte. meets (Brudner, Ferstl, Gooch, McMahan, Rittgers (may be in Prog. Core), Moses) Bylaws Ctte. (Rodgers, McIntyre, Watson)
9:00-10:00	Convention Ctte. (Gooch, McMahan, Bonavita, Coughlin, Cummins, McIntyre)

Sat. January 17, 1987

8:30 a.m.	FIRST TEF PLENARY SESSION Minutes Treas. Report Development Report Presentation and discussion of proposed budget--Geer
10:00-10:15	Break

Sat. a.m. cont.

10:15-10:45	LWV-SECOND SESSION Decisions on any recommendations or adjustments to T budget
10:45-11:15	SECOND LWV-TEF SESSION Decisions on any recommendations of adjustments to T budget
11:15-12:00	LWV-T THIRD SESSION Convention Ctte. report & discussion
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:15-3:00	LWV-T THIRD SESSION, cont. Program Core reports √Ratify joining People First Coalition--McCormick √Action items--who? what? √Legislative Days plans--Bonavita Program making recommendations and discussion--Sheridan Policy —
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-5:00	LWV-T THIRD SESSION, cont. Organization Core reports--Gooch, Carver, Ferstl Bylaws Ctte. report, discussion (and decisionS?) √PR Core T-shirt status/report--Smith/Carver √Review VOTER assignments made in Nov.
5:00-5:45	R & R
5:45-7:15	Dinner
7:30-9:30	Discussion as Committee of the Whole on recommendations for restructuring the board.

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Sun., Jan. 18, 1987

8:30	THIRD LWV-TEF SESSION √Approve lease on office space √Renew membership in Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice Local League project requests √Ratify mail approval for Waco's YEO √Request from Corpus Christi for City Council VG's √Reports on state League projects? √Any other TEF decisions?
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-12:00	LWV-T FOURTH SESSION √Program-making final decisions on recommendations from board √Final decisions on proposed bylaw amendment recommendations √Review convention agenda and budget; make final adjustments Discuss nominations to LWVUS board--see Diane's preboard Select Council delegates or wait until April meeting?
12:00 noon	Adjourn; lunch & depart

JANUARY PRE-BOARD
Scherel Carver, Membership & SU's

There are currently only two State Units of the LWV-Texas. Big Spring/Howard County has 15 members and Cleburne has 13. Cherokee County, with 32 members, although soon to be a provisional League, is included in our January 1 count as their approval from LWV-US is still pending.

Our total count on Jan. 1 is 146 Members-at-large, 60 of those in the three State Units mentioned above. Of the 146, 26 joined as result of direct solicitation by national. We therefore owe PMP on 120, or 119 and 1 household.

Our count Jan. 1 last year was 187, so that we are down by 22%. We were careful, however, not to carry any doubtful ones whose membership had expired, so as not to have to pay PMP. The failure of the five State Units this year account$ for the greatest part of the drop.

Both of the SU chairs whose SU's most recently folded agree that requiring 15 members to start a unit makes good sense. Their experience has shown that 10 was not enough. Perhaps this criterion will help to ensure success of new units in the future.

Requests from area south of Waco for Sec -

Cherokee County - mail snafu.

DIANE'S PRE-BOARD DECEMBER 30, 1986

PROGRAM CORE ITEMS (* = items for board decision)

* T State program planning
* TEF Endorse COASTWEEKS 87
Convention workshop plans
Taking Action--any changes needed
Status of advocacy papers, focus, and MUD tape
Legislative Days--plans for briefing (EB)
Handling Agriculture study and water survey
Implementation of PSG legislative priority (LCu)

STATE PROGRAM PLANNING--Program directors and appropriate associate directors have been sent an early preboard with detailed information on LL program planning recommendations. Each will review her LWV-T portfolio(s) for changes LLs may not know to recommend. A summary of LL recommendations is included in this preboard. The full board must approve any changes to existing positions and any new studies, so it will be helpful if all board members review the enclosed report as well as the criteria for reviewing state program.

COASTWEEKS 87--It's time to endorse what is this year a September 19-October 12 event. We can seek a gubernatorial proclamation and encourage LL participation as we have done the last few years. LWVUS is again cosponsoring what has become an institution.

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS--Program core is responsible for the workshops on Action, Developing LL Program, and Periodic Program Review. To focus discussion, I have asked several core members to prepare draft outlines for the first two; they will bring 6 copies, for the core. All core members should search their files for good ideas and potential handouts and bring examples. We will determine the outline for each workshop, the materials to be prepared, and who is responsible for what.

LWVUS grassroots coordinator, Kathy Shulman, called recently to say that LWVUS approved a pilot program to train LLs to lobby their MCs. If we wanted them to come to do a segment of the Action workshop on lobbying for a national position (Arms Control), we could invite them but would have to pay expenses.

TAKING ACTION--This guideline for LLs is traditionally reexamined the fall before a legislative session. It underwent major revisions two years ago. It will stay as is unless you have major objections, so please review it as the board must approve any changes.

STATUS OF PUBLICATIONS--Printing of the advocacy papers did not go easily despite our efforts; thus they held up the December mailing. Reports on the status of Health Care, the groundwater focus, and the MUD tape should be made at the core meeting.

Convention Workbook updates will be due in February. If you have questions about what is required, ask me. Your report should be as short as possible; it goes from last February to this February.

NATIONAL STUDIES--We did not have time in November to discuss filling the Agriculture portfolio. Modelle and Grant Thompson called on Safeway while in Dallas; they might be interested in funding a conference or more on this topic. If we want Modelle to pursue, we will have to draft a proposal and find an associate director to take the portfolio.

Preboard
January 1987
Sally Coughlin

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSENSUS
HEALTH CARE FOR THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT

Thirty three local leagues participated in the HCMI consensus. Only San Marcos and Orange did not respond to consensus questions. One state unit, Cherokee Co. and three members-at- large participated. There were 718 members of a total 3673 based on figures from the consensus form that asked for a membership total at the time of the consensus. This represents 20% member participation.

PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL LEAGUES

Abilene	36%	(10/28)
Amarillo	30.5%	(11/36)
Arlington	22%	(20/90)
Austin	8%	(31/370)
Bay Area	35%	(22/62)
Baytown	54%	(26/48)
Beaumont	26%	(26/100)
Brazos Co.	14%	(13/90)
Corpus Christi	23%	(27/118)
Dallas	17%	(97/555)
Denton	19%	(20/107)
Edinberg/McA	40%	(10/25)
El Paso	24%	(16/66)
Gainesville	35%	(8/23)
Galveston	21%	(14/67)
Houston	12%	(68/554)
Irving	23%	(16/70)
Kerrville	23%	(10/43)
Lubbock	7%	(9/127)
Marshall/Har	58%	(26/45)
Midland	40%	(12/30)
Montgomery Co	17%	(6/35)
Odessa	22%	(6/27)
Pearland	42%	(14/33)
Plano/Col	25.5%	(12/47)
Richardson	36.5%	(19/52)
San Antonio	10%	(19/186)
Sherman	22%	(18/80)
Tarrant Co.	36%	(62/174)
Tyler	19%	(9/48)
Victoria	14%	(9/66)
Waco	33%	(28/85)
Witchita Fals	31%	(9/29)
Cherokee Co.	40%	(12/30)
Mals	2%	(3/127)

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TO: State Board Members

FROM: Debbie Stine, Associate Director

RE: January Board Meeting, PREBOARD

Everything is starting to brew in the area of Container Deposit (CD) Legislation. A press conference will be held on January 5 at 10 am at the State Capitol to kick off the drive for CD. The Chair of ABCD, David Brock, Chair Sierra Club-Wichita falls, and yours truly (vice-chair) will be speaking on the introduction of the CD bill. One nice touch is having David and I from opposite ends of the state. The press packet will include the LWV-T CD advocacy paper paid for by ABCD.

Presently, I am reviewing a new compromise CD bill that just passed in California. It passed through the Calif. legislature with no opposition. It reduces the deposit to 2 cents instead of 5, but increases it gradually if the return rate is not high enough. It also allows stores to defer to redemption centers is they are within 500 ft of the store selling the product (recyclers and retailers like this). I spoke with the legislative director at the California LWV who indicated that they supported it because the bill could have not passed otherwise. (They have tried for a number of years and had a statewide referendum a couple of years ago.)

A personal comment regarding legislative interviews in case I don't make it to the Board meeting. Corpus Christi had 7 interviews to conduct, and I thought "No big Deal!". But I had not taken into consideration the difficulty of scheduling appointments with these people in December. Between legislative workshops, Christmas parties, and various trips to Austin, they are not in the office that often, and I must say, I've had a very difficult time. A further frustration is arriving at the office to conduct the interview (with an appointment on the books for two weeks), and finding no one at the office (they had all gone to Austin). My proposal is that interviews be conducted early (maybe even before November) for those legislators who are unopposed (that would include all of mine). This would allow more time to schedule appointments (which I didn't have problems with earlier in the year), and to evaluate the results. Just a suggestion!

Otherwise, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

TO: Board and off-board state board members

FROM: Evelyn Bonavita, Legislative Director, [redacted]

RE: Pre-board for January 1987 board meeting

Legislative Secretary

Starting January 5, the League will have a new legislative secretary, Linda Cook, who moved here from Washington, D.C. She has a degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences from the University of Maryland and has worked for the Sigma Data Service Corp. in Washington, as well as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Dept. of Labor. Her husband is at the LBJ School and she has a two-year-old. Her hours will be from 9 to 3, and we will start slowly since she has to become accustomed to the way we do things in League (if this is at all a possibility in the space of five months).

Bill Status Number

The toll-free number you can call for the status of bills is 800-252-9693, as early reminder that we have a session starting soon.

Administrative Penalty Lawsuit

With thanks to the December 22, 1986 edition of State Capitol Report and the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club:

The Texas Association of Business lawsuit against Texas Air Control Board and Texas Water Commission's administrative penalty authority went to trial on December 12 in Travis County District Judge Harley Clark's court. The administrative penalty authority was defended by the State of Texas through the Attorney General's Office.

Both the Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters of Texas intervened in the lawsuit in defense of the State and the power of its environmental protection agencies to levy fines against polluters for violations of the agencies' rules and permits. The Club and the League vigorously supported the granting of such power to those agencies by the Texas Legislature in 1985.

Arguing in court for Texas Association of Business were attorneys Kirmon Coleman and James Checkley from the law firm of Brown, Maroney. TAB attorneys challenged the administrative penalty authority as being a violation of the separation of powers principle (in this case separation of executive and judicial powers) and as a violation of the right to trial by jury granted under the Texas Constitution. They claimed that the ability of a state agency to fine someone for violation of rules or permits (even though the matter is appealable to the courts) denies that individual or corporation the right of trial by jury.

On the other hand, Nancy Lynch from the State Attorney General's Office argued that administrative penalties are constitutional even under the Texas Constitution. Further, she pointed out that similar administrative penalty authority has been uniformly upheld in Federal court and in other states for both Federal and state agencies.

Austin attorney Doug Caroom, representing the League, characterized administrative penalties as flexible and efficient enforcement remedies--indicating that effective enforcement would be impossible if every violation had to be taken to court. Mary Kelly, attorney for the Sierra Club, submitted a written brief and made oral arguments showing the rationale for administrative penalties as a proper exercise of agency jurisdiction.

At the conclusion of the brief trial Judge Clark took the matter under advisement. He is expected to complete his review of the materials in the case by mid-January and is expected to rule by the end of January. Even though the case is likely to be appealed by either side, a ruling in January would have some effect on how the Legislature will view industry efforts to repeal or restrict agency administrative penalty authority.

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Committee of 100

The Committee of 100 for the Merit Selection of Judges held its second and last meeting Friday, December 19. The first thing on the agenda was reports of the regional meetings the committee had held across the state. Some agreement that came out of most of the meetings was support for, at least, non-partisan election of appellate judges. In Corpus they wanted counties to be able to decide whether or not to be in the merit system. In El Paso people worried about "the right to elect our judges being taken away." (This also seems a state-wide worry; explaining that merit selection doesn't take away this right is difficult.) In Dallas there was concern that merit selection not do away with minority representation, and some viewed the push as coming strictly from Democrats although Gov.-elect Clements favors merit selection. In Midland there was interest in maintaining local option for trial judges, a need from geographic representation in the appointment process, a twelve-year limit on judicial terms, and a concern that, if the idea is to take justice out of the party system, putting the state party leaders' representatives on the nominating commissions isn't the way to go about it. In Ft. Worth there was also concern about minority representation and that the retention elections (after two years) not just be automatic retention of sitting judges. In Ft. Worth and Houston there was no Dem. vs. Rep. issue, but both evinced interest in including county judges in the plan. Tyler said they had standing room only at the meeting, and there was strong support for the current system. Some interest was expressed in nonpartisan elections with a cap on donations, and a local option provision. Judge Bass said if the current system works anywhere, it works in East Texas. There aren't the problems of Dallas and Houston with the enormous numbers of names on the ballot. In Lubbock there was testimony that fund-raising is a big impediment to lawyers who want to run for an appellate seat, and there was interest in a local option method as well as nonpartisan elections. Amarillo felt that fund-raising is an improper and undignified activity for a judge to be forced to indulge in and that there should be a number of state-wide commissions to select appellate nominees.

We then had reports from subcommittees, lunch, and then we reconvened to come up with recommendations to go into the final draft of a bill. Areas of contention were: minority representation (strong feeling against plan on the part of Mexican-American representatives at the meeting; blacks were generally supportive); how many commissions there would be to select trial judges; would there be more lawyers or non-lawyers on the nominating commissions; should judges be on the commissions; need to mention that commission meetings come under open meetings and open records laws; number of nominees (3,4 or 5); should there be Senate confirmation; should merit system be instituted state-wide and counties opt out if they don't want it, or make counties opt in if they do; whether or not to limit campaign contributions. There was testimony from committee members urging some kind of standards for judges be set that have to be met for candidates to run but to keep election at the district level. Some members thought rural counties should not be included since they know their judges; rural members said no since they face other problems such as big money in the races and good people being discouraged from running because they hate campaigning. We then voted on a number of issues, and the committe adjourned to leave the bill-drafting to the legislators on the committee. I have not seen this bill although a preliminary draft was filed in November.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Dear LWV-T Board Member,

Attached, please, find your copy of the proposed 1987-88 budget for T and TEF as well as a copy of the Budget Committee Recommendations. The budget committee believes this is a most unrealistic budget since a total of over $80,000 must be raised for T,TEF and the repayment of our loan. Please, come to the January Board meeting with your suggestions of where and how to reduce expenses as well as plans for raising the income necessary to support our essential services and the manner in which you are willing to commit yourself to raising this income.

If as a Board the decision is made to lease the office space to IMPACT, the budgeted income figures will be changed to reflect the increased income.

We thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this proposed budget.

Sincerely,

Ruthann Geer, Chair
Rebecca Bergstresser
Modelle Brudner
Lois Carpenter
Barbara McCormick
Myrtle McMahan

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The LWV-Texas Budget Committee recommends that:

1. Local leagues not be allowed to pay a portion of their State PMP from their TEF funds.
2. Annual minimum support from Local Leagues be raised to $300. (This payment would be made by those leagues with 30 or less members.)

Committee ideas to share:

MARKETING:

1. Investigate marketing Voters Guide veloxes to newspapers in non-league areas and at what purchase price this should be made available to such groups.
2. The need for a publications catalogue seems great. We need to sellout publications so that this is not an area of lost revenue.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTING:

Committee members generally agreed that the current method of "charge backs" needs to be explored with emphasis on the following:

a. Is there an easier, more efficient method for providing us with the same information? Jo Ann estimates that 2/3 of her office hours are spent on monetary matters with a major portion of that 2/3 devoted to the completion of "charge back" forms.
b. Is it equitable?
c. Is the current per copy charge used in "charge back" sufficient?

FUND RAISING

All committee members generally agreed that some sort of state-wide fund raiser is needed in addition to those methods of fund raising currently being used. The Chair with support from some members suggested a fund raiser tied into the State convention. The Sat. evening speaker and dinner could be turned into a fund raiser with a few changes including roasting a state level personality, increasing the ticket price by $10-15, by opening the event to the public, and publicizing to local leagues the "how to" of such an event or offering state assistance to a local league to stage such a fund raiser in their community. The money raised would be applied to fiscal year 87-88. Concerns included the already high cost of the convention to delegates and the plans by LWV-Tarrant County are nearing completion.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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INCOME	ACTUAL 85-86	BUDGET 86-87	PROPOSED B	BOARD MEMBER	COMM. MEMBER
A. Support			33851.00		
1. Local League PMP	$34257.03	$34560.00	$33805.00	Carver	Bergstresser
2. Members join LWVUS	$125.00	$140.00	$0.00	"	"
3. Dues, MALs, State Units	$3396.50	$5250.00	$2850.00	"	"
4. Provisional Leagues		$300.00	$100.00	Gooch	"
Sub-total A	$37778.53	$40250.00	$36755.00		
B. Interest	$2213.15	$1600.00	$1200.00	McMahan	
C. Sale of publications					
1. DPMs	$2560.00	$2600.00	$2600.00	McMahan	McCormick
2. Pubs on Hand	$1893.44	$1500.00	$500.00	Lovelace	"
3. We Support	$419.25	$0.00	$400.00	Sheridan	"
4. Program Perspectives	$197.91	$0.00	$250.00	"	"
5. Non-pub sales	$126.71	$25.00	$300.00	Lovelace	"
					"
Legislative Newsletter		$1350.00	$200.00	Bonavita	"
Advocacy Papers		$250.00	$0.00	Sheridan	"
Action Briefs		$0.00	$0.00	"	"
Sub-total C	$5197.31	$5725.00	$4250.00		
D. Contributions					
1. Member	$84.44	$500.00	$250.00	Brudner	Brudner
2. State fundraising	$7467.00	$6123.00		"	"
a. General			$6590.00	All board mem	"
			40360.00		

b. Direct mail			$5000.00		
3. Board member unreimb.	$2563.96	$2750.00	$2300.00		
Sub-total D	$10115.40	$9373.00	~~$14140.00~~ 9836.00		
E. State convention/council					
1. Convention/council	$4281.00	$12000.00	$4200.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
2. Legislative days/council	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		"
F. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	$1000.00	McMahan	
G. From reserves	$0.00	$4700.00			
1. Transfer Beth Brown Fund	$1347.11	$0.00	$500.00		
2. Transfer accrual Conv. P1			$1200.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
H. Contractual		$6500.00			
Total Income	$60932.50	$61148.00	$63245.00		
EXPENSES			60737.00		
N. State Office				Carpenter	Carpenter
1. Equipment	$2402.55	$2000.00	2300.00 $2000.00	"	"
100 2. General Supplies	($0.50)	$1000.00	$1000.00	900 "	"
100 3. Postage	$975.98	$1200.00	$1200.00	1100 "	"
200 4. Telephone	$1426.40	$1750.00	$1750.00	1650 "	"
5. Insurance&Bonding + Taxes	$351.33	$300.00	$650.00	"	"
6. Rent	delany $5293.50	$5600.00	$5600.00	"	"
1296.00 7. Salaries	↑ $23856.00	23 $25048.00	$27096.00	35 hrs. 3% raise "	16068.
176.00 8. Payroll Taxes	$2012.06	$2127.00	$2178.00	"	9740.00 "
9. Audit & Tax report	$750.00	$750.00	$750.00	"	"
10. Office overhead	($6200.84)	($7955.00)*	($8445.00)	"	"
11. Equipment purchase	$2611.42	$0.00	~~$1000.00~~ 100.00	"	"
12. TEF reimbursement	($13011.49)	($13110.00)	($14590.00)	McMahan	"

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Sub-total N	$20466.41	$18710.00	$20189.00		
			T9478.00		
O. Board & Administration					
1. President				Carpenter	Carpenter
a. travel, perdiem&repre	$152.00	$450.00	$700.00	"	"
500 b. telephone	$2910.10	$1600.00	$2700.00	"	"
c. postage & supplies	$22.00	$100.00	$100.00	"	"
100 2. Secretary &Treasurer	$648.11	$600.00	$600.00	Watson/McMah	McMahan
3. Board of Directors					
a. tools	$659.00	$700.00	$700.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
100 b. board meetings	$9279.15	$9300.00	$8500.00	McMahan	"
100 c. board mailings	$2673.56	$2500.00	$2400.00	Carpenter	"
d. unreimbursed exp.	$928.34	$500.00	$0.00	All board mem	"
4. Administrative committ.					
100 a. budget	$221.60	$400.00	$400.00	Gregory	McMahan
b. development	$4189.50			Brudner	Brudner
100 (1)comm. expenses		$1200.00	$2000.00	"	"
100 (2)direct mailing		$2000.00	$2000.00	"	"
c. interim committee	$24.29	$300.00	$300.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
d. nominating & bylaws	$141.89	$550.00	$350.00	Sturgis/Morrill	Brudner
5. TEF reimbursement	($6686.42)	($7880.00)	($8300.00)	McMahan	McMahan
6. Unreimbursed expenses	$819.17	$600.00	$1500.00	All board mem will be keeping track	Carpenter
Sub-total O	$15982.29	$12920.00	$13950.00		
			13290.00		
P. Convention/Council					
1. National	$1715.76	$1200.00	$1200.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
2. State	$4239.21	$12000.00	$4200.00	Carpenter	"

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Sub-total P	$5954.97	$13200.00	$5400.00		
Q. National Services (PMP)	$1092.00	$1622.00	950.00 ~~$987.00~~	Carver	Bergstresser
R. Public relations					
1. Vice-president's expense	$25.12	$300.00	$250.00	Brudner	Brudner
500 2. Texas VOTER	$3388.63	$3500.00	$4000.00	McIntyre	"
3. Publications					"
~~a. Director's expenses~~	~~$0.00~~	~~$50.00~~	~~$50.00~~	Smith	"
b. Marketing expenses	$12.29	$400.00	$350.00	"	"
c. DPMs	$2647.71	$2600.00	$2600.00	McMahan	"
d. Publications on hand	$2089.88	$1500.00	$1100.00	Lovelace	"
e. We Support	$810.40	$0.00	$600.00	Sheridan	"
f. Program Perspectives	$426.14	$0.00	$500.00	"	"
Advocacy papers	$0.00	$400.00	$0.00	"	"
action brief	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	"	"
				"	"
4. TEF reimbursement	($2093.48)	($2125.00)	($2950.00)	Brudner	"
5. Unreimbursed expenses	$0.00	$100.00	$100.00	All board mem	"
Sub-total R	$7306.69	$6725.00	$6550.00 6300.00		
S. Organization					
1. Vice-president's expense	$28.69	$275.00	$250.00	Gooch	Bergstresser
100 2. Field service	$1981.83	$2000.00	$2000.00	Ferstl	"
3. Workshops	$677.11	$500.00	$500.00 (Beth Braun)		"
4. New Leagues & S.U.s	$162.13	$275.00	$275.00	Carver	"
5. Membership / See DIR	$122.03	$200.00	$100.00	"	"
6. Provisional Leagues	$0.00	$355.00	$150.00	Gooch	"

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7. S.U. ~~Dirs.~~ & Advisors	$246.41			Carver	"
a. mailings & expenses		$500.00	$300.00	"	"
b. workshops		$300.00	$200.00	"	"
150 8. Mailings to S.U. chairs	$397.43	$620.00	$350.00 ↓	"	"
300 9. Mailings to MALs	$2224.13	$2000.00	$1300.00 150.00	"	"
300 10. Mailings to LLPs	$1353.36	$1838.00	$2000.00	Gooch	"
11. TEF reimbursement	($1672.91)	($2166.00)	($1706.00)	Gooch	"
12. Unreimbursed expenses	$228.03	$400.00	$150.00	All board mem	"
Sub-total S	$5548.24	$7097.00	$5869.00 5219.00		
T. Program					
1. Vice-president's expense	$991.04	$700.00	$600.00	Sheridan	McCormick
200 2. Program action	$883.41	$3700.00	$1500.00	All pro. core	"
3. Coalitions	$41.81	$125.00	$100.00	Sheridan	"
4. Unreimbursed expenses	$588.42	$700.00	$350.00	All pro. core	"
Sub-total T	$2504.68	$5225.00	$2550.00 2350.00		
U. Legislative Office				Bonavita	McCormick
1. Lobbying expenses	$333.84	$2000.00	$300.00	"	"
2. Legislative secretary		$4068.00	$0.00	"	"
3. Office expenses		$750.00	$50.00	"	"
4. Leg. priorities brochure		$150.00	$0.00	"	"
5. Legislative newsletter		$2800.00	$400.00	"	"
6. Special leg. session		$100.00	$100.00	"	"
7. Office overhead		($525.00)	$0.00	"	"
8. Legislative day		$650.00	$0.00	"	"
9. Unreimbursed expenses	$0.00	$450.00	$200.00	"	"

T6

10. Accrual for next session	$4700.00	$0.00	$4700.00	"	"
Sub-total U	$5033.84	$10443.00	$5750.00		
V. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	$1000.00	McMahan	McMahan
W. LL share of state fund rais	$500.00	$1706.00	$1000.00	Brudner	Brudner
X. Contractual services	$0.00	$2500.00	$0.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
TOTAL EXPENSES	$64389.12	$81148.00	$63245.00		
			60737.00		

TEF 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1						
2		LWV- TEF				
3						
4	INCOME	ACTUAL 85-86	BUDGET 86-87	PROPOSED B	BOARD MEMBER	COMM. MEMBER
5	A. Contributions					
6	1. Fundraising, unrestr	$3616.00	$15000.00	$15000.00	Brudner	Bergstresser
7	2. Special fund raiser	$2199.50	$9372.00	$15575.00	11,861.00	"
8	3. Member contribut	$450.97	$200.00	$200.00	"	"
9	4. Tributes & memorials	$0.00	$75.00	$75.00	"	"
10	5. Restricted grants	$21380.46	$50000.00	$50000.00	Sheridan	"
11	6. LL restricted funds	$10994.65	$13000.00	$10000.00	McMahan	"
12	7. Unreimbursed expense	$864.73	$1100.00	$500.00	All Board mem	"
13						
14	Sub-total A	$39506.31	$88747.00	$91350.00	87,636.00	
15						
16	B. Interest	$6245.88	$6000.00	$3500.00	McMahan	McMahan
17						
18	C. Administrative fees					
19	1. LL projects	$332.04	$325.00	$375.00	McMahan	McCormick
20	2. Grants restricted	$1000.97	$500.00	$1000.00	Sheridan	"
21						
22	Sub-total C	$1333.01	$825.00	$1375.00		
23						
24	D. Sale of publications			9,000.00		
25	1. Voters Guides	$6787.87	$3800.00	$8000.00	Rodgers	McCormick
26	2. Current issue pubs	$1892.32	$4525.00	$2700.00	Rittgers/Coughlin	"
27	3. Pubs on hand	$2027.34	$750.00	$200.00	Lovelace	"
28						

TEF 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6
29	Sub-total D	$10707.53	$8875.00	$10900.00	11,9000.00	
30						
31	E. Office			9200.00		
32	1. Rent	$5293.50	$11000.00	$8000.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
33	2. Contributions	$47303.39	$65000.00	$38650.00	"	"
34	3. Renovation	$15070.00	$0.00	$0.00	"	"
35						
36	Sub-total E	$67666.69	$76000.00	$46650.00	47850.00	
37						
38	F. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	$1000.00	McMahan	McMahan
39						
40	G. From reserves	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		
41						
42	TOTAL INCOME	$125459.62	$181447.00	$154775.00	153,261.00	
43						
44	EXPENSES					
45	N. Shared service & adm.					
46	1. Shared services					
47	a. Office expenses	$13011.49	$13110.00	$14590.00	13878.00	McMahan
48	b. Trustee expenses	$7524.40	$7680.00	$8300.00	7860.00	"
49	c. Texas VOTER & pubs	$1255.50	$2125.00	$2950.00	2700.00	"
50	d. Mailings & workshop	$1872.91	$2166.00	$1706.00	1656.00	"
51	2. Administration	$25.90	$50.00	$50.00	McMahan	"
52	3. National PMP for MALs	$320.58	$541.00	$329.00		"
53				317.00		
54	Sub-total N	$24010.78	$25872.00	$27925.00	26461.00	
55						
56	O. Public relations, unrest.					

TEF 3

	1	2	3	4	5	6
57	1. VS/CI chair	$63.78	$150.00	$150.00	Rodgers	Brudner
58	2. Voters Guides Production	$3024.65	$3600.00	$8000.00	"	"
59	3. Public subsc. service	$1306.17	$0.00	$0.00		"
60	4. Voter Service ~~Project~~	$972.21	$700.00	$600.00	"	"
61	5. Unreimbursed expense	$20.75	$100.00	$100.00	"	"
62						
63	Sub-total O	$10387.56	$4550.00	$8850.00		
64						
65	P. Program, unrestricted					
66	1. Research on new item	$1767.42	$250.00	$1200.00	Sheridan	McCormick
67	2. Info.& educ. on prior	$343.44	$1500.00	$500.00	All prog. core	"
68	studies					
69	3. Coalitions	$115.00	$225.00	$200.00	Sheridan	"
70	4. Publications	$1258.71		150.00		
71	a.Facts&Issues		$1500.00	$1500.00	Sheridan	"
72	b. Focus		$800.00	$200.00	FSG "	"
73	c. Leaders Guides		$250.00	$50.00	"	"
74	5. Health Care			$200.00	All prog. core	"
75	6. Unreimbursed expense	$843.99	$1000.00	$800.00		
76	Sub-total P	$3484.57	$4525.00	$4650.00		
77						
78	Q. Pubs & Projects restrict					
79	1. When You Go To Austin	$0.00	$5000.00	$0.00	Sheridan	McCormick
80	2. Debates	$0.00	$15000.00	$16000.00	"	"
81	3. Hazardous Waste	$214.35			"	"
82	4. Keystone	$3523.56		$0.00	"	"
83	5. Health Debates	$11927.28			"	"
84	6. Texas govt. handbook			$10000.00	"	"

TEF 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6
85	7. Other	$843.98	$1000.00	$24000.00		
86	Sub-total Q	$15665.19	$20000.00	$50000.00		
87						
88	R. LL restricted funds					
89	1. Projects	$8398.93	$6500.00	$7500.00	McMahan	McMahan
90	2. Purchases	$3995.83	$6500.00	$2500.00	"	"
91						
92	Sub-total R	$12394.76	$13000.00	$10000.00		
93						
94	S. Office	$67371.90				
95	1.a. Payment on loan		$66400.00	$36000.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
96	b. Interest on loan			$650.00	"	"
97	2. Expenses		$7600.00	$8000.00	"	"
98	3. Capital fund drive		$2000.00	$2000.00	Condo Insurance Payment Taxes Utils	
99	4. Unreimbursed expense			$200.00		
100	Sub-total S	$67371.90	$76000.00	$46850.00		
101	T. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	$1000.00	McMahan	McMahan
102						
103	U. Local League sharing	$200.00	$2500.00	$2500.00	Brudner	Brudner
104						
105	V. Special fund raiser	$4114.14	$3000.00	$3000.00	Brudner	Brudner
106						
107	TOTAL EXPENSES	$70257.00	$74447.00	$154775.00	153,261.00	
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LWV-Texas
Nov. 1986

TO: State Board

FROM: Ruthann Geer, State Budget Committee

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1987-88
LWV-Texas & LWV-Texas Education Fund

The State Budget Committee needs your assistance so that we may prepare a budget that will best support the objectives of the LWV-T and LWV-TEF. Please, look on the enclosed forms for your name under "Board Member" as that section is your responsibility to prepare. The information which you complete is to be returned to the name listed under "Committee Member". Addresses are printed in your '86-87 LEAGUE DIRECTORY. If you have any questions, please, feel free to contact me. We thank you for your assistance. Ruthann Geer and committee members.

DEADLINE: November 26, 1986

OUTLOOK FOR ACTIVITIES FOR 1987-88:

BUDGET REQUEST: Refer to the actual income and expenses for 1985-86, the current budget and a current treasurer's report to assist you in preparing your budget request. You might wish to consult with others in your Core Group at the November Board meeting. The 1986-87 League Directory contains explanations of the budget items. Fill in the proposed budget columns with a minimum and a " middle of the road figure" on the attached sheets for the items that have your name after them. Attach explanations if the reasons for your request will not be obvious to the Budget Committee. This will assist the committee in defending your request.

ANTICIPATED UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES: Please, give special attention to this item as it is important both to the budget and to fund raising. Unreimbursed expenses are indicated on the attached sheets as the responsibility of the whole board or the whole core. Each person should submit an estimate of their own unreimbursed expenses in each category that applies to them.

DO YOU EXPECT TO SPEND THE AMOUNT BUDGETED TO YOU THIS YEAR? If not, please explain.

OTHER BUDGET SUGGESTIONS: Do you have any suggestions to offer the committee concerning the overall budget or in any specific area other than those assigned to you?

SPECIAL SOLICITATIONS AND PROJECTS: Do you have any suggestions as to ways the LWV-T can solicit special funds--either hard money or through TEF? Do you have a dreamer's project which could be included if funds can be found?

LWV-T BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Ruthann Geer, Chair [redacted]

Modelle Brudner [redacted]

Rebecca Bergstresser [redacted]

Barbara McCormick [redacted]

Lois Carpenter [redacted]

Myrtle McMahan [redacted]

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

INCOME	ACTUAL 85-86	BUDGET 86-87	PROPOSED BUDGET 87-88 MINIMUM	MIDDLE	BOARD MEMBER	COMM. MEMBER
A. Support						
1. Local League PMP	$34257.03	$34560.00			Carver	Bergstresser
2. Members join LWVUS	$125.00	$140.00			"	"
3. Dues, MALs, State Units	$3396.50	$5250.00			"	"
4. Provisional Leagues		$300.00			Gooch	"
Sub-total A	$37778.53	$40250.00				
B. Interest	$2213.15	$1600.00			McMahan	
C. Sale of publications						
1. DPMs	$2560.00	$2600.00			McMahan	McCormick
2. Pubs on Hand	$1893.44	$1500.00			Lovelace	"
3. We Support	$419.25	$0.00			Sheridan	"
4. Program Perspectives	$197.91	$0.00			"	"
5. Non-pub sales	$126.71	$25.00			Lovelace	"
Standing orders		$0.00				"
Legislative Newsletter		$1350.00			Bonavita	"
Advocacy Papers		$250.00			Sheridan	"
Action Briefs		$0.00			"	"
Sub-total C	$5197.31	$5725.00				
D. Contributions						
1. Member	$84.44	$500.00			Brudner	Brudner
2. State fundraising	$7467.00	$6123.00			"	"
3. Board members unreimb.	$2563.96	$2750.00			All board mem	"

Sub-total D	$10115.40	$9373.00		
E. State convention/council				
1. Convention	$4281.00	$12000.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
2. Legislative days/council	$0.00	$0.00		"
F. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	McMahan	
G. From reserves	$0.00	$4700.00		
1. Transfer Beth Brown.Fund	$1347.11	$0.00		
H. Contractual		$6500.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
Total Income	$60932.50	$81148.00		
EXPENSES				
N. State Office			Carpenter	Carpenter
1. Equipment	$2402.55	$2000.00	"	"
2. General Supplies	($0.50)	$1000.00	"	"
3. Postage	$975.98	$1200.00	"	"
4. Telephone	$1426.40	$1750.00	"	"
5. Insurance&Bonding	$351.33	$300.00	"	"
6. Rent	$5293.50	$5600.00	"	"
7. Salaries	$23856.00	$25048.00	"	"
8. Payroll Taxes	$2012.06	$2127.00	"	"
9. Audit & Tax report	$750.00	$750.00	"	"
10. Office overhead	($6200.84)	($7955.00)	"	"
11. Equipment purchase	$2611.42	$0.00	"	"
12. TEF reimbursement	($13011.49)	($13110.00)	McMahan	"

with staff assistance

Sub-total N	$20466.41	$18710.00		
O. Board & Administration				
1. President			Carpenter	Carpenter
a. travel, perdiem&repre	$152.00	$450.00	"	"
b. telephone	$2910.10	$1600.00	"	"
c. postage & supplies	$22.00	$100.00	"	"
2. Secretary &Treasurer	$648.11	$600.00	Watson/McMah	McMahan
3. Board of Directors				
a. tools	$659.00	$700.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
b. board meetings	$9279.15	$9300.00	McMahan	"
c. board mailings	$2673.56	$2500.00	Carpenter	"
d. unreimbursed exp.	$928.34	$500.00	All board mem	"
4. Administrative committ.				
a. budget	$221.60	$400.00	Gregory/Geer	McMahan
b. development	$4189.50		Brudner	Brudner
(1)comm. expenses		$1200.00	"	"
(2)direct mailing		$2000.00	"	"
c. interim committee	$24.29	$300.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
d. nominating & bylaws	$141.89	$550.00	Sturgis/ Rodgers	Brudner
5. TEF reimbursement	($6686.42)	($7880.00)	McMahan	McMahan
6. Unreimbursed expenses	$819.17	$600.00	All board mem	Carpenter
Sub-total O	$15982.29	$12920.00		
P. Convention/Council				
1. National	$1715.76	$1200.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
2. State	$4239.21	$12000.00	Carpenter	"

Sub-total P	$5954.97	$13200.00		
Q. National Services (PMP)	$1092.00	$1622.00	Carver	Bergstresser
R. Public relations				
1. Vice-president's expense	$25.12	$300.00	Brudner	Brudner
2. Texas VOTER	$3388.63	$3500.00	McIntyre	"
3. Publications				"
a. Director's expenses	$0.00	$50.00	Smith	"
b. Marketing expenses	$12.29	$400.00	"	"
c. DPMs	$2647.71	$2600.00	McMahan	"
d. Publications on hand	$2089.88	$1500.00	Lovelace	"
e. We Support	$810.40	$0.00	Sheridan	"
f. Program Perspectives	$426.14	$0.00	"	"
Advocacy papers	$0.00	$400.00	"	"
action brief	$0.00	$0.00	"	"
standing orders	$0.00	$0.00	"	"
4. TEF reimbursement	($2093.48)	($2125.00)	Brudner	"
5. Unreimbursed expenses	$0.00	$100.00	All board mem	"
Sub-total R	$7306.69	$6725.00		
S. Organization				
1. Vice-president's expense	$28.69	$275.00	Gooch	Bergstresser
2. Field service	$1981.83	$2000.00	Ferstl	"
3. Workshops	$677.11	$500.00	"	"
4. New Leagues & S.U.s	$162.13	$275.00	Carver	"
5. Membership	$122.03	$200.00	"	"
6. Provisional Leagues	$0.00	$355.00	Gooch	"

7. S.U. Dir. & Advisors	$246.41		Carver	"
a. mailings & expenses		$500.00	"	"
b. workshops		$300.00	"	"
8. Mailings to S.U. chairs	$397.43	$620.00	"	"
9. Mailings to MALs	$2224.13	$2000.00	"	"
10. Mailings to LLPs	$1353.36	$1838.00	Gooch	"
11. TEF reimbursement	($1872.91)	($2166.00)	Gooch	"
12. Unreimbursed expenses	$228.03	$400.00	All board mem	"
Sub-total S	$5548.24	$7097.00		
T. Program				
1. Vice-president's expense	$991.04	$700.00	Sheridan	McCormick
2. Program action	$883.41	$3700.00	All pro. core	"
3. Coalitions	$41.81	$125.00	Sheridan	"
4. Unreimbursed expenses	$588.42	$700.00	All pro.core	"
Sub-total T	$2504.68	$5225.00		
U. Legislative Office			Bonavita	McCormick
1. Lobbying expenses	$333.84	$2000.00	"	"
2. Legislative secretary		$4068.00	"	"
3. Office expenses		$750.00	"	"
4. Leg. priorities brochure		$150.00	"	"
5. Legislative newsletter		$2800.00	"	"
6. Special leg. session		$100.00	"	"
7. Office overhead		($525.00)	"	"
8. Legislative day		$650.00	"	"
9. Unreimbursed expenses	$0.00	$450.00	"	"

10. Accrual for next session	$4700.00	$0.00	"	"
Sub-total U	$5033.84	$10443.00		
V. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	McMahan	McMahan
W. LL share of state fund rais	$500.00	$1706.00	Brudner	Brudner
X. Contractual services	$0.00	$2500.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
TOTAL EXPENSES	$64389.12	$81148.00		

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND /

INCOME	ACTUAL 85-86	BUDGET 86-87	PROPOSED BUDGET 87-88 MINIMUM	MIDDLE	BOARD MEMBER	COMM. MEMBER
A. Contributions						
1. Fundraising, unrestr	$3616.00	$15000.00			Brudner	Bergstresser
2. Special fund raiser	$2199.50	$9372.00			"	"
3. Member contribut	$450.97	$200.00			"	"
4. Tributes & memorials	$0.00	$75.00			"	"
5. Restricted grants	$21380.46	$50000.00			Sheridan	"
6. LL restricted funds	$10994.65	$13000.00			McMahan	"
7. Unreimbursed expense	$864.73	$1100.00			All Board mem	"
Sub-total A	$39506.31	$88747.00				
B. Interest	$6245.88	$6000.00			McMahan	McMahan
C. Administrative fees						
1. LL projects	$332.04	$325.00			McMahan	McCormick
2. Grants restricted	$1000.97	$500.00			Sheridan	"
Sub-total C	$1333.01	$825.00				
D. Sale of publications						
1. Voters Guides	$6787.87	$3600.00			Rodgers	McCormick
2. Current issue pubs	$1892.32	$4525.00			Rittgers/Coughlin	"
3. Pubs on hand	$2027.34	$750.00			Lovelace	"
Sub-total D	$10707.53	$8875.00				

E. Office				
1. Rent	$5293.50	$11000.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
2. Contributions	$47303.39	$65000.00	"	"
3. Renovation	$15070.00	$0.00	"	"
Sub-total E	$67666.89	$76000.00		
F. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	McMahan	McMahan
G. From reserves	$0.00	$0.00		
TOTAL INCOME	$125459.62	$181447.00		
EXPENSES				
N. Shared service & adm.				
1. Shared services				
a. Office overhead	$13011.49	$13110.00	McMahan	McMahan
b. Trustee expenses	$7524.40	$7880.00		"
c. Texas VOTER & pubs	$1255.50	$2125.00		"
d. Mailings & workshop	$1872.91	$2166.00		"
2. Administration	$25.90	$50.00	McMahan	"
3. National PMP for MALs	$320.58	$541.00		"
Sub-total N	$24010.78	$25872.00		
O. Public relations, unrest.				
1. VS/CI chair	$63.78	$150.00	Rodgers	Brudner
2. Voters Guides	$8024.65	$3600.00	"	"

3. Public subsc. service	$1306.17	$0.00	"	"
4. Voter Service pubs	$972.21	$700.00	"	"
5. Unreimbursed expense	$20.75	$100.00	"	"
Sub-total O	$10387.56	$4550.00		
P. Program, unrestricted				
1. Research on new item	$1767.42	$250.00	Sheridan	McCormick
2. Info.& educ. on prior studies	$343.44	$1500.00	All prog. core	"
3. Coalitions	$115.00	$225.00	Sheridan	"
4. Publications	$1258.71			
a. Facts&Issues		$1500.00	Sheridan	"
b. Focus		$800.00	"	"
c. Leaders Guides		$250.00	"	"
5. Unreimbursed expense	$843.98	$1000.00	All prog. core	"
Sub-total P	$4328.55	$5525.00		
Q. Pubs & Projects restrict				
1. When You Go To Austin	$0.00	$5000.00	Sheridan	McCormick
2. Debates	$0.00	$15000.00	"	"
3. Hazardous Waste	$214.35		"	"
4. Keystone	$3523.56		"	"
5. Health Debates	$11927.28		"	"
6. Other	$2500.00	$30000.00	"	"
Sub-total Q	$18165.19	$50000.00		

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

R. LL restricted funds				
1. Projects	$8398.93	$6500.00	McMahan	McMahan
2. Purchases	$3995.83	$6500.00	"	"
Sub-total R	$12394.76	$13000.00		
S. Office	$67371.90			
1. Payment on loan	$0.00	$66400.00	Carpenter	Carpenter
2. Expenses	$0.00	$7600.00	"	"
3. Capital fund drive	$0.00	$2000.00	"	"
Sub-total S	$67371.90	$76000.00		
T. In-kind assistance	$0.00	$1000.00	McMahan	McMahan
U. Local League sharing	$200.00	$2500.00	Brudner	Brudner
V. Special fund raiser	$4114.14	$3000.00	Brudner	Brudner
TOTAL EXPENSES	$140972.88	$181447.00		

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LCa EB SaC LCu BMc MR RR DC KJ KM CP DSt RT so file

To: Program Directors and Associate Directors with State Items
From: Diane Sheridan, Program VP
Date: January 4, 1987

Re: Preparing for Core and Board Discussion of State Program

At the January 16-18 state board meeting, the board will approve the 1987-89 LWV-TX Recommended Program after discussion based on recommendations from the program core. Almost all program people have responsibilites to perform to make the board decision possible. Each of us is considered the expert in our portfolio, and the board relies on each director to review her position just as LLs reviewed it. Each of us must also consider LL suggestions and be prepared to recommend to the core/board what action to take on those in our portfolio. Finally, each of us must also be prepared to make decisions on all state program items. Program directors should bring their thoughts to the meeting. Off-board directors must tell me what they want by Thursday, January 15 at the latest. If you have more than a few words to suggest on any subject, please type them out double-spaced and send six copies to me or the office to facilitate group discussion. Supply reasons for your recommendations.

Because of the amount of preparation program people must do, I am sending this early preboard. The whole board will receive all but the lengthy section on new study suggestions. I've provided new study info exactly as submitted to give you a sense of how carefully LLs have thought out their proposals.

If you have any questions about how to proceed, please let me know. I appreciate (and regret) the fact that this work will immerse you very quickly in reality after what I hope were pleasant holidays!

Diane

Quote of the month ~

FOR EVERY VISION, THERE'S AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REVISION.

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Amarillo					36	x	31	x		
Arlington	15	1		16	90	18	20	8		
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Bay Area	15		2	17	62	27	35	7		
Baytown	30 *	3		33	48	69	54	26		
Beaumont	5	2		7	100	7	26	4		
Brazos County	20			20	90	22	14	15		
Corpus Christi	14	1		15	118	13	23	13		
Dallas	89			89	555	16	17	13		
Denton					107	x	20	?		
Edinburg/McAllen					25	x	40	x		
El Paso	9			9	66	14	24	10		
Gainesville					23	x	35	x		
Galveston					67	x	21	x		
Houston Area	40	0		40	554	7	12	9		
Irving					70	x	23	x		
Kerrville Area	10			10	43	23	23	20		
Lubbock	7	0		7	127	6	7	?		
Marshall/Harrison Co.					45	x	58	22		
Midland					30	x	40	5		
Montgomery Co.					35	x	17	?		
Odessa					27	x	22	x		
Orange Area					x	x	x	x		
Pearland Area	14			14	33	42	42	x		
Plano/Collin Co.	12		1	13	47	28	26	12		
Richardson	20			20	52	39	37	17		
San Antonio Area	23	4		27	186	15	10	?		
San Marcos Area					x	x	x	26		
Sherman	20			20	80	25	22	x		
Tarrant Co.	50			50	174	29	36	?		
Tyler	9			9	48	19	19	9		
Victoria	7	0		7	66	11	14	x		
Waco Area	7			7	85	8	33	19		
Wichita Falls	9	0		9	29	31	31	x		
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STATE PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LLS

PARTICIPATION--The attached chart shows the level of participation: fewer Leagues, more members. Meetings are the most common and successful way to obtain participation. Of the eight Leagues that used VOTER tear-offs to supplement meetings, four had none submitted. Membership counts are based on HCMI consensus report figures; I'll use the 1/1/87 figures for the post-board report.

GENERAL COMMENTS--I have responded by letter or phone to all Leagues that sent comments to me personally. I had to call about six Leagues to confirm my interpretation of their responses. A few Leagues were very upset: Bay Area for lots of reasons, mainly that they feel we never told them we would do periodic program review without a Convention vote; Brazos County because we are trying to influence them; San Antonio because program planning is too hard. (Copies of letters or phone call notes being sent to their FSRs.) Four Leagues (these three plus Baytown) requested/demanded/begged for all program planning information to be in the VOTER because it costs them too much to put it in theirs. One assured me it was cheaper for us to print because it's cheaper to print a lot of copies. Baytown says they are feeling good about themselves and having a good year!

The first few forms I saw were negative about periodic program review, but things picked up after that. The reports show clear support for the committee's work with only one significant objection and a few smaller ones. A larger number of Leagues were insulted that "low member understanding" was considered a reason to drop a position. I wonder whether they would have given the recommendations as much attention without the use of these emotionally-charged words! The most common complaint was lack of time. Some Leagues did not do one or both of the PPR sections because they did not have time or did not feel prepared.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Item	Drop	Retain As Is	Restudy	Action Priority	Ed Pub
I. WuTL					
A. Domestic Vio		22		7	1
B. Intestacy		19	1e	2	2
C. Divorce		20		5	1
II. Government					
A. Redistricting		21		4	1
B. Exec-Leg-Jud	1b	19	2c,d	8	4
C. State-Local Rel		20	1		2
D. Tx Const Revisio		20	1	1	
E. Init and Ref		21			1
F. Voting Rights		20	1g	3a	2
III. HR/SP					
A. Public Sch Finance		19	1f	6	2
B. Equal Opportunity		21		8	

IV. Natural Resources			
A. Water	20	8	3
B. Air and Land Use	20	5	1

Footnotes:
a--Austin wants action on consolidation of election dates and other voter convenience items
b--Baytown feels position is irrelevant
c--Corpus wants study of judicial selection; no explanation
d--Richardson wants to extend merit selection to county level
e--Victoria--no explanation
f--Arlington--either restudy or use for next PPR
g--Arlington--restudy absentee voting; action to educate personnel

LWVUS ITEMS
Bay Area wants a publication on bottle bills.

Evaluation of Requests for Action Priority
For the most part, the areas of most interest are areas where we already have a priority: Domestic Violence, Divorce, Merit Selection, PSF, Equal Opp, Water. My post-board will need to explain the problem with Redistricting. Discussion needed on Austin's request, which I'm still trying to interpret. Their packet tells why they want consolidated elections but not the system they envision.

Evaluation of Requests for Publications
My post-board can explain that we have most of these pubs already and where to find them:
Domestic Violence--F&I still current.
Intestacy--Is F&I still current?
Divorce--Some info in DV advocacy paper.
Redistricting--still current.
E-L-J--Merit Selection is what's of interest--advocacy paper.
State-Local Relations--MUDs of interest--tape on its way?
Voting Rights--we have nothing here but probably should.
Public School Finance--interest is in how our position relates to education reforms and anticipated changes in them--Karen could do in a memo.
Water--Catherine is supposed to be writing a focus on groundwater, which is main interest. Houston wants a pub on River Authorities and Water Districts. Bay Area wants a VOTER article summary on whether we are effective anymore; they don't think we are..
Bottle bill--advocacy paper.

Beaumont wants a Texas Government Handbook or else recommendations of what to buy to use as a reference.

PERIODIC PROGRAM REVIEW RESULTS--Administration of Justice

15 LLs accepted committee suggestions verbatim. They are included in the breakdown below.

Topic	Ctte. recomm	Retain as is	Other
AJ 1	18		
AJ 2	16	2+	
AJ 3	17	1	
AJ 4	17	1	
AJ 5	18	+	
AJ 6	18		
AJ 7	18		

+ = strong minority from one League
Richardson--Line 15--use "adequate" rather than "improved."
Sherman--minority wanted jury sentencing in more than capital cases.
Tyler--revised the revised position in addition to seeking to retain some items; their wording is worth checking.

PERIODIC PROGRAM REVIEW--Financing State Government

10 LLs accepted the committee's recommendations verbatim. Lots of interest in an educational publication, and Dallas recommended comprehensive restudy. Arlington proposes a survey of League members to see if they would not rule out a personal income tax. Waco asked that any pub address appraisal of agricultural land for its intended use rather than its market value. My feeling is that any FSG pub would have to be comprehensive.

Topic	Ctte. recomm.	Retain as is	Other
FSG 1	21		
FSG 2 ctte.	14		
FSG 2 bd.	7+		
FSG 3	19	2	
FSG 4	18	2	1--restudy
FSG 5 ctte.	11		
FSG 5 bd.	10+		
FSG 6	21		
FSG 7	19	2	
FSG 8	18	2	

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW STUDIES

GOVERNMENT

Absentee Voting restudy--Arlington
Texas Homestead Exemption--Lubbock, Arlington
Method of Selecting Judges of State Trial Courts--Richardson
Economic Development Strategies--Beaumont
Financing State Government--Dallas; partial restudy, Arlington
Liability Insurance--Bay Area
Personal Injury Law (Tort Law)--Houston
Tort Insurance --Sherman

HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY

Financing Higher Education--Arlington
Influence of Special Interest Groups on Public Education--Beaumont

Federal Immigration Reform Law--El Paso
English as the Official Language in Texas--Houston
Child Care--Richardson
Day Care Centers--Sherman
Continuation of Health Care/Focus on Mental Health--Dallas
Delivery of Mental Health Services--Brazos County
Mental Health--San Antonio
Mental Health/Mental Retardation--Wichita Falls

Though they did not have sufficient support to recommend them, the following Leagues had some support for a few of the items above: Corpus and Tarrant County for Tort Reform; Dallas for Effect of the New Federal Immigration Law on Texas; Tarrant County for Mental Health.

MISCELLANEOUS SUGGESTIONS

Tarrant County thinks the form should have a category called "monitor" for issues like the "nuclear waste dump." They also find the linking of Divorce and Sex Offenses offensive. Sherman feels all Government positions are unclear, and Victoria finds some Government positions and Intestacy unclear. Dallas suggested listing the date of adoption next to the item in We Support and Program Perspectives.

Remember the FSG user fees info from the November preboard — still needs discussion.

November 13, 1986

TO: State board

FROM: Charlene

RE: Not quite final report on ABC-TV Key Precinct Reporting

All things considered the ABC project went very well this time. Texas had 168 precincts to report (there were 157 in 1982, and 100 in 1984). Only 8 precincts were not reported on election night. This was due to a variety of problems including flooded roads, wet computer cards, electronic things that refused to work, and unsigned ballots. One reporter, when he encountered resistance from the election judge, threw in the towel and went home.

Twenty-three local Leagues participated. (See attached chart.) The list of Leagues is a little different than I announced previously because Odessa has been added and San Antonio dropped from the list. Midland didn't want an assignment that might have required them to talk to Odessa. (Ah, it makes me homesick.) San Antonio's board surprised me and their president by voting not to participate. Rowena and Sally stepped in as local coordinators and recruited 9 members of the LWV-San Antonio to cover the Bexar Co. precincts.

When I made the assignments to the local Leagues, I took a chance and asked some of them to find reporters for precincts that are quite a distance from their communities. They were terrific about it. Local coordinators really took the challenge and found reporters for quite a few of the remote precincts. According to Susan Buxbaum with ABC, the list of key precincts was not tailored to the League as it had been in the past. This was due to an ABC cost-cutting measure which combined the research teams for key precinct reporting and exit polling.

There were a total of 121 volunteers working on this project. I did not have to pay anyone to report, however, I did barter camera-ready copy of the statewide Voters Guide with reporters from the Uvalde Leader-News and the Weatherford Democrat. The volunteers included:

93	Local League members
5	MALs
10	Friends
2	Reporters
6	Government teachers and students
5	Election officials

I haven't had too much time to think global thoughts about the project, but some immediate impressions are:

The spirit of the local Leagues working together on a statewide project was great. Even the poor Gregg Co. State Unit got excited about it. I'd like to see the state League use this enthusiasm on other projects.

There was some benefit to having staff take on the job of state coordinator. Aside from the sheer convenience of having access to all our wonderful machines, I think it helped to somewhat humanize the "state office" for all those folks we never talk to and who only hear from us in memos with deadlines.

The disadvantage of having staff work on this project was that it became hard to keep the jobs separate and the coordinator's job cut into some of my time at the state office.

Recruiting volunteers for this project was time-consuming but not difficult. Perhaps we overestimate the resistance of League members to key precinct reporting.

The new election code appears to be very restrictive in regard to the press. It probably should be researched more thoroughly if we do this project again. I had some difficulty advising reporters on exactly what their right were. There was trouble in Gregg Co. and Montgomery Co. concerning election judges--that's one of the things I need to look into further for my final report.

I was reminded once again of what a lively, interesting, capable, dependable, take-charge group these League members are.

I can only estimate the amount of time I spent as the state coordinator. After about 50 hours I gave up trying to keep track of it. What follows is a general idea of what I have been doing. My educated guess is that all this will involve between 200 and 250 hours by the time I am finished.

Warm up - read the old files (a noble League tradition); stare at the map of Texas; use the Texas Almanac to find counties where we have MALs; stare at the map of Texas; study the print-out of key precincts; make decisions about how to assign the precincts; stare at the map of Texas.

Keep those cards and letters coming - compose a recruitment letter to local League presidents, a memo to local League coordinators, and a form for assigning precincts and reporters; produce and mail letter and assignments to 23 local Leagues with a return card for local coordinator's name; call Leagues that don't return the post card; record names of reporters as the forms are returned; call Leagues that don't return the report form; assemble and mail packets as supplied by ABC for reporters (each precinct received an individual packet), mail reminder card for test night; record telephone numbers in the precincts as the reporters return the telephone cards.

A sure cure for a bad telephone habit - hours and hours of conversations with presidents of Leagues who didn't respond to my letter; local coordinators; reporters; MALs; county clerks; recruits for precincts not assigned to local Leagues; ABC; reporters who didn't make the test call; election night calls from reporters in trouble, reporters who just want to go home, ABC; election night calls to precincts that hadn't been reported; morning after phone calls from reporters who couldn't make a report on election night.

Mop up - read the comments of reporters as the handbooks are returned; call the reporters who haven't sent in their handbooks; send expense vouchers to Myrtle; compose, produce and mail a thank you letter for the participants; do an expense voucher for my own and state office expenses; mail handbooks and vouchers to ABC; find out exactly what happened in Gregg Co. and Montgomery Co.; write a final report; find all those pieces of paper in my house and reorganize the files for the next coordinator.

My favorite reporter's comment so far: "It perhaps would be best to have the poll judges use calculators to tally votes, they were trying to add numbers mentally and it significantly slowed the process."

LEAGUE	Key Precincts	Counties	Volunteers (reporters & coordinator)	
ABILENE				
AMARILLO	2	2	2	
ARLINGTON	4	1	5	
AUSTIN AREA	28	3	10	
BAY AREA	3	1	3	
BAYTOWN				
BEAUMONT	1	1	1	
BRAZOS COUNTY	8	1	1	
CORPUS CHRISTI	3	1	4	
DALLAS	16	1	14	
DENTON	1	1	2	
EDINBURG/McALLEN	3	2	3	
EL PASO	1	1	1	
GAINESVILLE				
GALVESTON	7	7	1	
HOUSTON AREA	22	3	3	
IRVING	2	1	2	
KERRVILLE AREA				
LUBBOCK	1	1	2	
MARSHALL/HARRISON COUNTY	7	1	7	
MIDLAND	2	1	2	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	6	1	7	
ODESSA	1	1	1	
ORANGE AREA				
PEARLAND AREA				
PLANO /COLLIN CO.				
RICHARDSON				
★ SAN ANTONIO AREA	9	2	11	★unofficial
SAN MARCOS AREA				
SHERMAN				
TARRANT COUNTY	6	1	7	
TYLER	4	2	4	
VICTORIA	12	4	12	I helped with some of the recruiting
WACO AREA	9	2	2	
WICHITA FALLS				
STATE UNITS				
BIG SPRING/HOWARD CO.				
CHEROKEE CO.				
CLEBURNE				
GREGG CO.			1	Coordinator - Tyler
TEXARKANA AREA				
WISE CO.				

November State Board Meeting
November 14-15, 1986
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LWV-Texas
Nov., 1986
L. Carpenter

GARFIELD

Ah, yes. I've managed to be so well disciplined about this convalescence business that nothing had been filed or put in any kind of order for a month. I just spent 3 days trying to plow through all the clutter--League and otherwise. It is wonderful to have both the court case and the surgery behind me. A thousand thanks for all your kind thoughts, notes, cards, flowers and plants. I seem to be getting out and about on schedule and expect to be at board meeting in fine fettle.

I don't know why the Houston folks didn't go ahead and assign housing for us, but we'll find out where we'll be staying when we get there. Actually we do know that the smokers (Louise and Mateele) will stay with Modelle and that Diane and Sally will stay with Barbara in order to work on the HCMI consensus. Reggie Turetsky will be visiting this board meeting and also staying with Barbara. Doris' husband will be accompanying her so they will arrange their own accommodations. Sondra will not be able to come at all, but Joann is going to be there. There is a chance that Mateele may not make it if the local transit authority board has their outside experts coming in at that time.

There are a couple of program area decisions we need to make. LWV-California is urging other Leagues to recommend to LWVUS that coastal issues be one of the national priorities on the Advocacy Agenda. I will share more with you at the meeting. Then the question is "Do we want to join in their recommendation?" Closer to home, the Texas Women's Political Caucus has asked us to co-sponsor a legislative workshop on Child Care and Pro-Choice on Sat., Jan. 17. They have also asked LWV-Austin. Our board will be meeting then. I will know a bit more at board meeting and we can make a decision.

Minutes, including Council '86 minutes, will be distributed at the meeting. Please try to read LWV-T minutes right away and make LWV-TEF and the Council minutes your bedtime or early morning reading. Thanks.

Diane will be returning from Keystone Fri. afternoon and will join us for dinner.

AGENDA

Friday, November 14, 1986

1:00 p.m. Arrive, greetings, shuffle paper
1:15-1:30 Read LWV-T minutes

1:30-3:30 LWV-T FIRST PLENARY SESSION

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Convention Ctte. Report--Rachel
- Report from Rosalie Goodman Internship Ctte.--Barbara
  - Decision
- Organization
  - Possible decisions on state units--Scherel
  - Any recommendations for completing field service manual?--Rachel
  - Any other reports/decisions?

Public Relations
- Development
  - T-shirt status?
  - ABC election night reporting
- Anything else in PR?

Program
- Voting Rights--report on election day observations in SOS office--Rowena
- Co-sponsor legislative workshop with TWPC? (See preboard)
- Support Calif. rec. for coastal issues in Advocacy Agenda?
- Advice for LWV-Austin on AIDS anti-discrimination coalition?--see Barbara's preboard

(If perchance we don't finish with all of the above by 3:30, we can finish next morning.)

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:30 LWV-TEF PLENARY SESSION

- Minutes
- Treasurers Report
- Development Report
  - Fundraising plans--Modelle
- Debate report
- Projects
  - State--any reports?
  - Local--Arlington, $525 for YEO request
    - Status report on other LL projects?

5:50 Recess and leave immediately for Anne Deidrick's as it will 45 minutes to get there.

Fri., Nov. 14, cont.

6:30 p.m. Arrive at Deidrick's
7:00 Dinner

After dinner, go home with your hostess for the night.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 1986

9:00 LWV-T SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Program, cont.

Discussion and decision on HCMI consensus--Sally

Discussion and decision on issue or project to be tackled at regional leadership conference.

VOTER assignments? Do now or later by mail?

Council Minutes corrections/approval

Review deadlines

12:00 noon Adjourn

Lunch on your own as far as I know.

NOVEMBER PREBOARD

You'll receive Lois' preboard and the agenda under separate cover. The minutes will be handed out at the meeting.

Also, Diane Sheridan is sending her preboard to your home. Her karma was not in synch with the music of the spheres on the day she "sent her preboard to the state office." You would have been REALLY bored reading what was in that envelope. . . .

preboard November 1986
Sally Coughlin

My trip to Tuscon was WONDERFUL! Not only was the Rural Health Meeting interesting and informative but the area is beautiful. The interesting thing about Arizona is that it is the only state without a Medicaid plan; they care for the indigent population by a County Access system..probably less complicated than we could imagine as there are only 13 counties. A conversation with a former state senator leads me to believe that not only does Texas have misconceptions about Medicaid, but so does Arizona!

State Debate planning is still in the subcommittee stage. As a member of the Who Pays? group, I can only relay that we have narrowed down choices of debators and reaction panelists for our topic, subject to approval by the executive committee. The format now is a Sun. through Tues noon, with 3 possible dates..last two weeks of March or first of April.

I have had some good feedback about the general meetings and consensus meetings on HCMI from several LLs. I also had the good fortune to attend the Austin meeting which was a model for how a program should be conducted. Members certainly have some definite opinions on the subject. Stay tuned for a position paper.

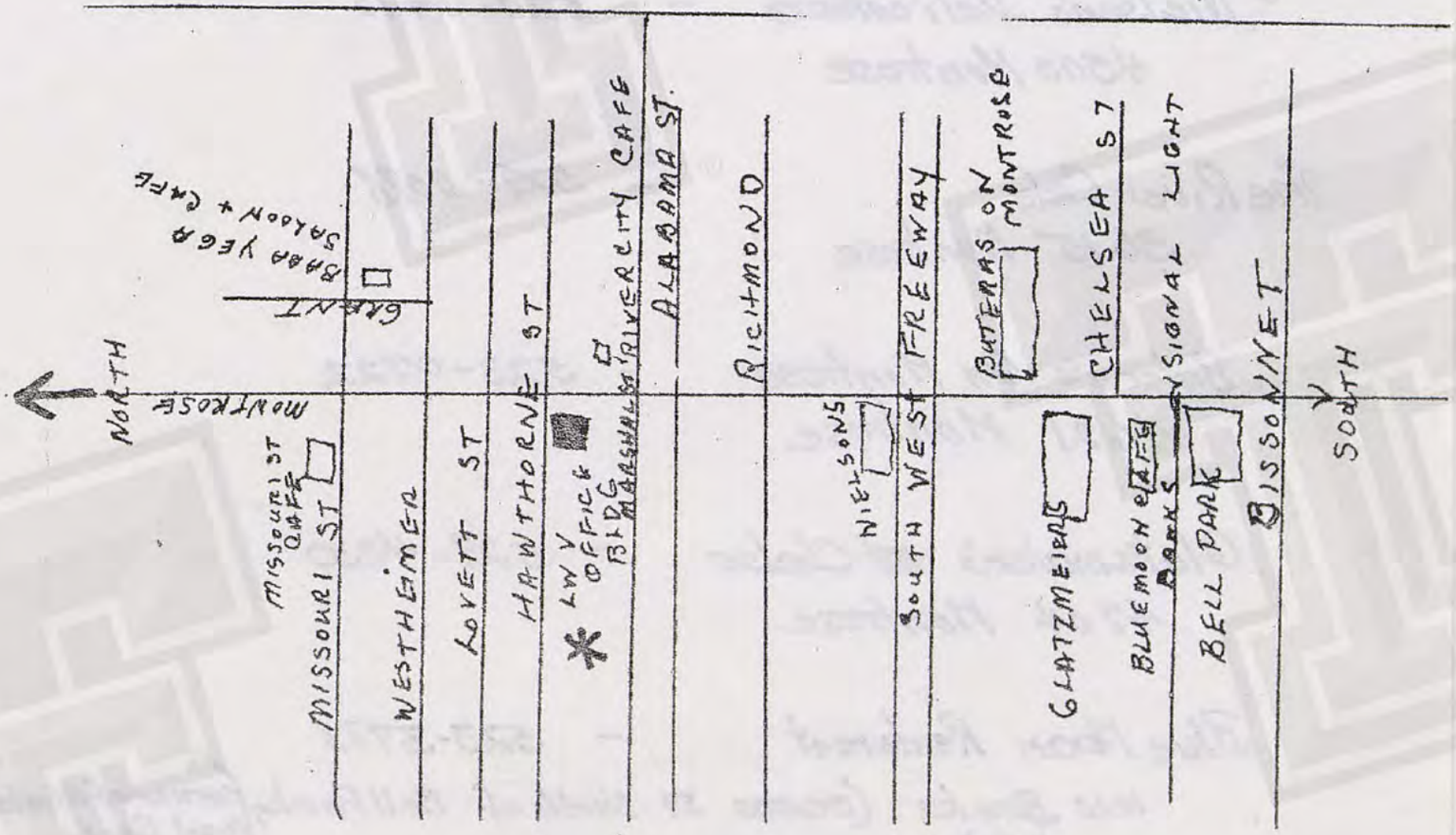
October 27, 1986
To: State Board, LWVTexas
From: LWV Houston
Re: Nov. 14 - 15 Board Meeting in Houston

For those who are driving:
Traveling East on I 10 -take Studemont Exit, turn right (South) on Studemont.

If traveling west on I 10 - Heights-Studemont Exit, U turn and follow signs for Studemont. Turn Right on Studemont.
Studemont becomes Montrose- South on Montrose to first light after Westheimer,-- Hawthorne. The Cody Building is on the Southwest corner of Montrose and Hawthorne. Turn right on Hawthorne, left into Cody Building Visitor Parking.
Take the stairwell ½ flight to 2nd floor. The LWV office, right to Suite 229.
The Conference Room (Meeting Place) is on third floow -R oom 313.

If you are coming by Air let us know which Airport (Hobby where possible); Airline; flight number, time of arrival. Someone will meet you.

Enclosed is a list of restaurants (for lunch). Dinner on Fri. Evening will be at the home of Anne Deidrick.
Please let us know who is coming and names of smokers.
If you have any questions call the League office -- [redacted] 9am to 3 pm or Helen Hunter [redacted]



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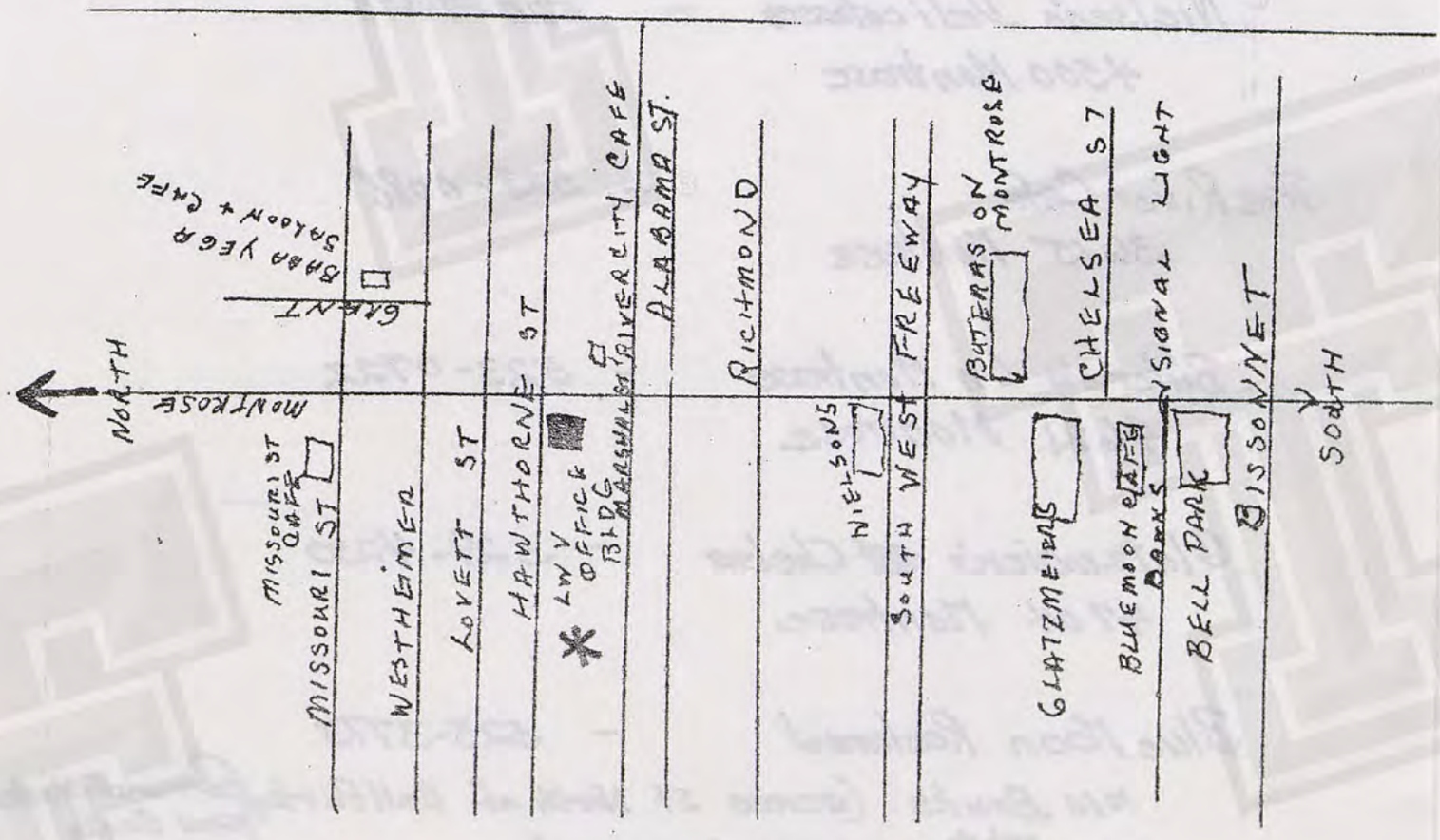
October 27, 1986
To: State Board, LWVTexas
From: LWV Houston
Re: Nov. 14 - 15 Board Meeting in Houston

For those who are driving:
Traveling East on I 10 -take Studemont Exit, turn right (South) on Studemont.

If traveling west on I 10 - Heights-Studemont Exit, U turn and follow signs for Studemont. Turn Right on Studemont.
Studemont becomes Montrose- South on Montrose to first light after Westheimer,-- Hawthorne. The Cody Building is on the Southwest corner of Montrose and Hawthorne.
Turn right on Hawthorne, left into Cody Building Visitor Parking.
Take the stairwell ½ flight to 2nd floor. The LWV office, right to Suite 229.
The Conference Room (Meeting Place) is on third floow -R oom 313.

If you are coming by Air let us know which Airport (Hobby where possible); Airline; flight number, time of arrival. Someone will meet you.

Enclosed is a list of restaurants (for lunch). Dinner on Fri. Evening will be at the home of Anne Deidrick.
Please let us know who is coming and names of smokers.
If you have any questions call the League office -- [redacted] 9am to 3 pm or Helen Hunter [redacted]



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November Pre-Board - Carver

Big Spring AU still has 15 members. Four did not renew, but they added 5 new members. Advisor Pat Stanley says that while they are very low-key, they are serving an important purpose. Big Spring has been hit hard by the oil crunch, even losing population. So they are doing quite well to have maintained. Pat says that they still don't have as good newspaper coverage as they would like. Grace Long has agreed to remain Chair.

Cleburne continues to be strong, with 13 members, however 6 are due before January. The paper published the statewide, plus their local Voters' Guide. Ethel describes them as being exactly what a State Unit should be.

Wise County also had a Voters Guide published, but they just don't have the initiative (time?) to meet quarterly. I am to call Addie Ruth Green, the Chair, after the election to see what they have decided. We may be voting to disband them and have instead five isolated MAL's.

Gregg Co. (Longview) has a meeting tentatively planned for November 11, although there are only 4 paid members left. I cannot predict whether or not we will keep them as a unit. Two members, however, are doing election night reporting. I hope that that might be the impetus to keep them going.

Greg Beil says that Texarkana had a meeting planned last month and then cancelled it. They were also invited to participate with Marshall in a debate for the special State Senate election, but didn't want to. They are also down to 4 members and last met in May. I told Greg that they need to meet this month and to have ±10 members by year's end or we would disband them at January board meeting. He said that Chair Cheryl Pinkerton understands this.

We won't know for sure, of course, about Cherokee Co. because we gave them till end of November to have 25 members. Actually, this means that only 15 have to renew when they are due, and I asked the treasurer to do her best to collect those the first week in November and to mail to S. O. If they do that, we could make them provisional then. Otherwise it would be January.

There are currently 136 MAL's: 70 in units and 66 isolated. Charlene says that a couple of the isolated are doing ABC reporting. After January, we could have six units, or we could have two. Makes it difficult to plan a budget, doesn't it?

I really haven't seen a huge response to the national direct mail campaign, but it may be the lag time before LWV-US notifies us.

Ethel

PREBOARD: NOVEMBER 14-15 Board Meeting

Modelle Brudner

FINANCE:

I. Mailing for Fall activities - TEF (Debate and Voters Guides)

132 letters:

$ 50.00 Fayez Sarofim & Co. - Houston
100.00 Howard & Carrie Horne - Houston
$150.00

- 85.80 expenses

$ 64.20

II. Debate

$3,300 Lomas & Nettleton - Dallas
1,500 MBanks - Houston (Not received yet, but I have been assured we will get this)
$4,800

EXPENSES:

$2,000 TV Satellite
700 Radio Satellite
187.90 Food
13.53 Press Releases
302.95 My phone bills
$3,204.38 PLUS LOIS' EXPENSES AND A FEW OTHER MINOR OUTSTANDING EXPENSES

OIL IMPORT FEE DEBATE:

As of now, I have been unable to secure air time for this program. I have checked with network TV and PBS in Dallas. I will be checking with the PBS station in Houston this week. There seems to be the feeling that the program subject is of little interest to the general public-for network TV-, and KERA in Dallas seems to feel that the League will try to run the program and they don't want to deal with us-they would do the program on their own if they felt there was interest.

PREBOARD
MCCORMICK
HUMAN RESOURCES
NOVEMBER, 1986

As you will recall, we appointed a board committee to select Texas delegates to the LWVUS Experience in Washington project. November 1st was the deadline for applications. We have had only one applicant to date, and she is Janet Skidmore Cason from the Amarillo League. We have not heard from any state board members yet. Did any of you intend to apply?

Fridays are usually bombshell days, and today I received a letter from the Austin League requesting guidance about joining the "Austin Task Force on Aids-related Discrimination." This disease seems destined to impact the entire community, and we need to help Local Leagues respond to community pressure and actions. Our national Social Policy position clearly includes "combating discrimination". At a previous state convention we had a question about discrimination based on sexual preference, I think, and was that included in the League position. Nancy Reader, Social Policy staff, said, "combating discrimination means <u>all kinds of discrimation</u>." Clearly, Local Leagues can, upon their Board's approval, take action in their community against AIDS-related discrimination. What is not clear and is very hazardous is what kind of action will a coalition take and what will be the repercussions for the Local League. Public education about the disease seems a reasonable goal, but what is really accepted as fact in terms of the spread of AIDS. Even the medical researchers and doctors disagree. Could we repeat the witch-hunting of the fifties with the AIDS issue of the eighties? It is an alarming and somber public policy issue facing the entire country. Diane and I are going to respond to the Austin LWV Board with some guidelines and direction about member agreement, other considerations, etc. when acting under a national position.

Sally and I will have an update on the State Debate on Health Care at the board meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you in Houston!

LCa
SO

TO: State Board — from Evelyn Bonavita

FOR: Pre-board for November 1986 mini-board meeting

October 31, 1986

Lawsuit

Diane and I were all set to attend the hearing on our lawsuit in which the Texas Association of Business is suing the state (TACB, TWC TDH, etc.) over administrative penalties, on Friday, October 24. At practically the very last moment the hearing was postponed under December 12. Seems the other side has one attorney who is receiving radiation treatments, and he wasn't feeling well enough to participate in the hearing. Incidentally, the Texas Municipal League has filed an amicus brief in support of the TAB position.

Women's Legislative Days

The steering committee for this event said it was fine if we wanted to put a flyer in the packets advertising our t-shirts. And we will be getting a free suite so we can plan to have a continental breakfast of our own choosing (and buying and setting up) in the suite early on Tuesday morning for all the local League people who are there so we can brief them on what to say in their talks to legislators.

Merit Selection Committee

Did Lois announce that DianaeClark and I had been appointed to a Committee of 100 to come up with a plan to present to the legislature on merit selection of judges? The committee met last weekend, and most of the 100 "leading citizens of the state" attended. Diana will be vice chair of the one of the subcommittees and I was appointed to the legislative liaison subcommittee. The whole affair was very well organized, and the committee plans to hold hearings around the state between now and when the legislature goes into session. The subcommittees will be dealing with the make-up of the nominating commission, when the retention election will be held after the judge has held office, and whether the whole plan should be local option or not. This last issue seems to be of prime importance in Texas, which is not uniformly delighted with the idea of merit selection. Another issue is whether merit selection should be restricted to appellate judges and exclude trial judges. So, whereas the major decision has been made (we're all for merit selection), there are quite a few attendant decisions that warrant some work. More later.

Conference on Taxes

Jan and I met once again with the group planning the tax conference. Once again, no decision was made as to whether or not to hold the conference. This time there was extensive discussion on the role of the state, a subject we had decided last time not to emphasize. This time we postponed a final decision until after the pre-legislative workshop that the LBJ School holds for new legislators early in December. One of the subjects of that workshop will be state finances.

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU:

WE SUPPORT

PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES

MINUTES (in this mailing)

CONVENTION COMMITTEE PLEASE BRING WORKBOOK FROM THE AUSTIN CONVENTION

September State Board Meeting
Sept. 12-14, 1986
Quality Inn South
[redacted]

LWV-Texas
Sept., 1986
L. Carpenter

PREBOARD AND AGENDA

Quality Inn South, where we also met in June, is south of the river on IH-35 on the west side of the expressway. Coming from north and south, take the Oltorf/Live Oak exit, #232-A.

We will convene in one of the meeting rooms (Suite IV) at 1:00 p.m. Fri. Louise will not be able to come. Franci needs to be in Albuquerque Sat. evening and would have to leave the board meeting by noon, so she has opted to save us the expense of her coming for so short a time. Frances and Sondra will arrive in time for Saturday a.m. meeting. Modelle will be late on Fri., arriving mid to late afternoon. Jan Albers will join us Sat. to review tax options, and Karen Miller will attend all or part of the board meeting. Roommate suggestions follow:

Bonavita/Carpenter 251
Brudner/McMahan 253
Watson/Rittgers 252

Coughlin/Sheridan 249
McCormick/Carver 257

Gooch/Rodgers [illegible]
Ferstl/McIntyre
(Sat. only)

Thank you for all the preboards. They will help bring us up to date and save board discussion time. I hope to have some news on the budget chair and Nov. board meeting location soon. If you don't receive June board minutes with the preboard, they will be at the meeting, as will the Council minutes. Lateness of the Council minutes is my fault. Doris gave them to me to review at the June meeting, but I shoved them in my folder with the April board minutes and promptly forgot about them! When she asked me about them recently, I did not remember having seen them at all. It's true: For every gray hair and wrinkle that comes, a piece of the memory goes. . .

In thinking about legislative priorities and the serious overall problem we face in revenue shortfall, I find myself wondering if it is time to consider publishing not only our usual kind of advocacy papers, but also a more in-depth Texas focus on financing State Government. In preparation for the '81 session we published several advocacy papers plus three focus papers--one supporting solar energy, one supporting energy conservation, and one opposing wiretapping. This type of paper (only one sheet front and back, but wordier than the usual advocacy paper) would be useful in educating both the legislature and our members about our position on FSG, what taxes we would support, and why. If you like the idea, the questions are: Can we affort it? Who would write it?

At our VP meeting Aug. 21 Modelle brought up a proposal she had just received from the Houston Area Steering Ctte. of Energy Security Policy, Inc. They would like us to put on a televised (PBS I think) debate on the oil import tax with the preferred debaters to be Mack Wallace on the pro side and Phil Gramm for the con. Of course they wanted it done before the election. They do have money to pay for it. Modelle was to research it further and report to us at board meeting.

Carpenter preboard, cont.

Due to the higher number of precincts we will be covering in election night reporting for ABC, they will pay us a higher coordinating fee than originally proposed. At the moment I can't find the figure, but it was around $900. This is in addition to the $1250 already promised us. It may prove difficult to secur volunteer reporters for precincts in non-local League areas, as well as in some LL areas. Some reporters may have to be paid a fee, so we may not end up with much extra. Shall we wait to examine this after the election, deciding then whether any extra money shall go to the T budget, to Charlene, or some to both?

We need to select delegates to the regional Leadership Development Conference sponsored by LWVUS for state Leagues. It will be in Dallas, Nov. 21-23 for three delegates per state from California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Washington. That will be only 24 delegates, a rather exclusive little conference, which I imagine each of you would love to attend. Emphasis will be placed on membership and financial development. Conference topics, including a possible issue focus, are being discussed at a national League membership and development committee meeting this week. I should know by board meeting time about the issue focus or any other topics. LWVUS will pay for travel costs, two nights lodging at the conference hotel (unknown at this time) and all meals during the conference except Saturday night dinner. Saturday night will be a special time for conference participants to network informally with each other. Be thinking about who should be our delegates (not me) and whether we should authorize funding for the Sat. dinner and non-conference (travel time) meals.

We need to consider what procedures we will use for selecting applicants for the Experience in Washington internship program. This duty has come to us unexpectedly, but it does seem to me that national has structured it in a logical manner, and it will certainly be a wonderful opportunity for the two interns chosen. You will have noticed in the latest Presidents Letter that, (due to time constraints) I rather dictatorially announced November 1 as a postmark deadline for local League applications to be sent to the state office. It corresponds with the HCMI consensus deadline and still gives local Leagues almost two months to get their applications in. Shall we appoint a committee to consider the applications before or during the November board meeting? Do we want just board members on the committee, or would you want to consider offboard, past board or even LL? How many and who? Could organization core discuss this and make a recommendation? Also, should we announce to Texas Leagues, via postboards or VOTER, the names of applicants we are recommending to national?

Have you heard of the Roosevelt Center for American Policy Studies? It was founded in 1982, is based in Chicago with an office in Washington, D.C., and their purpose is to involve citizens in public policy decisions. In particular they design games to involve citizens in choosing (federal) public policy options. An earlier game on arms control was called Wildfire. A newer one on the federal budget is called Debt Busters, in which players struggle to balance a fictitious 1990 federal budget. There will be a Debt Busters Megathon Sept. 10th in which the game will be played in each state's capital city by teams of 16 people representing a cross section of special interests and government officials. As cosponsors in various locations they have enlisted the aid of groups ranging from Viet Nam Vets to state LWVs.

Carpenter preboard, cont.

Their plans to have the Texas Municipal League serve as cosponsors and organizer in Texas fell through, so they called us last week. After checking with national and the Wisconsin LWV I decided against calling you all to explain it and get your vote. Told them not this year, but maybe on another occasion if there is more time and we could possibly have a more active part. They had wanted us to furnish $150, be listed as a cosponsor, and supposedly reap a lot of good PR. They already had arrangements and the game players pretty well lined up. Moderator is to be Prof. Glen Cope of LBJ School and players include Ann Richards and David Nesenholz of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The Wisconsin LWV on the other hand is paying nothing, but their PR board member is in charge of the whole thing. She has selected the players, including a few state board members, and state Pres. as moderator. They have played the game before and really like it and the Roosevelt Center.

On the other hand, two national staff members played Debt Busters last year and were not pleased with the options given the players. Also, then, the budget had to be balanced with no choice of considering new revenue or any deficit spending. I think that aspect has now been changed. As you might imagine, the Roosevelt Center is often in competition with LWVUS for funding. National has declined to endorse the Roosevelt Center, but is trying to keep relations cordial and doors open. We will probably hear from them again.

One of my main concerns was that results of the games (policies and options chosen by the players) are to be announced to the media and to Congress. It seemed possible that if we were cosponsors, the public might construe the game results as the League's position.

Did you know that Laura Keever was recently reappointed to the Radiation Advisory Board? From the looks of that board's list in the Texas State Directory she is the only woman on it. Do you suppose it is harder to find a woman for that board than for the PUC?

ADDENDA FROM LOVELACE

1. Please have any supplies orders for material from the SO ready when you arrive. Multiple trips back and forth during the weekend don't work out well (unless an emergency crops up!)

We now have good tan letterhead with only TEF in the masthead. If you'll need some, please request.

2. If you have good manila envelopes--A-1 condition--please bring.

3. Please don't use our printed letterhead (of any sort) to write to other board members or the SO. You can do that on paper towels and save a lot of money. We all know who we are. Oh, well, if you're going to make copies for other folks instead of sending original sheets, that's different. . . .

4. One more picky, picky, paper petition. Please, you Disaperf users, since your numbers are growing could you remove your perfs and burst your printouts before you send them away. Recipients will be grateful.

5. Update on the DIRECT MAILING using LWVUS labels. The income thus far is $2215: $1075 to T, and $1140 to TEF. We figure our expenses at about $675. Myrtle will split them between T and TEF since that's how the returns are running. We are considering this little activity closed, although a tiny bit more may straggle in. The bulk of the money comes in very early in such mailings.

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AGENDA

Friday, Sept. 12, 1986

LWV-T FIRST PLENARY SESSION

1:00 P.M.	Arrive, Register
1:15	Be in meeting room; greetings, shuffle paper
1:30-3:00	√Minutes √Treasurers Report √Presidents Report Decisions on joining: Women's Equity Network Container deposit coalition √Report and action on Periodic Program Review √Lawsuit update √Program Institute evaluations
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-5:00	Program and Organization cores meet. (Org. core to cover LL TEF projects.) Any PR core folks, choose Org. or Program for this time period.
5:00-5:45	R & R
5:45-7:15	Dinner
7:30- ?	All cores meet

Saturday, Sept. 13, 1986

8:30-9:30 a.m.	Convention Committee meets: Gooch/McMahan, Bonavita, Coughlin, Cummins, McIntyre (Program Core can continue without Coughlin and Bonavita?)
9:30-10:30	Bylaws Ctte.: Rodgers, McIntyre, Watson Development Ctte.: Brudner, Ferstl, Gooch, McMahan, Rittgers, Smith
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	LWV-T SECOND PLENARY SESSION √PR Core √Development Report and plans √Decision on extra money from election night reporting? Org. Core √State Units √Provisional status for Cherokee County? √Change of Org. basis for Plano? √Field Service
12:00-1:00	Lunch

Sat., Sept. 13, Second LWV-T Plenary, cont.

1:00-3:30 Program--Sheridan et al
- Positions on constitutional amendments
- Review of taxes the League could support/decisions--Albers
- Legislative priorities: discussion/decision??
- Advocacy paper assignments
- Legislative interview questions

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:00 LWV-TEF FIRST PLENARY SESSION
- Minutes
- Treasurers Report
- Development Report and plans
- VS/CI report?

5:00-5:45 R & R
5:45-7:15 Dinner

7:30-9:30 Continue TEF Plenary Session
- Gubernatorial Debate status
- Consider debate on oil import tax?
- TEF Projects
  - Status of pending projects
    - State
    - Local
  - Projects to approve
    - LWV-Corpus Christi--fall VG

Sunday, Sept. 14, 1986

9:00-10:00 a.m. LWV-TEF SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Program
- State Health Care debate--participation decision
- Sponsor Wilderness PowWow Apr. 4-5, decision
- Conference on revenue options, report--Bonavita
- Focus on Public School Finance, plans/decision--Miller

Other TEF business?

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00 LWV-T THIRD PLENARY SESSION
- Policy on membership participation in consensus--Sheridan
- Select delegates to LWVUS regional leadership training
- Decide selection procedures for Experience in Wash. applicants
- VOTER assignments
- ~~Council minutes~~ Convention Committee Report
- Review calendar

Next Board Meeting

12:00 Adjourn and lunch

LWV TEXAS
Treasurer's Report
September 1986

In the process of getting everything ready to take to the auditor, I discovered I had made a major error on my May 25, 1986 financial balance sheet for TEF. The mistake was to our good by over $10,000. So, with a red face, I can tell you that we were able to pay LWV-T the reimbursements from TEF. We ended the LWV-T with cash on hand of $10,607.84 -- $103.84 less than we started the year with. That is pretty good! We did not fare so well in TEF.

In the new year's budget, the one decision that I know we need to make is what to do with the funds received from Pasadena State Unit. They total $2,189.13, and I have temporarily deposited them in T. They have requested that as much of these funds as possible go to the Capital Fund Drive.

The books were taken to Dallas for audit on August 26, 1986. I did not realize that so much was envolved in getting them ready for audit. I spent many sleepless nights getting them all together. I'm sure that there aare some errors, but hopefully nothing major. I do know that all of the accounts for money in the bank, accounts receivable, and certificates of deposit all balance. Anything she finds will be within the individual accounts--such as charging postage when it should have been supplies. I did make a correction to the Beth Brown Memorial Fund. I had not added right. This is one that is not on the computer and I have to do it by hand.

This year's balance sheets will be handed out at the meeting. I do not plan to bring each of you the individual ledger sheets (the cut up sheets of paper) unless you request them.

LWV-TEF

I had not entered the Condo Equity on both sides of the balance sheet in the right manner, therefore the major error. I went back and listed all of the remodeling costs and have changed the equity to reflect all of the costs. I apparently missed one of them previously.

TEF did not end the year in as good a shape as T. The Operating Fund balance was reduced from $23,699.80 on June 1, 1985 to $5,753.95 on June 1, 1986. I paid the TV station for the Gubernatorial Debates, using only the $1,828.85 left from the grant charged to last year, and the remaining $2,280.24 charged to the new fiscal year. (At the time I wrote the check, I thought we were going to end the year with a negative figure in the Ed Fund Operating Fund. The total bill was $4,109.09.

Pasadena had $200 in their Ed Fund Account, and I closed it out into Operating at the end of the fiscal year. Should you decide otherwise, this could be corrected.

TEF PROJECTS STILL CURRENT:
LWV-Abilene A Citizens Guide to Abilene - Carver Supervisor Completed.
LWV-Edinburg/McAllen - Research on water issues - I wrote them and asked thim if they still planned on doing this. Have not heard back--suggest we cancel this.
LWV-Lubbock - County Govt Book- Cummins - Supervisor
LWV-Tarrant Co. - Co. Govt Book-McMahan Supervisor - It has been published--and there is a slight problem with thier giving Ed Fund credit - Will discuss this at meeting--they have not submitted their bills yet. Completed
LWV-Tarrant Co - YEO - approved by phone - McMahan, Supervisor - Completed

LWV-TEF
Treasurer's Report - continued

NEW REQUESTS:

LWV-Corpus Christi - Voters Guides for November

COMPLETED TEF LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS:

LWV Corpus Christi - Voters Guides $958.61 + 47.93 = $1006.54

LWV Arlington - YEOs $333.00 = 16.65 = $349.65

LWV Waco - YEO's (combined two requests) $310.59 + 15.53 + $326.12

LWV Corpus Christi - Indigent Health Lunch $339.54 + 16.98 = $356.52

sent approved

NOTE TO SUPERVISORS

Please send a note or at least initial in the corner the Project Financial Report Forms. I have had to play detective to determine that you have seen them. A number of Leagues have sent the forms to me themselves--and luckily I have caught them before writing the checks.

Doris--Are you getting copies of the publications to file with your records? That is none to clear.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

BALANCE SHEET MAY 31, 1986 (FINAL UNAUDITED)

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

J1	SALES TAX PAYABLE				11.46
J2	PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE				263.77
J3	OTHER PAYABLE				5009.12
J4	RESERVE FUND				15000.00
J5	ENDOWMENT FUND				$2,000.00
J6	PRE-RECD INCOME (1986-87)				640.00
	ACCRUAL FOR LEGISLATIVE SESSION			4700.00	
K1	OPERATING FUND BAL 6/1/85	8706.57			
K2	BETH BROWN RESTRICTED, BAL 6/1/8	2005.00			
	BAL. 3/31/86			657.89	
	INCOME LESS EXPENSES		-103.73		
	FUNDS ON HAND MARCH 31, 1986		10607.84	5249.95	
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH					33532.19

ASSETS

M1	INTERFIRST BANK AUSTIN CHECKING	4618.30
M2	OFFICE ACCOUNT	300.00
M3	PETTY CASH	30.00
M4	MERRILL LYNCH READY ASSETS	5617.95
M5	LONG TERM CERTIFICATE	13367.47
M6	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	110.10
M7	TEF RECEIVABLE	6294.18
M8	OTHER RECEIVABLE	79.71
M9	PRE-PAID EXPENSES 1986-87	3114.48
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	TOTAL ASSETS	33532.19

BUDGET ANALYSIS JUNE 1, 1985 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1986

	INCOME	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
A1	LOCAL LEAGUE AND PER MEMBER PAYMENTS	34257.00	34276.00	34257.03	18.97
A2	MEMBERS JOINING THROUGH NATL	105.00		125.00	-20.00
A3	DUES M-A-L & STATE UNIT MEMBERS	4950.00		3396.50	1553.50
A4	PROVIONAL LEAGUE	200.00			200.00
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	SUB TOTAL A	39512.00	39531.00	37778.53	1752.47
					0.00
B1	INTEREST ON SAVINGS	1600.00		2213.15	-613.15
		==========	==========	==========	==========
	SUB TOTAL B	1600.00		2213.15	-613.15
					0.00
C1	DUPLICATE PRESIDENT'S MAILINGS	3000.00		2560.00	440.00
C2	PUBLICATIONS ON HAND	1500.00		1893.44	-393.44
C3	ME SUPPORT	600.00		419.25	180.75
C4	PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES	150.00		197.91	-47.91

C5 NON-PUB SALES	50.00		126.71	-76.71
SUB TOTAL C	5300.00		5197.31	102.69
D1 MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	1032.00		84.44	947.56
D2A STATE FUND RAISING, GENERAL	8109.00	8610.00	2575.00	6035.00
D2B STATE FUND RAISING, DIRECT MAIL	0.00		4892.00	-4892.00
D3 BOARD MEMBERS, UNREIMBURSED EXP.	2300.00		2563.96	-263.96
SUB TOTAL D	11441.00	11942.00	10115.40	1826.60
F1 COUNCIL, 1986	4500.00		4281.00	-4281.00
SUB TOTAL F	4500.00		4281.00	-4281.00
G1 IN KIND ASSISTANCE	1000.00		0.00	0.00
SUB TOTAL G	1000.00		0.00	0.00
H1 TRANSFER FROM BETH BROWN FUND		2005.00 *	1347.11	657.89
H2 TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00			
TOTAL INCOME	63353.00	63873.00	60932.50	2940.50

EXPENSES

	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
N1 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2000.00		2402.55	-402.55
N2 GENERAL SUPPLIES	1000.00		-0.50	1000.50
N3 POSTAGE	1400.00		975.98	424.02
N4 TELEPHONE	1650.00		1426.40	223.60
N5 INSURANCE	550.00		351.33	198.67
N6 RENT AND PARKING	4785.00	5295.50	5293.50	2.00
N7 SALARIES	23430.00	23860.00	23856.00	4.00
N8 PAYROLL TAXES	1860.00	1892.00	2012.06	-120.06
N9 AUDIT AND TAX REPORTS	500.00		750.00	-250.00
N10 OFFICE OVERHEAD	-7435.00	-7527.00	-6200.84	-1326.16
N11 EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	100.00	2600.00	2611.42	-11.42
N12 TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-12528.00	-13279.00	-13011.49	-267.51
SUB TOTAL N	17312.00	19941.00	20466.41	-525.41
O1A PRESIDENT, TRAVEL & PER DIEM	700.00		152.00	548.00
O1B PRESIDENT, TELEPHON	1600.00		2910.10	-1310.10
O1C PRESIDENT, POSTAGE & SUPPLIES	100.00		22.00	78.00
O2 SECRETARY & TREASURER	800.00		648.11	151.89
O3A BOARD TOOLS	650.00		659.00	-9.00
O3B1BOARD MEETING, JUNE	2340.00	2100.00	1525.00	575.00
O3B2BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER	1800.00		2024.54	-224.54
O3B3BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER	1060.00		961.31	98.69
O3B4BOARD MEETING, JANUARY	1800.00		2228.68	-428.68
O3B5BOARD MEETING, APRIL	2300.00		2539.62	-239.62

03C BOARD MAILINGS	2600.00		2673.56	-73.56
03D UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES, BD MEETINGS	400.00		928.34	-528.34
04A BUDGET COMMITTEE	400.00		221.60	178.40
04B1DEVELOPMENT,GENERAL	1835.00		2082.79	-247.79
04B2DEVELOPMENT, DIRECT MAIL	0.00		2106.71	-2106.71
04C INTERIM COMMITTEES	300.00		24.29	275.71
04D NOMINATING AND BYLAWS	50.00		141.89	-91.89
05 TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-7335.00		-6686.42	-648.58
06 UNREIMBURSED EXP., ADMINISTRATIVE	600.00		819.17	-219.17
SUB TOTAL 0	12000.00	11760.00	15982.29	-3982.29
P1 NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1986	2000.00		1715.76	
P2 STATE COUNCIL, 1986	4500.00		4239.21	
SUB TOTAL P	6500.00		5954.97	545.03
Q1 NATIONAL SERVICES	1100.00		1092.00	8.00
SUB TOTAL Q	1100.00		1092.00	8.00
R1 VICE PRESIDENTS EXPENSES	375.00		25.12	349.88
R2 VOTER	4000.00		3388.63	611.37
R3A PUB DIRECTOR EXPENSE	50.00		0.00	50.00
R3B MARKETING	400.00		12.29	387.71
R3C DUPLICATE PRESIDENT'S MAILINGS	3000.00		2647.71	352.29
R3D PUBLICATIONS ON HAND	1500.00		2089.88	-589.88
R3E WE SUPPORT	600.00		810.40	-210.40
R3F PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES	260.00		426.14	-166.14
R4 TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-2410.00		-2093.48	-316.52
R5 UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	100.00		0.00	100.00
SUB TOTAL S	7875.00		7306.69	568.31
S1 VICE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSE	300.00		28.69	271.31
S2 FIELD SERVICE	2300.00		1981.83	318.17
S3 WORKSHOPS	450.00	1675.00	677.11	997.89
S4 NEW LEAGUES AND NEW UNITS	360.00		162.13	197.87
S5 MEMBERSHIP	200.00		122.03	77.97
S6 PROVISIONAL LEAGUE	300.00		0.00	300.00
S7 STATE UNIT SUPPORT	800.00		246.41	553.59
S8 MAILINGS TO STATE UNIT CHAIRS	420.00		397.43	22.57
S9 MAILINGS TO MEMBERS AT LARGE	1980.00		2224.13	-244.13
S10 MAILINGS TO LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS	2000.00		1353.36	646.64
S11 TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-2225.00		-1872.91	-352.09
S12 UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	400.00		228.03	171.97
SUB TOTAL S	7285.00	8510.00	5548.24	2961.76
T1 VICE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES	500.00		991.04	-491.04
T2A PROGRAM ACTION, GOVERNMENT	400.00		72.85	327.15
T2B PROGRAM ACTION, VOTING RIGHTS	50.00		3.98	46.02
T2C PROGRAM ACTION, PPRC	150.00		25.63	124.37
T2D PROGRAM ACTION, AJ; JUDICIAL	50.00		56.34	-6.34
T2E PROGRAM ACTION, HUM RESOURCE, BMC	250.00		289.92	-39.92
T2F PROGRAM ACTION, HUM. RESOURCE, RT	100.00		19.92	80.08

T2G PROGRAM ACTION, HEALTH CARE	50.00		2.09	47.91
T2H PROGRAM ACTION, MUTL	50.00		34.68	15.32
T2I PROGRAM ACTION, NR	100.00		79.26	20.74
T2J PROGRAM ACTION, AIR	150.00		172.89	-22.89
T2K PROGRAM ACTION, WATER	100.00		97.72	2.28
T2L PROGRAM ACTION, LWVUS NON VERTICAL	50.00		28.13	21.87
T3 COALITIONS AND OTHER	125.00		41.81	83.19
T4 UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	700.00		588.42	111.58
SUB TOTAL T	2825.00		2504.68	320.32

U1 LOBBY AND OFFICE EXPENSE	950.00	300.00	333.84	-33.84
U2 ACCRUAL FOR NEXT SESSION	4700.00		4700.00 **	0.00
U3 SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION		650.00	0.00	650.00
U4 UNREIMBURSED EXPENSE	100.00		0.00	100.00
SUB TOTAL U	5750.00	5750.00	5033.84	716.16
V1 IN KIND ASSISTANCE	1000.00		0.00	1000.00
SUB TOTAL V	1000.00		0.00	1000.00
M1 LL SHARE OF STATE FUND RAISING	1706.00		500.00	1206.00
SUB TOTAL M	1706.00		500.00	1206.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	63353.00	66967.50	64389.12	2578.38

*TRANSFERRED FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
**TRANSFERRED INTO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

DIANE'S PRE-BOARD FOR SEPTEMBER, 1986 BOARD MEETING

AGENDA--T

DSt	Join container deposit coalition
EB	Legislative priorities/advocacy paper assignments
EB	Legislative interview questions
RR	Positions on constitutional amendments
LCu/DS	Periodic Program Review Committee report
DS/EB	Lawsuit
JA	Review of taxes the League could support/decision

AGENDA--TEF

SaC/BMc	State health care debate
DS	Sponsor Wilderness PowWow April 4-5
EB	Conference on revenue options
KM	Focus on Public School Finance

Container deposit--Debbie recommends that we join Association for Beverage Container Deposits (ABCD), a newly revitalized and now formal coalition with which we've worked in the past. For $50 annual dues we get a member on the board. There's money in T Coalitions. Must vote Friday as they meet Saturday.

Jan will talk to the board about taxes the League could support. Besides the ones we've considered in the past, we now have to consider gross receipts, expansions in the sales tax, etc. Since Special Session II will only be a week old, we think this will still be timely. Decisions on such items require that we all understand them, so I currently plan this discussion to be for the whole board and not first for the core. Jan is back helping with FSG. She has no title, but we're sure glad to have her assistance!

Legislative priorities--Tentative decisions made in June are usually finalized in September in order to get the brochure out to legislators before the session starts. We may need to delay decision till November board so we know what the Lege does in special session(s). However, we must do our discussing in September because November has no core time--even if that discussion is laying out several options from which we later pick priorities and legislative interview questions.

Please review pre-boards from those with items they feel should be top priorities. Be ready for a difficult decision if the financial woes remain. I personally wonder if we need only one priority: providing adequate funding for programs we care most about. Advocacy papers will be assigned once we firm up our priorities. In June, we tentatively selected DV, HCMI, Air, Human Services funding, and Merit Selection.

Legislative interview questions track priorities. They are scheduled for a mailing with a November 21 deadline, so we could still get them

to LLs for the usual use in December and early January even if we couldn't finalize them till November.

Phyllis Frye, LWV-Houston, suggests a legislative priority to remove a section of the penal code that apparently deals with criminal sanctions against homosexual activity; the Supreme Court decision in the Georgia sodomy case legitimizes such state laws. She also asked for a VG question on this and plans to raise it at convention.

Franci and Mateele--legislative priority brochure logos should be prepared for the topics set in June plus one for finance.

Positions on constitutional amendments--
No. 1--SJR 15--railroad rolling stock--no position? (Doris)
No. 2--SJR 33--bill caption--core must discuss as this is really a difficult one to evaluate (Evelyn)
No. 3--HJR 73--mutual insurance--no position (Rowena)

As of this writing, it appears that there could be more as a result of Special Session I: interstate banking, lottery, betting. I don't think we have positions on any of these. I don't know who Rowena has assigned to do the pro/con for the Voters Guide and VOTER, but it will be a challenge to gather enough info!

The Periodic Program Review Committee process works! FSG and AJ received the detailed analysis the board should provide during state program planning. It took us five hours to do two items; so you can see that, with more than twenty items, the board no longer can give them proper attention. The board's role in September is to review the committee's report and change it only if serious errors have been made. It goes to LLs in the October 6 mailing for their use when they hold program planning sessions. Their comments on it come back to us with program planning reports. The board analyzes the reports and decides in January what the recommended program will be. Please resist the temptation to amend now unless you absolutely cannot handle the changes; your chance comes after you see how LLs react.

Convention planning committee--Louise and I recommend that we schedule an open hearing/office hours on Periodic Program Review recommendations to be held before program debate to encourage nitpicky questions. The result would be to limit the issues during debate to those that are the most serious. It would be kind of like holding a public meeting before the public hearing, so it should be scheduled to appear that we really want attendance--not at 10:00 p.m. after a banquet.

We are tentatively scheduled to go to court October 24 and 27 on our administrative penalties lawsuit. Either Lois or I will attend, and Evelyn if she can. We were pleased to be granted standing because the decision wasn't an easy one.

LWV-Washington asked all state Leagues to write LWVUS by September 1 to urge creation of a special action committee on nuclear waste disposal siting. I did not respond since our position is to do a careful evaluation, not to oppose the search for a site. With this

type of action possible, it does not seem to me that it rates priority LWV attention nationwide. I've sent a memo to LLs whom I know are interested to explain LWVUS' position, which I confirmed by talking to Merilyn Reeves. I'll also put the memo in the October 6 mailing.

The 1986 Texas Rivers Symposium, which we are cosponsoring with Parks and Wildlife, is November 20-21 in Austin. We've promised them a Leaguer to make welcoming remarks--nominees?

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TEF ITEMS

Barbara and Sally--will you have a recommendation on cosponsoring state health care debates as a followup to the national debate?

I recommend again cosponsoring the Wilderness PowWow. It's a nice idea, won't interfere with other League events, costs no money, gives us some publicity, and requires only that we advertise it to our members and hold no conflicting events on April 4-5.

Evelyn and Jan have been attending planning sessions for a major statewide conference on revenue options for the future. Plans are currently suspended until we see what the Lege does. With the LBJ school also cosponsoring, our obligations would be few; no money seems likely to be required of us. We have wanted to do this for two years, and the cosponsors include just the kind we'd want: consumers, human service groups, church groups, business groups.

Evelyn and Karen pursued the idea of a cable/PBS show on Fina ncing State Government with Austin's PBS station. They were very interested until they ran into financial problems themselves. Idea at least temporarily shelved in favor of the other conference.

Louise has lined up all but one person in order to produce a video on special districts, which will focus only on MUDs in order to cover the topic in 30 minutes. Expenses will be $75 to tape and $15 for each additonal tape, cheaper than most publications.

The Governor has proclaimed October 6-13 COASTWEEK in Texas.

CHECK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE A VOTER ARTICLE DUE THIS MONTH.

PRE-BOARD
LOUISE CUMMINS

This past year I have encountered the empty nest with both chicks away at school. One response has been a flurry of cleaning, weeding out, and discarding of many items in closets and drawers. Faced with the dilemma of what to keep and what to throwaway I have used a set of criteria to help decide. My criteria include: Do I need it? Do I want it? Will I miss it? Have I used it lately?

When the periodic program review committee met in Fort Worth on August 16, we encountered a similar task of cleaning up, weeding out, and discarding. Our criteria were very much like those I had used in closet cleaning only they sound a bit more sophisticated, i.e. Is it relevant and applicable? Do members understand? Can the League make a significant contribution with this item?

A seven member committee assembled in Fort Worth. Those present were Barbara Hudson, Austin, Sue Barham, Tyler; Sandar Currie, Gainesville; Diana Clark, Dallas; Jan Wilbur, Houston; Diane Sheridan, Bay Area; and me. We were joined by four visitors, two from Cleburn and two from Fort Worth (Rachel and Ethel). We started a few minutes after ten o'clock knowing that we had a full days work ahead if we were to thoroughly review the Financing State Government position and Administration of Justic position. I cannot say enough about the way the Committee attacked this task.

Our goal was to review the two program items and to recommend that items be dropped, retained, updated or modified. The intent was to streamline the positions in a way that is only possible through careful review.

The attached sheets are the results of our day's work. I would hope the board would , at this time, send them on to the members and reserve any changes until the final program recommendation meeting.

Also, to the convention planning committee, please allow time for what I am calling Program Review Open Hearing. This would be a time when the delegates could meet with members of the program review committee (who are present) away from a regular plenary session to ask questions and hear explanations. This would not take the place of program debate but would be in addition to it. I think it would short circuit a lot of problems. Diane and I have talked about this and she can explain what I'm talking about. This time should not be at a late night time or other inconvenient time when people are tired and not caring.

Sorry I won't be at the board meeting. Keep me posted.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports an equitable system of criminal justice in Texas including:

improvements in pretrial justice programs and an adequately state funded public defender system

elimination of jury sentencing except in capital cases and revision of the penal code to reduce disparity of sentences

state laws to prohibit wiretapping

state correctional system which would assign highest priority to provision of a broad range of community-based programs and facilities as well as provide technical assistance and funding for locally administered programs

improvements in the parole system

a prison system which would provide humane care for all inmates in a secure environment with maximum educational opportunities, improved health care services, adequate programs to assist all ~~inmate~~ inmates in making the transition from prison to the free world, and compensation to inmates for their labor

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports an improved state juvenile justice sytem, working in partnership with local government, including:

developing, coordinating and adequately funding a broad range of juvenile probation services, programs, and community corrections

minimum standards for all agencies which deal with juveniles in the justice system

minimum qualifications and improved training for all personnel who deal with in the justice system

automatic court review of a juvenile's records no later than two years after the last official action or final discharge of the case to determine whether the record should be sealed

~~adequate state and local program and facilities for status offenders~~ adequate state and local programs for status offenders and adequate facilities to keep status offenders separate from juveniles ajudicated delinquent

allowing court jurisdiction over status offenders only until other supervision is available

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports constitutional and statutory provisions for flexibility within a coordinated finance structure; equitable taxation; and increased accountability including:

removal of provisions relating to dedicated funds, advalorem tax exemptions, dollar amount of debt limitations, and other such specific wording from the constitution and making them statutory[1]

budget execution to be a joint responsibility of the executive and legislative branches of state government[2] * maybe we need consensus position not clear

application of appropriate fiscal management and business practices to conduct state business

an equitable system of taxation which assures an adequate revenue, is easily administered, and is consistent with economic and social goals[3]

appraisal of taxable property at full market value; state supervision to ensure equitable and uniform appraisal and taxing procedures[4]

Explanation

1. Committee recommended that the words "and making them statutory be removed. Also recommended that an update be done in state or local voters to make position clear to current membership.

2. Committee recommended that position be modified for clarity.

3. Committee recommended that position be modified to read "consistent with economic, social, and environmental goals."

4. Committee recommended that an update be done in state or local voters.

5. Committee recommended that the following positions be dropped:
   reorganization of fiscal responsibilities and offices to eliminate duplication and to strengthen and clarify lines of accountability
   Reason:achieved (somewhat) and low member understanding

   change to a program or performance budget format
   Reason: low member understanding
   drop amplifying position added in 1976.
   Rason: extraneous. Principles of LWVUS apply.

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PREBOARD: Sept. 12-14 Board Meeting
Modelle Brudner

DEVELOPMENT

The following contributions have been received since the last board meeting:

		AMOUNT		SHARE
June 16	Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack	$1,500	TEF	$420 - Tarrant Co.
June 30	The Barber Foundation	300	TEF	100 - Abilene
July 7	The Southland Corp.	5,711	TEF	Restricted - When You Go To Austin
July 16	Cooper Industries Foundation	250	TEF	50 - Houston
July 18	National Gypsum	2,500	T	500 - Dallas
July 23	Texas Utilities Electric Co.	1,500	TEF	150 - Dallas
				150 - Tarrant Co.
August 14	Anonymous	2,500	TEF	500 - Dallas

TOTALS	TEF	$6,050	Minus	$1,320 = $4,680
	T	2,500	Minus	500 = 2,500
	Restricted	5,711		

Fund Raising Campaigns:

1. Politechs : Expenses: $3,959.10
   Contributions as of Aug. 8 : 3,240.00
   - 719.10

   Karol should have wrapped this up by the board meeting.

2. Direct Mail using list from National:
   National sent 2,263 names
   28% were member names that were removed as all our members will receive a plea for Capital Fund

   1,624 Letters were mailed

   Expenses: $675 + 25 hours @ $6.00 hr. not charged to the project for Joann's daughter who helped put out the mailing on weekends. (Joann paid her daughter.) $150.00

   Income: $790 T
   820 TEF

   As you may remember, the request letter offered the opportunity to contribute to either T or TEF. THE money seems to be coming in rather equally divided.

This mailing was done as cheaply as possible...it took a lot of office time + the extra time put in by Joann's daughter. We might consider hiring a student part time to help out next time, if National offers the list again. In any case, we must consider all the expenses in the totals of this drive.

3. FUN RUN:
I talked with some of the delegates from Texas as the National convention about the possibility of having the Fun Run. The following were comments I received:

A. The LL will have to do all the arranging and the work. If they put forth the kind of effort required, they should get all the money. What can State provide that would justify our receiving half of the money?

B. The liability insurance issue was raised...who would provide the insurance? Is it necessary or can a release be signed by participants that will take care of the whole thing?

C. Several of the ones present during the discussion felt their LL would not participate. The ones who thought they might participate would like up to 6 months lead time...maybe more.

We probably should put this on a back burner. We need to find someone who can organize this thing who knows about runs and what it takes to put it together...and can sell it to the LLs. I would anticipate that the first year would not make money. This is a project that would take some care and feeding plus several years to grow into a money maker.

4. Buttons & Banners:
Scherel has found a button machine and has done some checking on banners. After the core discusses the info we have, we will present this to the board.

DEBATE

As Lois has informed you, the debate is in limbo as of August 28. I am being told by John Weaver of Clements' staff that the debate will probably happen. I have told him that we must have an answer by September 6, as we must pay half of the cost of the satellite time by that date(this amount will be nonrefundable at that point-total cost for satellite time is $2,000...we have already put up $500 deposit)

Rachel Gooch
September Preboard

August 28, 1987

Request to organize League group in Jasper, TX

Lois had a letter and a telephone call from Frances Easley in Jasper, Texas. I called Ms. Easley and offered to meet with her and her group, provided she could get at least 10 really interested people together, on my next available weekend, October 18.

Jasper has a population of about 7,500 in a county of about 30,000 (approximately the same as the Cherokee County State Unit), about an hour from Beaumont. Since this group will undoubtedly be organized as a State Unit and not as a provisional League, Scherel will accompany me, and she is looking for an advisor from Beaumont. She will ask Jan Ruppel if she would like to do it, or ,if not, if to recommend somebody for the job.

Change of Organizational Basis for Plano

The Plano League wants to change its organizational basis so that it is a city/county League. I received their request for change, along with an agreement with the Richardson League as to how they will handle matters relating to the part of Richardson which lies in Collin County and a rough draft of a revision of their publication on county government.

I had a call recently from Kathy Jacob inquiring as to the status of their name-change. It seems they wanted to use the new name on their publication, but they forgot to tell me that. I told her I needed to see the publication in a more finished form and that I would expedite matters as much as possible, but that I couldn't approve using the new name on the pub (as she asked) since this really was a change in organizational basis which required approval from the National League. I have yet to get the publication, but I'm supposed to get it next week.

Provisional League

I received in the mail a draft of the long-awaited application for provisional status from the Cherokee County State Unit. At first glance the application looked pretty good, but a careful perusal showed some problems. The primary problems arise from difficulty in undertanding the application form, this difficulty stemming from the form's assumption that this is a group which is starting from scratch and has not participated in any previous League activity. In other words, the form is really not suitable for State Units, but it's what has to be used. I sent them a long letter, making suggestions as to what changes they should make, and asked them to have it all back to me by September 1. I hope they make it.

They also sent some clippings from their local newspaper that would make many local Leagues green with envy. They seems to have a very good image in their community.

September '86 Preboard
Scherel Carver

The membership solicitation letter from National has gone out. Some of you may have received one as they are being sent to all donors, "inviting" them also to become "full-fledged" members. The cover letter and invitation clearly are intended to appeal to those who would like to get involved as citizen advocates and to carry some "clout" against current "government policies."

Anyone who sends $30 (also have option of giving $20, $30, $35, $50, $100, or more additional donation) will be a member. They may also use MC, VISA, or American Express. We may know by the November board meeting what the campaign will mean for us in '87, both in numbers and in dollars (expenditures, no income.)

The $2,000+ from Pasadena finally was sent and their remaining 8 members are now serviced as MAL's.

Of our six State Units, three are quite strong and one is hnaging in there, & two are in trouble in my opinion.

I hope that we will be voting on moving Cherokee County to provisional league in September. They have 29 paid members (+2 for whom they owe.)

Cleburne has 13 and officers met recently to plan for the year. Mary Orwig is new chair.

Big Spring/Howard Co. has been formed eleven months now and has 14 members (1 moved). With renewal time in October, it is difficult to project, but they have been active, especially in voter service. Advisor Pat Stanley also has some doubts about renewals, especially since Chair Grace Long would like to pass the office to someone else. Pat does not believe that anyone else could sustain the momentum. Newspaper clippings indicate that they have excellent media support.

Wise County, with 5 members, has also met for calendar planning, and they hope to have quarterly meetings with projects in betweeen, including a Voters Guide this October. Ethel says things are fine, altho illness continues to be a problem.

Bowie County is now "Texarkana Area SU" and there are six members. Their last meeting was in May. Chair Cheryl Walters also would like to "retire" but Greg Beil says that no one else could do the job. Next meeting is Sept. 25 and Greg is taking a group from Marshall over to help give Texarkana "a boost."

I really know nothing to do about Gregg County (Longview) except to give up. They have only 3 paid members, and 2 are the County Judge and his wife. I continue to talk with them by telephone, but cannot get them to call a meeting. Lit's give them until November.

After the recent re-grouping, we now have 68 isolated MAL's and 67 in SU's, for a total of 135 (down from 189 on January 1.) I anticipate that the Natl. campaign will raise the numbers to+200-mark again by year's end. At least we won't owe PMP this year on those 60+ new members.

Rachel's report will give info on a request from S.E. Texas to form a SU.

Scherel

August 25, 1986
September Preboard

Sondra Ferstl
Field Service Director

Since the June Board Report included a detailed report on the State of the Leagues, this preboard will focus on some general observations about the State of Field Service.

Recruitment of Field Service Representatives

All of the present Field Service Representatives (FSRs) are from the north Texas area. Thank heavens for the Tarrant County League which has given us four FSRs this year! Recruited this summer as an FSR is Barbara Glickman of Wichita Falls. Barbara was on the State Board a number of years ago. She will be working with all but one of the Leagues that I served as FSR last year.

Recruitment has been a process that began in May and is still continuing! Thus far I have had one acceptance (Barbara) and eight no-thank-yous. The usual reaction has been pleasure at being asked but a preference to remain closer to home. I am surprised at the reluctance to travel to local Leagues, but that has been mentioned as a factor in the decision by several people whom I have asked to join the Field Service network.

We need at least one, preferably two, FSRs in the central and southern part of the state. I will probably handle the far-flung Leagues (El Paso, Galveston, Edinburg/McAllen) unless someone puts in a bid for them. **Right now, think about whom you know in the central and southern part of the state who might make a good FSR and come to board meeting with their name, address, and telephone number written on a piece of paper. A bit of information about their background in League would be helpful.**

Board Trainings

Board trainings have been taking place, even without a full complement of FSRs. Thanks to Diane Sheridan for handling San Antonio, Jerry Watson for training Waco, Marty Kissinger for visiting Wichita Falls. Ethel Sturgis and Rachel Gooch have had requests for assistance from Tarrant County and Austin Area. I have done board training at Sherman, Irving, and El Paso (have road show, will travel). I also spent most of another summer Saturday afternoon with the Program VP of the Sherman League and three of her program chairs. Rachel and I are scheduled to train the Galveston board on October 4th.

I appreciate so many of you indicating your willingness to do a board training if needed. We've been able to handle the requests so far but I am keeping the list handy in case calls come in from

Leagues where no FSR is assigned at present. Several of you put the proviso on your service as a board trainer by asking for some guidance on conducting a board training. If we ask you to handle a board training, we will try to see that the first time out you would be accompanied by someone with Field Service experience. We can also send you a reference copy of the manual for Field Service Workers (still in draft form). One component that we have added to the items mentioned at total board training is a segment on board responsibility for program. Diane Sheridan prepared for use in Field Service some scenarios that call for boards to examine why certain decisions related to League program are appropriate and why others are not. I have shared these also with a few Program VPs who have welcomed the assistance.

When You Least Expect It...

There are always holes in the dike that come unplugged. El Paso's president, Elda Powley, found out in August that her husband was being transferred to Nebraska. El Paso now has two co-presidents. Galene Martin of Victoria was transferred and left a void in that League's top slot. Then there's a League that has provided an ongoing saga for several of us for most of the summer, but you'll have to come to board meeting to hear some of the details. Meanwhile, if you know of anyone willing to help as Field Service Representative...

Cheers!

TO: State Board and Off-Board

August 27, 1986

FROM: Evelyn Bonavita, Legislative Director

[redacted]

RE: Pre-board for September 1986 board meeting

I am in a state of what I'm calling "flexible indecision" about what our legislative thinking should be for the next regular session. As I write this, there is more talk of another special session right after this one, and more speculation that Lt. Gov. Hobby is more of an irresistible force than Speaker Lewis is an immovable object and a tax bill will eventually come out of this group of statesmen. But we really don't know. Do we then plan to spend next session concentrating on finding money in a League-accepted way, do we assume money will have been solved somehow and we spend next session trying to get some back into our favorite programs, or do we confidently plunge ahead with new programs and new legislation and leave financing such ideas to others? Think about all this when you're pondering legislative priorities.

Meanwhile we also must decide on who is writing which advocacy papers and what our questions will be in the questionnaires for legislators. It is certainly possible that this time we may not be able to decide on our legislative priorities in September simply because everything is now in flux, but we do need to draw up the questions and start drafting the advocacy papers.

After the last board meeting Karen Miller and I went to work to set up some kind of TV program on financing state government and were making good progress with the public TV station here. However, they began to have serious financial problems (sounds familiar, doesn't it?) and had to put planning the elaborate kind of town meeting program we'd been discussing on hold. Fortunately, at that time we were called by Lin Team of Texas Impact to meet with her, Max Sherman of the LBJ School, Jared Hazleton of the Texas Research League and others to start planning a tax conference for November which would be Ed Fund and very objective. We had another meeting yesterday and decided that as things stand now we cannot go ahead with a conference on tax options for this fall if the legislature is going to do something first and make our conference obsolete. We're going to wait a few days and see if anything gels (don't you love this phrase when applied to laws?) and perhaps we'll schedule something for January or February if none of the upcoming special sessions (my heart sinks) come up with anything.

Preboard Sept. 1986

Sally Coughlin

The Facts and Issues was delivered on schedule the end of July in an all Member mailing. The cost of the printing and mailing (plus labels) came to $1119.20 which was covered by the RGK grant.

Most Leagues plan Septmber and October consensus meetings and thus I have had no feedback as to the usefulness of the F&I or difficulty/simplicity of the questions. As time goes on I find myself collecting more information (some of which I searched for most of the past year.) At this point it seems the Legislature has not deleted the Indigent Health Care program (as modest as it is) and I certainly would like to question the Legislators as to their future plans. " Would you support consistent spending to improve health care for the medically indigentof the state? and/or Would you support new programs to assist those persons who have become unemployed and lost their health insurance?"

On July 30 Barbara and I attended a meeting designed to get support and ideas for a State Health Debate. The general plan is for 3 seminars with a debate type format to discuss who lives? who dies? who pays? The Texas Foundation for Human Services and an Executive committee that includes Lan Bentsen, Stanley Kosberg (TDHS board), Helen Farabee, Lt. Gov. Hobby, Rep. Jack C. Vowell, and Thomas Clark are the planners. The League must make a board decision whether to participate in this debate. Probable time is Jan. 1987 and location Austin, and the League will not have a financial obligation but would probably assist in planning the seminars.

SEPTEMBER PREBOARD
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HUMAN RESOURCES

Oregon was wonderful and exhilerating. It was 37 degrees the night before we left and we had coffee in front of the fireplace with a REAL fire. The mountain maples and aspen are beginning to turn color and the geese are starting south. What am I doing back in Houston?

State Debate on Health Care

The Texas Foundation for Human Services, as you recall, sponsored the National Debate on Health Care and has committed its resources to a project which "will foster better understanding of health care issues among all Texans." An executive committee consisting of Lan Bentsen, Bill Hobby, Jack Vowell, Helen Farabee, Thomas Clark (Beverly Entr.-nursing homes), and J.L. Kosberg has conceived a state debate on health care based on much the same format as the first one which would build public and private awareness and a health care "white" paper that would just happen to be ready before the 1989 legislative session. The debates would be scheduled for Jan. or Feb., 1987.

The workers for this effort are called stakeholders and there are 32 of us. Lois and I were invited to attend the first planning session and Sally attended also. We meet again on Sept. 3. I certainly don't envision this next stage to take the time and resources the first debate required. We've done all the formats,ect. As stakeholders we can participate in the preparation for the debates, the speakers, or the follow-up activities. Sally and I cannot manage to find one another at home this week but soon we will discuss with Diane and Lois what our role could be.

Other stakeholders are the groups most involved in health care (business sector, associations, consumers, elected officials, and state agencies) and the make-up promises a strong base to promote education and change.

The preliminary topics for discussion are grouped under Who lives?, Who Dies, And Who pays? The arrangements now foresee only about 300 invitees to these debate/discussions; I hope we can reconsider that for more public involvement.

I recommend that we continue with this project. It will certainly complement our state health study and it allows Sally to learn more (if thats possible!), be involved with the decision-makers in health care, and to impact the outcome with our future health positions. It allows us a head start for the 1989 session -if one can view that as positive.

Sunset Commission/TDHS

The public meeting on TDHS seemed badly publized and was held while I was gonein June. Happily, I was able to have an individual "visit" with the head staff member and one staff who is working on TDHS. They spent an hour and a half with me and I tried to emphasize my concern about evaluating a state agency for effectiveness when it

is so poorly funded and meets so few needs of the poverty population-young and old-of Texas. We talked about their role of planning when they make recommendations and about their responsibility to look to future agency roles and not be curtained by the current fiscal crisis. They are most defensive and state that they are not responsible for funding. I won't be surprised if all the staff are now wearing shirts that say "We have nothing to do with funding state programs!".

We discussed the very long, complicated state application forms for AFDC and Food Stamps and I left them with the federal form which can be used by states and is half the length and more understandable. I also pointed out the denial rate for Food Stamps in Texas and the variances in services between regional offices.

I really tried to convince them that a discussion by the Commission of numbers of people below poverty who are not being served based on state funding was in fact an intregal part of their diliberations on the effectiveness of TDHS. Tim Graves later called me and asked for evidence and numbers that Texas does not serve many of those people in need. Thanks to the Appropriations Request by DHS and all the newspaper clippings faithfully sent by Evelyn, I managed to send some numbers before I got on the flight to Oregon, but just barely! We have at least participated and will respond to the staff recommendations to the Commission due to be out Aug. 29.

BOARD AGENDA ITEM:

I move that LWV-Texas join the Workers' Equity Network which is a non-profit organisation designed to serve as a central information network for Texans interested in any and all aspects of pay equity. The dues are $15 and the leaders of this group are young university teachers. The answer to women's poverty levels and economic lagging behind males lies in education and economics. Pay equity for public employees is part of that economic solution and strategy for women. The recent Supreme Court decisions again give life to this movement and slowly it will become a political issue even in Texas.

CORE DISCUSSIONS: I will be there early.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>

1. Increase state funding for human services
2. Indigent health programs
3. Domestic violence statutes ?

I'm still interested in child care and pay equity as issues but not as priorities. AFDC would fall into the first catagory. I haven't heard from other HR folks about other ideas.

LOIS: I'll attend all Board Meeting!

TO: Board members
FROM: Mateele Rittgers, WUTL Director
RE: Preboard

August 26,1986
Women's Equality Day
(Ho, ho, ho!)

If we could just throw out (with a few exceptions) the Legislative Body with the murky bath water and begin over with fresh water and League members, perhaps the state of Texas could revive!

Since testifying in July before Budget & Oversight, every moment has been devoted to "educating the public" in El Paso County on the state's revenue crisis and calling for sane solutions. I do not think most citizens or leaders have ever heard the old adage: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

In as much as the Family Violence Program is funded through the TDHS, it has been difficult to separate out that "special need" while still lobbying for the League's position as it pertains to all human services. I have been approaching the problem as a "package deal", while pointing out the specific impact on the Family Violence Program should various proposed budget cuts be authorized by the Legislature.

As everyone knows, specific information on the effect of proposed cuts in TDHS programs is impossible to pin down at this time. The latest information I have on cuts to the Family Violence Program is: Governor's recommendation would cut TDHS by 4.5% which would mean a 13.5% cut to the FV Program; the House Appropriations Bill would leave FV at the current level of funding ($2.5 million) and the Senate's bill is still being deliberated, but would be more generous with Human Services.

I feel it would be fair to conclude that family violence programs are in jeopardy and must be fought for. Our position on domestic violence is being threatened in nearly all categories right now, and all projections for the January Regular Session show an even worse revenue shortfall that will have to be addressed and that could result in very bad news for family violence prevention advocates.

I believe it essential that we place a priority on our lobbying efforts to preserve and improve family violence programs in the state. Even minimal cuts in the program would impact severely on rural shelters in particular, whose primary source of funding comes from the state. Urban shelters have access to more "off setting" sources of funding through the private sector, but virtually all shelters would have to cut personnel and support services which would reduce the program to one of providing a facility for women and children to come to in a crisis and nothing more--like a "Salvation Army for battered women". Cuts that would go beyond minimal would result in shelter closings and an elimination of support programs for all those who could manage to stay opened.

I would like to consider including transitional alimony and spousal rape positions in a package with domestic violence as they directly impact on our ability to reduce the incidence of DV in Texas.

I am trying to set up a meeting with Texas Council on Family Violence before the board meeting so that I can get an update on their plans for legislative action in the regular session & to see where our efforts can be combined. Have been in close touch with both TCFV & TDHS since July.

(more)

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER FOR LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS:

1. The incidence of violence in the family invariably increases as the general economy worsens. Will you support the retention and increase in funds allocated for family violence programs so that vital work can continue in prevention and intervention in the thousands of cases that occur annually in Texas?

2. Spousal rape of the most brutal kind is a consistant element in cases of wife battering. Would you support legislation that would make spousal rape (a crime) (illegal) with criminal sanctions?

3. Many women are trapped in a cycle of domestic violence because they and their children are economically dependent on their abuser. Would you support legislation that would provide for transitional (temporary) alimony so that these women could survive financially until they acquire the skills necessary to maintain an independent lifestyle?

4. What revenue generating measures would you implement to insure adequate funds to meet the state's economic and social goals now and in the future?

5. As the financial responsibility for human needs continues to shift from the federal to the state level of government, how should the state adjust to provide for those needs?

6. As the economy worsens, the need for human services increases. How can local governments provide more services with less state and federal assistance?

7. What services should a state be responsible for providing it's citizens? How would you prioritize those services?

8. How would you restructure the state's financial system to allow a flexible enough system to equitably address unexpected ~~revenue~~ budget crises?

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER !!!!!!

If you still want me to work up a tee-shirt logo for legislative Days you need to send me your ideas! Bring all you slogans and ideas to the boead meeting so that we can decide on the one we want so I can work up a logo appropriate for the tee-shirts.

Thanks!

Mateele

WATER PREBOARD
September 1986

Catherine Perrine

This month no one in the water agencies or legislature is thinking about water legislation. The water agencies say they'll get around to this in October--after their budget cuts.

Clean-up amendments will be needed for both HB 2 (the "water package" bill) and SB 249 (the sunset bill). The HB 2 revision will offer an opportunity to try again for improvements in groundwater district legislation that we worked for in the last session and for other improvements in this unwieldy chapter of the water code.

We will also be supporting various measures to protect groundwater quality, which are a top priority for the Sierra Club and for Jim Hightower's Rural Water Task Force.

September 1986 Preboard

FROM: Betty Anderson

RE: CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

The 1986 every-member solicitation letter is to be mailed the second week of September. The 1984 TEF trustees showed their deep commitment to this task by contributing generously. I trust new members will also see fit to give, give, give!

43% of $188,500 leaves us $81,017 to raise.

Of the 57% raised so far, $32,700 came from foundations & corporations
36,500 came from state board members serving in 1984
9,373 came from local Leagues as organizations
28,910 came from individual League members

Please write a short article for your local VOTER reminding members to contribute. A message must be repeated several times before folks respond.

Jan Albers of Austin, Diana Clark & Catherine Perrine of Dallas, and Rachel Gooch of Tarrant Co. have agreed to follow up on foundation and corporation solicitations in October. Those requests will be singly targeted and carefully made.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
BALANCE SHEET MAY 31, 1986 (FINAL UNAUDITED)

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

J1	SALES TAX PAYABLE		2.12
J2	T PAYABLE		6294.18
J3	OTHER PAYABLE		1840.15
J4	LOAN, REPUBLIC FIRST MIDLAND		87000.00
J5	ENDOWMENT FUND		26600.00
		BAL. 6/1/86	BAL. 5/25/86
K1	OPERATING FUND	23499.80	5753.95
K2	LL FUNDS	19106.11	17706.00
K3	CONDO EQUITY	34830.00	89316.48
K4	AVAILABLE FOR LOAN	10028.39	3319.55
K5	DECORATING FUND	15070.00	0.00
K6	HAZARDOUS WASTE	235.00	20.65
K7	KEYSTONE	1038.90	1919.81
K8	HCNI RESTRICTED GRANT		2500.00
	INCOME LESS EXPENDS 4101.22		
	FUNDS ON HAND MARCH 31, 1986		120536.44
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		242272.89

ASSETS

M1	REPUBLIC BANK, NOW CHECKING	6044.23
M2	MERRILL LYNCH READY ASSETS	18968.93
M3	KEYSTONE ACCOUNT	1919.81
M4	SHORT TERM CERTIFICATES	0.00
M5	LONG TERM CERTIFICATES	37576.54
M6	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	1446.90
M7	OTHER RECEIVABLE	0.00
M8	CONDO, 1212 GUADALUPE	176316.48
	TOTAL ASSETS	242272.89

BUDGET ANALYSIS JUNE 1, 1985 THROUGH MARCH 1986

	INCOME	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
A1	UNRESTRICTED FUND RAISING	11400.00		3616.00	7784.00
A2	SPECIAL FUND RAISER	7198.00	10000.00	2199.50	7800.50
A3	MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	500.00		450.97	49.03
A4	TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS	75.00		0.00	75.00
A5	RESTRICTED PROJECTS-KEYSTONE	50000.00		4404.47	45595.53
A5A	RESTRICTED PROJECTS-OTHER	0.00		5000.00	-5000.00
A5B	HEALTH DEBATES	0.00		11975.99	-11975.99
A6	LOCAL LEAGUE RESTRICTED FUNDS	13000.00		10994.65	2005.35
A7	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES BY TRUSTEES	1100.00		864.73	235.27
	SUB TOTAL A	83273.00	86075.00	39506.31	46568.69

B1 INTEREST ON SAVINGS	6000.00		6245.88	-245.88
SUB-TOTAL B	6000.00		6245.88	-245.88
C1 LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS	250.00		332.04	-82.04
C2 GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	500.00		1000.97	-500.97
C3 TEXAS GOVERNMENT HANDBOOK	10.00		49.75	-39.75
SUB-TOTAL C	760.00		1382.76	-622.76
D1 VOTER GUIDES	4500.00		6787.87	-2287.87
D2 PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	3000.00		2225.00	775.00
D3A FACTS AND ISSUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2000.00		1892.32	107.68
D3B FACTS AND ISSUES, HEALTH CARE	2000.00		0.00	2000.00
D4 PUBLICATIONS ON HAND	500.00		2027.34	-1527.34
SUB TOTAL D	12000.00		12932.53	-932.53
E1 RENT FOR OFFICE	12435.00		5293.50	7141.50
E2 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OFFICE	65000.00		47303.39 **	17696.61
E3 RENOVATION OF OFFICE-TRANSFER FROM LAST YEAR		15070.00	15070.00 ***	0.00
SUB TOTAL E	77435.00		67666.89	9768.11
F1 OUTSIDE PROFFESSIONALS, IN KIND	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
SUB TOTAL F	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
G1 FROM RESERVES	2435.00		0.00	2435.00
TOTAL INCOME	199473.00	202275.00	127734.37	74540.63

EXPENSES	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
N1A OFFICE OVERHEAD	12528.00	13279.00	13011.49	267.51
N1B TRUSTEES EXPENSES	7335.00		7524.40	-189.40
N1C VOTER AND PUBS	2410.00		1255.50	1154.50
N1D MAILINGS AND WORKSHOPS	2225.00		1872.91	352.09
N2 ADMINISTRATION OF LL PROJECTS	50.00		25.90	24.10
N3 PORTION OF NAT'L PMP FOR MAL	370.00		320.58	49.42
SUB TOTAL N	24918.00	25669.00	24010.78	907.22
O1 VS/CI CHAIRPERSON	150.00		63.78	86.22
O2 VOTER GUIDES	4500.00		8024.65	-3524.65
O3 PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	2400.00		1306.17	1093.83
O4 VS PROJECTS AND PUBS	600.00		972.21	-372.21
O5 UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	100.00		20.75	79.25
SUB TOTAL O	7750.00		10387.56	-2637.56

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P1A	RESEARCH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	750.00	1220.70	-470.70
P1B	RESEARCH, HEALTH CARE	750.00	546.72	203.28
P2	INF & EDUC. PREVIOUS STUDIES	1500.00	343.44	1156.56
P3	COALITIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS	200.00	115.00	85.00
P4A	FACTS AND ISSUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1300.00	1253.21	46.79
P4B	FACTS AND ISSUES, HEALTH CARE	1300.00	5.50	1294.50
P5	UNREINBURSED EXPENSES	1000.00	843.98	156.02
	SUB TOTAL P	6800.00	4328.55	2471.45
Q1	KEYSTONE	1050.00	3523.56	-2473.56
Q2	HAZARDOUS WASTE	235.00	214.35	20.65
Q3	OTHER RESTRICTED PROJECTS	48715.00	2500.00	46215.00
Q4	HEALTH DEBATES	0.00	11927.28	-11927.28
	SUB TOTAL Q	50000.00	18165.19	31834.81
R1	LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS	6500.00	$204.96	-1898.93
R2	LOCAL LEAGUE PURCHASES	6500.00	4189.80	2504.17
	SUB TOTAL R	13000.00	12394.76	605.24
S1	OFFICE EXPENSES DECORATING	15070.00	16370.00 16034.95	335.05
S2	OFFICE EXPENSES-LOAN PAYMENT & INTEREST	65000.00	44362.50 ****	20637.50
S3	OFFICE EXPENSES, OTHER	12435.00	6974.45	5460.55
	SUB TOTAL S	92505.00	93256.00 67371.90	25133.10
T1	PROFESSIONAL IN-KIND ASSISTANCE	2500.00	0.00	2500.00
	SUB TOTAL T	2500.00	0.00	2500.00
U1	LOCAL LEAGUE SHARE OF FUND RAISING	2000.00	200.00	1800.00
	SUB TOTAL U	2000.00	200.00	1800.00
V1	SPECIAL FUND RAISER	0.00	3000.00 4114.14	-1114.14
	SUB TOTAL V	0.00	4114.14	-4114.14
	TOTAL EXPENSES	199473.00	203975.00 140972.88	63002.12

**INCLUDES $10,128.39 FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
***INCLUDES TRANSFER IN OF $15,070 FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
****INCLUDES $43,000 PAID ON LOAN

omitted from your postboard - Please attach & same

BLUS SKY REPORT OCTOBER, 1986

Hire Charlene full-time and hire a part-time person for clerical work. Capitalize on Joann's and Charlene's knowledge of the League by having them do fewer mindless chores.

Have clerical help available to all board members.

Move more files from board members bedrooms to state office.

Avoid sending board members mail that arrives on Saturday because they don't look at it till Monday; others preferred the current schedule.

Have more parking places at the state office.

Restructure the board.

Have a board retreat and board training for every new board.

Reimburse expenses adequately so that we can attract those without much income to serve on the board.

Have a nonvoting LL representative on the state board, a rotating position. providing an example of how to run a board meeting.

Bring associate directors to the board meeting on a rotating basis.

Figure out how to find enough good FSRs.

Have enough funds to let state board members visit LLs to socialize rather than scrutinize and to let LLs share their concerns with us.

Have a "planned growth" program to increase the number of Leagues and the number of League members.

Expand minority membership.

Make the League accessible to a broader spectrum of the community by having state League scholarships for LLs to apply for and distribute.

Have state League pass through grants similar to LWVUS grants to get LLs more involved in state League projects.

Mail a sample ballot and pro/con on constitutional amendments to all registered voters. (This is also blue sky for the State of Texas.)

Have annual or semi-annual PR campaigns where all facets of League coordinate activities to increase visibility.

Be prepared to hire a paid lobbyist when we no longer have an Evelyn.

Focus on fewer WASPish issues.

Have enough money that we don't have to worry about having enough money.

Find wives for all of us.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS RESPONSE TO

Financing State Government

It now appears likely that the 2nd special session will approve a temporary increase in the sales tax rate as well as an increase in gasoline taxes. This action, together with other measures designed to improve the state's cash flow, will probably take care of the current biennium's fiscal problems.

However, the projected 1988-89 biennium budget may still suffer a shortfall of from $5-6 billion unless the legislature extends the action taken in the special session or adopts other revenue generating measures in the regular session. Although extending the increases passed in the special session will probably be the route the legislature will take in the Regular Session, that action will do nothing to address the long term fiscal problems in Texas. In addition, even if the special session taxes are extended there will still be approximately a $1 billion shortfall for the 1988-89 biennium. Once again, the legislature will try to make up the difference with budget cuts. Therefore the best course for the LWV-T may be to devote all energies to maintaining funding in those programs that we consider to be essential but in jeopardy

The LWV - T should also continue to urge the legislature to address the larger issue of reforming the Texas system of financing state government. Even though we may not be optimistic about the legislature taking this action in the 1987 Regular Session we can help to create the climate for eventually addressing the issue.

Financing State Government

Because Texas is facing unprecedented fiscal problems it is a good time to examine the State's system of financing state governmant. Two of the basic questions to be considered are "Does Texas government currently have adequate revenue to meet the needs of a major industrial state with a growing population?" and "Does the legislature have flexibility to allocate that revenue to programs most in need when circumstances change?". From a league perspective, the answer in both cases is clearly no.

The legislature struggled with tight budgets in 1983 and 1985 and had to adopt several one-time-only strategies in order to balance the budgets. Falling revenues from some state taxes, a loss of certain federal funds and an increase in demand for services from a growing population all contributed to budgetary pressure. In some program areas the state simply shifted expenses to local governments in order to help achieve balanced budgets.

The first questions many people ask when presented with this information is "To what extent is Texas trying to provide more

services to its citizens than are actually needed" or "Can't we just cut spending?". A comparison with other states is useful in trying to answer these questions. In 1984 Texas ranked 48th in per capita state expenditures. Numerous studies have shown Texas to be woefully inadequate as compared to other states in its funding of human services. And as Texas attempts to diversify and strengthen it's economic base, it would be very short sighted to neglect it's investment in human capital. Quality education has been mentioned by a number of the hi-technology companies as being essential in order for the state to meet the challenge of economic competition. Finally, one must keep in mind that although the Texas budget grew by 162% from 1976 to 1985, the actual growth when adjusted for inflation was 39%, not much higher than the 26.9% population growth for that period.

Not only is the adequacy of state revenue a serious problem, but so are the constraints on how that revenue may be spent. Many of the various taxes levied in Texas are constitutionally dedicated to one or more programs. Depending on economic conditions, this can result in several programs or agencies receiving more than adequate revenue, while the programs that are not beneficiaries of dedicated funds must compete for limited general revenue funds. The use of constitutionally dedicated funds should be severely limited so that lawmakers have the flexibility of responding to changing needs of citizens and altered economic conditions.

Another problem with financing state government that has received attention in recent years has to do with the Texas tax structure. In the past Texas was heavily dependent on oil and gas taxes. When both production and prices fall, as they have been recently, the loss of revenue causes serious strains in the budgetary process. It is now generally acknowledged that Texas should reduce it's reliance on the taxation of a declining natural resource. The State should instead become more reliant on broad-based taxes that will not fluctuate so greatly.

Texas levies only one of the three broad-based taxes (sales tax, personal income tax and corporate income tax) commonly levied by states . Most states levy all three of these taxes. By levying all three other states are in a better position to generate revenue from the new kinds of businesses that are being formed in this country. Although the service sector is a rapidly growing sector of the Texas economy the sales tax is levied against only selected services. If government officials refuse to give serious consideration to adopting a personal and/or corporate income tax, then they should be looking for a way to tax business in a more equitable manner. Depending on the rates adopted, this could also generate substantial new revenue.

Several of our state leaders have offered proposals for expanding the based of the sales tax and/or restructuring business taxes in Texas. The LWV-T strongly supports these attempts to maintain funding of essential state services while at the same time bringing greater equity to our system of taxation. We are

hopeful that other proposals will be made in the coming months and that leaders throughout the state will take part in this dialogue on how to reform the Texas system of financing state government.

The LWV-T believes that proposals for financing state government should ensure that:

* Revenue sufficient to meet the state's needs is generated. A combination of new taxes, increasing the rate on some taxes currently levied and decreasing the rate on other taxes might be employed.

* There is greater equity in the taxes levied on Texas businesses.

* The State's tax structure is responsive to a changing economy.

* There is a greater reliance on broad-based taxes and a reduced reliance on oil and gas taxes.

* Maximum flexibility in budgeting is achieved by eliminating most constitutionally dedicated funds.

May/June State Board Meeting
May 30-June 1, 1986
Quality Inn South
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LWV-Texas
May, 1986

Directions: Quality Inn South is on IH 35, south of the river. Coming from north and south, take the Oltorf/Live Oak exit, #232-A. The motel is on the west side of the expressway.

We will convene in Suite IV. Sondra and Barbara will not be able to attend, so we will have seven doubles only.

Help! Despite my plea for preboards from everyone, I have received only five. Joann reports that she has three additional ones, but I don't know what is in them. This makes it really hard for me to know just how to structure an agenda and what to put in it. Hence this is going to be a loose format which we will tighten up at the first session.

One reason I really wanted preboards from all of you was to solve this agenda problem. Another was to aid planning for the coming year. And the third was to try to avoid having so much paper shuffling at the beginning of the board meeting. When many papers are handed out at the start of a meeting, it is hard to find time to read them until we are all back home again. So if you have information to distribute before the board meeting, please try to mail it to everybody so that it will arrive before the meeting. Thanks.

A couple of weeks ago Nina McCall called to see if we had secured an election-night reporter yet. She had a suggestion: consider asking a member of the staff to do it, as some other state Leagues were doing this. Of course Joann nearly gagged when I mentioned it to her, but then she immediately thought of Charlene's needing more work/money and thought it a terrific idea. So I checked with the VP's, substituting Myrtle, who is a former election-night coordinator, for Rachel. They all agreed; I asked Charlene; ~~she accepted;~~ Nina McCall is happy; and I hope you all are too. (Rachel has been in Paris, Fr.)

Unfortunately, both the Texas Bar Foundation and Chrystelle-Waggoner Foundation have turned down our requests for funding the Domestic Violence pub. Do we give up? If not, where do we turn?

More bad news. Pasadena SU has voted to disband. See Scherel's preboard. We will receive their $2,000, which they would like to go to the Capital Fund Drive. We must decide what to do.

Insert FF from p. 2

After the Council meeting, I heard ruminations of T-shirt planning, but have heard nothing since. Has anyone come up with a design suggestion? Marketing ideas?

Roommate suggestions are as follows:

Brudner/Cummins
Watson/McMahan
Sheridan/McIntyre 131
Rodgers/Rittgers 129
Coughlin/Gooch 135
Carver/Carpenter 119
Smith/Bonavita

Please bring to this board meeting:

Council Workbook
Minutes if they arrive in time
Calendar, including 1987 if possible
Program Perspectives
We Support
Anything else you might need due to your portfolio or core
1985-86 Directory

Insert on p. 1

What is the LWV of Texas status these days? Thanks to the primary debate our image and visibility are in good shape. Thanks also to the Health Care Debates. I'm still hearing good things as a result of both. And VGs help too. Our fundraising still looms as a BIG problem and one we all must act on to improve. You will see that I have included some goal setting with our calendar planning for Saturday night. Please be thinking in your core meetings about some large, overall goals you want the League to accomplish in the coming year(s) and what objectives and strategies will get us there. How can we evaluate our progress along the way?

We have an invitation for Council '88 from Sherman. Info was sent to Denton & Victoria as well, but no invitation yet.

AGENDA

Friday, May 30
LWV-T FIRST PLENARY SESSION

1:00 p.m.	Arrive, register, find Suite IV
1:15	Be in Suite IV; greetings, paper-shuffling
1:30	✓Minutes ✓Treasurers Report ✓Development Report ✓Presidents Report incl. committee assignments Review and tighten agenda Consider Rachel's preboard: Council evaluation and fall workshop proposed plans for Org. Core planning direction
3:00	Break
3:15 - 5:30	Core meetings — 3:45 adjourn
5:30	R & R
6:00 - 7:30	Dinner
7:30 - 10:00	Core meetings continue as needed. Possibly 1 or 2 committe meetings at 8:30 or 9:00 (Convention; Development)

development

Saturday, May 31

8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Committee/Core meetings: Development, Convention/Program

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9:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 12:00 LWV-T SECOND PLENARY SESSION

PR Core reports and decisions -
Development
Public Relations -
Publications

11:00 Program
D.V. consensus approval
Health Care consensus question discussion/approval

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch in Suite IV

1:00 - 3:15 LWV-TEF FIRST PLENARY SESSION - ANNUAL MEETING

Elect Officers
Minutes
Treasurers Report
Development Report
Adoption of Budget
Public Relations
Voters Service: Policy
re American Statesman
re candidate questionnaires
re Oct. questions for statewide candidates--
any changes?

2:00 Gubernatorial Debate - recommendations
Decision(s)
Plans

Program
Amicus brief
Health Care F & I editing & pub plans - Coughlin & Smith
Rejoin TDFV? TEC?
Do pub on special districts?

3:15 Break

3:30 - 5:30 LWV-TEXAS THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Organization Core
Membership/SUs: Recommendation & decision on Pasadena funds
Cherokee Co. ready for Provisional status?
Field Service
Workshop plans

4:00 Program
Periodic Program Review plans & program planning
Legislative priority/Advocacy papers
Any more on Legislative Day plans?
Policy: HCMI consensus due dates; participation in multiple consensus discussions
Progress on I & N push at national convention
Caucus for Wellness Power work

5:30 R & R
6:00 - 7:30 Dinner
7:30 Calendar Planning and setting goals/objectives as committee of the whole - Workship 9:00

Sunday, June 1

8:30 a.m. LWV-TEF SECOND PLENARY SESSION
Projects: state and local
Time to revise TEF Handbook for LLs?

9:30	Break
9:45	FOURTH LWV-TEXAS PLENARY
	Adoption of Calendar
	Adoption of goals/objectives
	VOTER assignments
	Direction to convention delegates
	Review of deadlines in near future
	Other business?
12:00	Adjourn & lunch if desired

PREBOARD - June 1986
Treasurer's Report

Council Report

The final bills are still being paid, and at last check it looked like we were right on target in the budget and should break even financially.

STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Rachel and I plan to meet with Roxanne Hughes and Jamie Luebbehusen in June for the first meeting. Ethel has updated the Convention Manual, and I will have copies made for each of them. We are not sure that Jamie is going to do it, but I think she will.

The following items must be decided on by the State Board at this meeting:

1. Should there be outside speakers? -
2. Who should they be? Tarrant County, in their invitation skit, suggested Jim Wright and Gib Lewis.
3. When should they be scheduled?
4. Which expenses will be paid for the parlimentarian, off board chairs, field service representatives, state unit advisors, speakers, and other guests?

   We need an estimate of the number so that the local Convention Chairs can prepare the budget. (CARVER, FERSTL, SHERIDAN - COME PREPARED WITH NUMBERS!)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial analysis will be hand carried to you. I had hoped to have one completed through April, but on second thought, I refuse to prepare three reports in one month's time. Instead, I will have as complete a report as possible to hand you, and will then be faced with finishing it for the end of the year. (I do not have enough material yet to give you a meaningful TEF report as I have not yet received the bill from Modelle on the Debate, nor have I received the invoices from the state office on billing of Voters Guides. Both of these things impact the budget considerably, and neither one would be shown.)

To abide by the policy we will have to do some budget adjustments at this meeting. I would appreciate receiving any outstanding bills you might have prior to the meeting.

I have spent the past week welcoming a new granddaughter- born at 6:30 a.m. May 9. Natalie weighed in at 8 lb. 12 oz. Everyone is doing fine. (Natalie did not cooperate and arrive in better time to fit Grandma's League schedule. The doctor had planned to deliver her on April 28th, but she was not ready. I would have had the April report ready by now if she had arrived at that time.)

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TO: State Board

FROM: Rachel Gooch, Organization Vice President

PREBOARD ON WORKSHOPS, COUNCIL EVALUATION, AND I WISH THE LEAGUE WOULD

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Ideas have been developing for the workshops for next fall. Last year we sought input from local Leagues before planning our workshops. Although this enabled us to fine-tune our planning, it did not reveal anything startling or unexpected. Local Leagues *want* workshops. But I am concerned that we have covered many of the areas of interest in the past two years and don't have a lot new to say about them.

Participants liked the emphasis on program at Council. They will be preparing for the consensus on health care. Several people have expressed concern for the way local Leagues are handling program issues and would like to do some education on the subject.

It seems like because of the timing of the consensus on health care, it might be good to emphasize health care at the workshops and to have luncheon speakers I talked it over with Diane, and she agrees. I think it would draw more people to the workshops, maybe some who are not already leaders, but who have a particular interest in the subject. It might also be possible to involve those who attended the health care debate. It would also might be good to involve local Leagues in helpin with the workshops where possible.

Following is a tentative plan:

Locations: It seems likely that workshops should be located in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area and the Houston area.

In the Dallas/ Fort Worth area, I suggest asking Plano to host, as they have not done anything like this in recent years to my knowledge. Alternate choice could be Dallas or Arlington. In the Houston area, I would like to again ask Bay Area. They turned it down last year, but they are strong and should be able to do it. If they turn us down, I would like to try Montgomery County, which needs to be more involved in state League activity, but is second choice this time because it is not conveniently located for most of the other Leagues in the area.

I also think the Central Texas area should have a workshop. My recommendation would be to ask San Antonio to host. They have missed several statewide meetings recently, and this would be one way of getting them involved. They are also in a good location for a meeting. Perhaps Victoria and Edinburg-McAllen would attend. Alternate choice would be Austin, which was willing to host the workshop that didn't come off last year.

I do not recommend scheduling a workshop in West Texas this year, but recommend trying to have one there next year That is in keeping with the suggestion last year that we move one around the State.

Recommendation: Three workshops in Plano, Bay Area, and San Antonio.

Date/s: September 6; if another date is needed - September 20. (assuming board meeting will be September 12, 13, 14). This workshop would have be early in order to precede local League discussions of health care.

Schedule

Registration: 9:45 a.m.-10 a.m.

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Consensus Taking: Components of a successful meeting; Chairing the meeting; Leading the Discussion; Recording the consensus; role of the program committee. (This could be done by dividiing into interest groups, or it could be done keeping everybody who comes in one group and talking about all subjects.)

11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. - Lunch and speaker on Health Care.

1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. - Discussion on health care--divide into discussion units and reach consensus.

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Critique of discussions.

3:00 p.m. - Adjourn.

As you know, we generally do not have enough money in workshop budgets to provide travel for State Board members. But we would like for as many as possible to attend. Last time we asked field service reps as well as board members in the areas to chair individual sessions, and we'll plan to do the same this time.

These are the people that I hope would be able to help with the various sessions:

Dallas/Fort Worth area: Scherel, Sondra, Ethel, Jerry, Marty, Myrtle

Houston area: Modelle, Diane, Barbara, new field service reps.

Central Texas: Evelyn, Sally, Frances, Rowena, Doris, new field service rep.

Lois, where would you like to go? Houston, maybe?

I have in mind to ask for some help from the Dallas League with the training session in the morning in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and from the Houston League for the Houston area. Don't know who to ask in the Central Texas area, but Brazos County has probably been the strongest in program, \them a role to play. We can ask several Leagues to be prepared to supply a chairman, discussion leader, and recorder for the afternoon sessions and ask the people who attended the health care debates to serve as resource people.

When I started this memo and when I talked to Diane, I had in mind to recommend inclusion of counterparts on membership, finance, and voters service. However, when I put everything together, it was apparent that it would be too much to try to include those with the other things that seem like a good idea for this particular workshop. We have had quite a few counterpart opportunities lately, and maybe it's time to try something different.

Concerns: What materials and background do we have with which to lead the morning groups? Barbara, I understand you have some good information and materials. Would you share them? Maybe bring them to board meeting. Anybody else?

COUNCIL EVALUATION

Ratings	6	5	4	3	2	1	Comments
Tour of A & M		1	4	1	1		2 on bad weather
Speaker Luncheon	31	7	5				1 on spotty dishes
Plenaries	8	26	7	2			2 persons gave two differen ratings
Wine Tasting	5	19	7	5	2	1	inadequate seating (2), food comments (3), concern with profits (1).
Pres. Breakfast	2	8	3	3			food not good
Counterparts	4	8	8		2		groups too small; no agenda or leader; unstructured

Liked Most

People, interatction, getting to know other Leaguers - 22
Sharing ideas, getting new ideas - 8
Well-run, well organized, good direction from podium - 4
Substantive speeches and program focus - 4
Regional meetings - 4
National Convention Caucus - 3
Relaxed, not rushed - 2
Accomplishing tasks together, learning how state League works, everyone included in small group sessions, good physical arrangements, friendly atmosphere, great State Board leadership!

Positive Comments

High level Council; good leadership (2); late checkout time.

Negative Comments

Chair (State Board) biased on election night reporting (4); regional meetings lacked format (4); more time for discussion in sessions (2).

Most Disturbing comment

"Why are West Texas Leagues always treated as step children? West Texas represents over 300 memberrs and yet we are penalized because our cities are distant and our finances limited. Why?"

Suggestions

chance to work on specific portfolios and state program (2); time to visit with State Board on an informal basis; more helpers to show people around and direct to publications room, etc.; inform hotel when people will need to check in; State League should coordinate VG questions in overlapping congressional districts; longer breaks with coffee, tea, coke; a " materials exchange" which would have good finance letters, flyers, etc., free for other Leagues; continue regional meetings; no 9 or 9:30 meetings; stretch after lunch; check speaker system--couldn't hear Lipscomb; give speakers time limit; use red and green voting cards; no talking; include "I Wish the League Would...."

Share fare

'I WISH THE LEAGUE WOULD....'

- have a League questioner at the Gubernatorial Debates.
- respond to the nominating committee's request for input.
- designate a single League to take the lead in questions candidates in congressional districts with overlapping Leagues.
- cooperate in recommending a person or persons to serve on National Board-- Betty Anderson suggested for next round.

May 14, 1986

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TO: State Board

From: Scherel Carver

Re: Pre-Board for 5/30 Meeting

Report on State Units

Cherokee County hopes to be considered at this June meeting for provisional status. Judy Frazier promises to have draft of their application to Rachel by 5/16/86. Advisor Lucy Roush says that she has confidence in new officers.

Pasadena polled members by mail and all but about 4 wished to disband. Dolores Brogna, the Chair, is moving to another city and no one is willing to take on any responsibility. They will be sending all records and a check for some $2,000 to the S.O. Their letter will request, however, that the money go to the Office Fund. Helen has told them that the State Board will not be likely to approve it.

I am sending each member a letter encouraging him/her to remain a MAL, or to join a Houston unit. Helen said that a younger group hopes to build the Unit back up soon.

Gregg County has a similar problem, except that VP Patricia Gillis has agreed to take responsibility of Chair, so that membership retention is really the problem here. I told her that I would send letter to each member who is now due (all but about 3), reminding that it is time to pay. Have not talked with Rachel, but I may also poll the membership about remaining as a SU.

There really should be no problem getting 20 - 25 members, but there may be a problem with involvement level. Patricia has asked that we stick by them as a unit, as she feels membership & interest will return. Hope to be able to say I have an advisor for them by bd. meeting. Sally Gullion my #1 choice. (Marshall)

LWVUS Post-Board Summary - April board meeting

Note section on Membership & Development, especially pp 4-5 "Partnership for Growth." They propose to count as members any donors of gift equal to dues amount. If I understand correctly, any of those becoming MAL's would be serviced by our board, which could have a significant impact on our 86-87 budget. Please read to see if my interpretation seems accurate.

TO: ORGANIZATION CORE

1. Abilene Ed. Fund project "A Citizen's Guide to Abilene:" Text has been approved, photographs taken but not seen by me. Sherilyn Svien does think I'll have them by 5/30, however, and we'll certainly need to approve before Sept. -- either in June (based on text alone) or by mail later.
2. Need to discuss whether or not to have training for SU advisors. Pat Stanley is only new Advisor, unless Sally Gullion accepts. Would it work better to go to them? Combine with regional workshops in fall? Think about these alternatives.
3. In view of LWVUS's coming fall direct mail campaign and the high drop rate for members gained through their last one, do you have any ideas for retention? Repeat mailings to past members who have dropped last few years? Our own direct mail campaign? (colleges seem to be one target for LWVUS) Would we like to offer any membership growth incentives to LL's this year?

TO: State Board members

FROM: Evelyn Bonavita, Legislative Director

RE: June (or late May) board meeting, PREBOARD

As I've mentioned several times in recent weeks, at our May/June board meeting we'll be determining our preliminary list of legislative priorities. Program people need to come to the board with recommendations about their portfolios, as well as informed opinions about other program areas which might figure large in the next legislative session. And bear in mind that the final list of priorities is a full board decision.

I've talked to Diane, and we will also be assigning advocacy papers in June on the priorities we're sure about. These, as you know, are one page, front and back (I'll bring some to show you), urging legislative change. At last, a chance for the activists among us (all of us I hope) to emerge from the thicket of facts and issues, pros and cons, TEF objectivity, and tear into a real position paper! Sally, since our timing is so tight on indigent health care, yours may have to be written from the consensus position you can only speculate we'll reach. Of course, if we end up with a different consensus, the indigent health care advocacy paper will be altered before it's printed.

The next item is what we call the legislative questionnaire or the legislative interview form. In September (this is a little preview) we will be deciding on the questions for this, but it would not hurt to have some idea in June about the subjects you'd like to see covered in this. (I will also bring copies of this.)

Finally, Diane and I think it would be a good idea to assign the November constitutional amendments at the next board meeting. There are only three, but if you're one of those folks who gets to research railroad rolling stock, you appreciate all the lead time you can get. Besides, we still don't know the fate of the House Study Group, and all you old-timers are fully cognizant of exactly what we owe the House Study Group when we need background material on constitutional amendments.

PRE-BOARD FROM LOUISE CUMMINS MAY 1986
subject: periodic program review

Delegates to Council had an opportunity to work with the process we are calling periodic program review. Delegates agreed that the process is needed and that, with some refinement, it can be effective.

Some of their suggestions for making the process work better are:

Better define the criteria used for evaluating program particularly the one called "relevance."

Under the place for recommendation we had listed retain, update, modify, retire, drop, restudy. Several people did not like retire. Retire means positions would stay on file,, but would be inactive unless "activated" using an update or concurrence.

Allow local leagues to be involved in the process earlier than in the suggested time frame.

Be cognizant of the fact that members and local leagues have limited time.

Review committee should have more local league people than board members. (state board members)

Be sure that time at Convention allows for expanded debate.

Don't try to do too much review at one time. Stretch the review out over a longer period of time.

Develop a form that will be easy to use and will reflect precisely the item being addressed.

I think all of these suggestions are valid and I hope the program core will have time to address them.

I have some ideas that are more in the nature of brainstorming to suggest. These ideas mainly deal with the time frame because I think the definitions can be dealt with fairly easily.

Local leagues could be asked to review the program to be reviewed in the early spring. The sunset committee could meet in the summer and the report sent out in the Fall. It would then be returned to S.B. in time for the January meeting and sent out in the workbook. This would not work this year as early spring has already happened.

There could be regional review committees from each of the four regions who meet in the summer. Each league in the region could send as many people as they want (or select three or six or whatever,.) In addition to representatives from each local league state board would provide at least one knowledgable person to serve as a resource person about the topic under review. S.B. person would not have a vote. Ideally S.B. would also provide the discussion leader also without a vote.

From the regional review committee each region would send one representative to meet with three members of the state board including the program vice president. If resource people from s.b. are neede they could attend but not vote. This review committee would meet early in the Fall and prepare material for the local leagues.

Diana Clark has said she would be willing to work to help us review AJ positions. I think this would be good because Diana is not comfortable with some of the things in that position and this would be a good opportunity to get it looked at. I would like to propose we review it and Financing State Government. FSG is another position that needs to be dropped or restudied or updated or something.

I will also propose that we elongate the review schedule.

Please be thinking of ways that we can define relevance. I know what we mean but I feel like the supreme court justice who said he couldn't define pornography but he knows it when he sees it.

We will also need to decide on the recommendations such as retain, update, modify, retire, drop, resudy. We need to look very closely at retire.

I am not worried about a form and have one in mind. It can't be developed until we have these other things done.

All of the above are suggestions. Please think about this and come prepared to offer any ideas you may have.

Preboard,May 1986

To Board members

From Sally Coughlin

Consensus Questions: Health Care for the Medically Indigent

1. Who should be eligible for publicly funded programs that pay for basic health care?

a. All persons whose income is below the federal poverty guideline.

b. Low income persons with special needs--mentally ill, elderly, pregnant women, children.

c. Persons presently eligible for Texas programs

d. Unemployed.

e. Unisured or underinsured--working poor, self employed.

f. Undocumented aliens.

2. What services should constitute the minimum level of publicly funded health care?

a. Preventive care--disease screening programs, x-rays, nutrition programs, education, drugs.

b. Primary care..diagnosis and treatment

c. Maternal and child health care (or prenatal,perinatal, and postnatal care.)

d. Emergency care.

e. Catastrophic care.

f. Other

3. Who should be responsible for financing medically indigent health care costs?

a. Federal/State Government matching funds.

b. Local Government (city or county).

c. Combinations of governmental agencies.

d. Employers through a surcharge on health insurance premiums.

e. All individuals contributing to the best of their ability.

f. Statewide risk pool for catastrophic illness.

g. Other.

4. Where should health care for the medically indigent be provided?

a. Public health care hospitals and clinics that are financed by local tax base..city, county or hopital district taxes.

b Private not-for-profit and for-profit institutions.

c. Combination of all types of facilities.

d. Other

5. What, if any, needs of the medically indigent have not been addressed by the above questions? How should these needs be met?

May 1986 Preboard

Diane Sheridan

PROGRAM CORE AGENDA (plenary items *ed; who's in charge)

LWV-Texas
* Domestic Violence consensus approval (Mateele)
* Health Care consensus question approval (Sally)
* Periodic Program Review plans (Louise)
  Tentative Legislative Priorities and Advocacy Paper assignments (Evelyn)
  State program planning process (Diane)
  How-to-lobby workshop for program core (Diane)
* Policy items: extending due dates for HCMI consensus and state program planning reports; participation in multiple consensus discussions (Diane)
  Outlook for work for 1986-87: what's required? desired?
    - o container deposit workshop
    - o what to do about Financing the State Government
    - o focus on Public School Finance
    - o Legislative Days

LWV-TEF
Outlook for work
  o special districts pub
* amicus brief
* rejoin Texas Council on Family Violence, Texas Env. Coal.
* Health Care Facts and Issues

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MY 4/23 PRE-PRE-BOARD ALSO CONTAINS PERTINENT INFO

Policy items--Do you care to allow waivers from the postmark deadlines for HCMI consensus or state program planning, which are causing problems for Dallas and Houston respectively. We can either stick to the deadline, write them to explain why, and have them approve their consensus at a special board meeting. OR we can tell LLs in the post-board that the deadlinee stands and why it is needed, but that we will consider hardship cases if requested in writing by September 1. The problem seems to be the tight window for scheduling meetings in Leagues with multiple units. We can handle a few reports coming in late but not many reports.

I still haven't asked any other states for info on the multiple participation in consensus item but will try to do so before the board. I want to discuss it at least preliminarily so that we can respond to the LL in some fashion.

Outlook for work--I want us to leave the June board meeting knowing what we must do, what our secondary priorities are, and what we will do should we become rich. When I looked back at last June's list, I was pleased to see how much we have accomplished. With the budget crunch, we simply have to set priorities--and not just in Program.

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Immigration and Naturalization work is progressing. Tom Gooch sent letters to about 125 Leagues who have shown interest this year or in the last four years. Fifty Leagues recommended immigration this year, though only 28 turned their reports in on time! Diane K. is waiting for the labels to arrive to send out the flyer Houston wrote and Dallas made. Tyler, Corpus, Bay Area, and Brazos County have delegates researching copy for speeches. Lois is scheduling caucuses. People are really excited!

Fall Workshops--I'm really excited about Rachel's plan to give workshops a program focus. I also like her idea to split the work among LLs to attract them (and to prevent us from manufacturing workshop materials the night before the meeting). It shouldn't be hard to find an outside health care speaker for each workshop. The LL people who attended the health care debate are to be asked to serve as resource people for a mock consensus designed to show how to be a good discussion leader, recorder, etc. I think this will be an excellent program education exercise.

I'd like to challenge the whole board to consider expanding upon Rachel's idea and making health care a theme for the fall, and legislative advocacy the theme for the spring. The fall workshop session on membership could focus on how to use health care to attract and keep members. The finance section could explore how to attract health care providers to donate to finance drives. You could talk about the Ed Fund using health care as an example. The goal of all this is to increase our VISIBILITY. We know how critical visibility is to LLs; I think it is equally important to our efforts to attract and retain members statewide, to raise money, and to make members feel proud to belong to the League. I hope we can spend some time talking about the idea of "themes," even if it's at R&R.

The LWV-Texas budget Program Action line item needs to be split up based on legislative priorities. I'd like to do a tentative split after we meet, then send it out to you afterwards.

DRAFT 1986-87 LWV-TEXAS CALENDAR---bring your calendar, please

Thanks to those of you who supplied items. PLEASE check for accuracy and also note that I occasionally changed your suggestions. The hardest calendar item to handle is the state mailings schedule. Thinking about it now may reduce the need for lengthy discussion at board. It shouldn't come as any surprise that the system is currently less than perfect, and we need to improve it. I have scheduled the mailings to go out of the state office on Mondays rather than Fridays this year to give the office a more realistic schedule. I think they can handle this schedule if

- o we each draft, rewrite, and edit our own memos before mailing them to arrive on time;
- o we send typed, double-spaced copy to our VP and Lois at the same time as we send it to the office; without it, we have to spend more telephone time and money sharing your news;
- o Lois and the VPs edit by phone over the weekend when rates are cheaper.

Mailings are time-consuming for all and very expensive to produce. Please consider these suggestions and changes in that light. We did nine mailings in 1985-86. I have put seven and two optional ones on the calendar after getting Lois' suggestions, talking to Joann and Charlene about production, and considering contents and alternative schedules. Here's an annotated version of what's in the calendar, which calls for mailings every six to eight weeks on the average. THIS IS NOT AN ALL-INCLUSIVE LIST OF WHAT GOES IN EACH MAILING.

June 6--mailing of items submitted by end of board meeting, including calendar ; Domestic Violence position; announcement of TEC General Assembly

July 21--six weeks later--post-board; HCMI Facts and Issues; Directory; National Convention summary; fall workshop plans; LL Program Index; program planning process; Voters Guide ordering info

September 2--six weeks later--optional mailing

October 6--five weeks later--post-board; program planning forms; Legislative Priorities brochure??

December 1--eight weeks later--post-board; HCMI consensus; advocacy papers; Legislative Days info; legislative interview forms; first call to Convention

February 2--nine weeks later--post-board; final call to Convention; Leg Days reminder

March 23--seven weeks later--Convention Workbook and registration forms

April 20--four weeks later--optional mailing

May 26--five (nine) weeks later--post-board; Convention summary.

Another consideration--do we need to split the calendar into state and local activities as it is shown in the League Directory? Prepare to convince me; otherwise, I think that one calendar that is directed to LLs but includes the state League things they should know about is sufficient. The board calendar would then look like what follows, minus the items that are only LL reminders. (SB = state bd. only)
~~assume items go on both state board & LL calendars unless noted~~

JUNE
May 30-June 1 - State board meeting, Austin
6 - State mailing of items submitted at board meeting
LL 15 - DEADLINE: First quarterly PMP due in State Office president letter
SB 20 - VOTER deadline
28 - TEC General Assembly, San Marcos (3 Leagues cosponsoring)

JULY
SB 11 - State mailing deadline
21 - State mailing, including Health Care Facts and Issues and League Directory -VG order forms
LL - Local calendar planning for year's activities
- Texas VOTER

AUGUST
1 - DEADLINE for suggestions to Nominating Committee for State Board
9 - Local elections, if applicable
LL 15 - DEADLINE for filing IRS Form 990 for LLs with FY ending 3/31
SB 22 - Deadline for optional state mailing
SB 29 - Pre-board deadline - pros & cons -VG
LL - Finalize fall plans

SEPTEMBER
1 - Labor Day
2 - Optional state mailing
6 - Fall regional workshops
LL 10 - DEADLINE for ordering Voters Guides for November election
12-14 - State board meeting, Austin
LL 15 - DEADLINE: Second quarterly PMP due in state office
20 - October 13 - COASTWEEK 86
SB 24 - VOTER deadline
SB 26 - State mailing deadline
LL - Voter registration drives
LL - Hold meetings for health care study
30- River Symposium

OCTOBER
SB 4 - Last day to register for November elections
4 - Rosh Hashanah
6 - State mailing
13 - Columbus Day/Yom Kippur
15 - Absentee voting begins for November election
15 - DEADLINE: Form 990 due for FYs ending 5/31
SB 17 - Advocacy papers due
18 - LWV-Corpus ~~Rising Sea Level~~ conference
Coastal Awareness

31 - Halloween
31 - Absentee voting ends
SB 31 - Pre-board deadline
- LWV-Texas Budget Committee meets
- LWV-Texas gubernatorial debate
- Texas VOTER
LL - Plan for state program-making and state bylaws proposals, allowing time for board approval before submitting to state office by 12/19 postmark deadline
LL - Activate bylaws, budget, local program planning. and nominating committees
LL - Complete health care consensus and have board approve it before submitting report to state office by Nov. 1 postmark deadline

NOVEMBER 11 - Start of bill filing
LL 1 - Postmark DEADLINE for submitting board-approved Health Care for the Medically Indigent consensus reports to state office
4 - Election Day (general election plus constitutional amendments)
8-9 - Great Texas Outdoors Celebration
14 - State board meeting
SB 21 - State mailing deadline
27 - Thanksgiving Day
- If LWVUS Human Needs study is adopted, Leagues will do community profiles between November and February

DECEMBER
3 - State mailing - first call to convention
LL 15 - DEADLINE : Third quarterly PMP due in state office
SB 15 - HCMI advocacy paper due if we reach consensus
19 - Postmark DEADLINE for submitting board-approved state program planning and bylaws suggestions to state office
25 - Christmas
27 - Hanukah
LL - Begin planning for Annual Meeting (check bylaws for deadlines by which members must be notified of board-approved bylaws, budget, and program recommendations and receive nominating committee report)
LL - Send proposed LL bylaws changes to LWV-Texas Bylaws Chair, Rowena Rodgers, 3 months before annual meeting

JANUARY 1987
SB 2 - Pre-board deadline
5 - DEADLINE : Yearly LL membership count due in state office (determines convention representation and PMP and affects LWV-T budget--please be prompt)
5 - DEADLINE: Yearly sales tax report due in state office
13 - 70th Texas Legislature convenes
15 - DEADLINE: Yearly report to Sec'y of State for general purpose PACs ($100 fine if even a day late)
16-18 - State board meeting, Austin
17 - Local elections, if applicable
SB 23 - State mailing deadline
SB 28 - VOTER deadline
LL - Continue plans for annual meeting (check bylaws for deadlines)

FEBRUARY

2 - State mailing
16 - President's Day
16-17 - Legislative Days, Austin
SB 27 - Convention Workbook deadline
LL - Continue annual meeting plans (check bylaws for deadlines)

MARCH

1 - If LWVUS Human Needs study is adopted, community profiles will be due in national office
4 - Last day to register for April elections
SB 13 - State mailing deadline
LL 15 - DEADLINE: Fourth quarterly PMP due to state office
16 - Absentee voting for April elections begins
23 - State mailing, including Convention Workbook
31 - Absentee voting ends

APRIL

4 - Local elections, if applicable
10 - DEADLINE for receipt of convention registrations
SB 10 - Deadline for optional state mailing
14 - Passover
SB 15 - Pre-board deadline
19 - Easter
20 - Optional state mailing
SB 27 - VOTER deadline
30 - State board meeting, Fort Worth

MAY

1-3 - State League Convention, Fort Worth
10 - Mother's Day
SB 15 - State mailing deadline
25 - Memorial Day
26 - State mailing
SB 26 - Pre-board deadline
LL - DEADLINE: Send to state office on forms provided: local board list, local program list, DPM order. Send revised bylaws.
- Review local policy guide
LL - Plan board training
LL - Organize committees

JUNE 1 - Sine die

5-7- State board meeting and training, someplace retreatful
12 - State mailing of items submitted at board meeting--calendar; We Support
13-17 - National Council???
SB 26 - State mailing deadline for July 13 mailing
- Wrap-up Legislative Newsletter

PREBOARD
MCCORMICK
June, 1986

I had scheduled my Spring calendar around the first dates we set for Board meeting and couldn't change arrangements. We have a working vacation in San Francisco at the Fairmont for the Edison Electic Institute meeting. I've had great fun arranging meals and outings, but you would love my League-penny-pinching approach: it costs how much??!!!

The final accounting and other aspects of the National Debate on Health Care are finished. According to the contract with the Texas Foundation for Human Services, we had to return the unspent funds. A check for $2,743.27 was posted on May 20, 1986. We paid registration, travel expenses, and hotel charges for the 12 Local League scholarship attendees as well as the expenses for the members of the Leagues in the Dallas area who came to work at the debate. (Only 8 out of 19 asked to be reimbursed.) Please realize we could not have managed the conference formats without the willing and competent help that came from all those Local Leagues in the area.

We did retain a 3% administration fee of $300 to cover office use and additional expenses. The reproducing and mailing of the 12 Leaguers reports later this summer will come out of this amount. Thanks to Modelle, Myrtle, and the office for all their help.

It was a splendid project. We have really performed an outstanding service to the Texas Department of Human Services and to the state.

I believe the League benefitted as well and not just in terms of visibility and credibility but also in the positive impact on the League members that attended. Time and time again, I've read and heard comments such as: "Being part of the debate was/is one of the highlights of my year-or maybe decade.";"I was thrilled to meet and learn from the other League members. I feel pride in belonging to the League of Women Voters.";"On the personal level, meeting Leaguers from across the state has renewed my faith in grass-roots action. It has made me excited about working together at the local and state level. I feel through networking we're going to get something accomplished in health care.";and "Working together as a group on a special project has allowed us to see a part of one another that is often hidden in superfical contacts. To me, the size of Texas has decreased; as I travel now, I will look forward to seeing my new friends in their home communities. I am confident that the Texas League of Women Voters can provide the stimulus to solving one of our countries most difficult problems." (These comments are from the written reports that the scholarship attendees are writing.)

I strongly urge that we consider the ramifications of the above remarks as we plan and budget in the future. We must continue to bring state board and Local League members together in projects and in state study committees. It seems to create a comradeship, enthusiasm, and a desire to make things happen. It will also help the nominating committee. (Regional workshops with some focus on

state studies can be an intregal part of this networking.)

How to pay? One consideration is to reduce our mailings in every possible way. I heard many times when calling after deadlines, "it must be buried in my League pile." We write, edit (and edit and edit...), and send out enormous amount of paper and a lot of it is not being read. The copy machine has enhanced our means of communication and has created piles of unread material. The old-fashioned way of communicating by telephone and individual personal letters still seems the most effective. Surely we could all do one page Board Reports, even program people. Should we be doing more direct calling when we need info or work by a certain deadline?

I'm also considering publications costs for studies. Should we have study committees meet to plan and do projects or should we publish slick pubs? What's more important? If we can't get grant funds, could we live with an in-house publication at a fraction of the cost?

Most importantly, some of us, and I'm really guilty, are going to have to learn that fundraising responsibilities come first on the list in our portfolios, not when there is time to address them.

Did we ever seriously study an increased market for our Voter's Guides-our very best known product?

These are some thoughts for you to store away and consider. It seems we could think about revamping some procedures of communicating and working with Local Leagues. We must have work telephone numbers in the next directory. I wasted so much time and money calling Joanne (her time too!) for these numbers. No one seemed to object when I called at work and they called me back from their desks.

It seems very clear that members found a stimulus in working with other members from across the state. We should enable that to happen more often. We should definately get state board people out more to work with Leagues. Outspoken or not, we're one hell of a group.

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Legislative Priorities:

Medical Care for the Indigent of Texas

Maintain Funding for Human Services(?)

Increase Funding for Human Services (?)

Action to Increase Economic Opportunities for Women and minorities (?)

Child Care (?)

How many Advocacy Papers could we have? Many many do we need? There should be an indigent health paper.

April Pre-Council Board Meeting
April 18, 1986
College Station Hilton

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LWV-Texas
April 1986
Preboard Report

See Council materials for directions on getting to Hilton. We only have four hours in which to meet, so we must start on time. Louise may have to be an hour or so late, but everyone else please plan to be there before 1:00 p.m.

Apologies for late minutes. Doris had some problems, and so did I, but you will receive these upon arrival. A good reason to arrive early! Please bring with you your national League program recommendations (Winter National VOTER) and the Council Workbook.

Offboard nominating committee members have been encouraged to visit this board meeting if possible. Ruth Lauer will not arrive until Friday night; Ethel Sturgis and Diana Clark will join us for dinner Friday night (so will Catherine Perrine). That dinner, hosted by LWV-Brazos County, will be at the home of Kerly Sekera. Exact time and directions will be given at board meeting. Not yet sure of the exact location of R&R, so be flexible.

ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS:

Carpenter/Watson	Bonavita/McMahan	Brudner/McIntyre
Coughlin/Gooch	Cummins/Rittgers	Carver/McCormick
Lovelace/Rodgers	Smith/Sheridan	Lauer/Sturgis

On Saturday, Clark moves in with Lauer & Sturgis; Ferstl moves in with her LL pres.

AGENDA:
Friday, April 18, 1986

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. LWV-Texas Plenary Session
- Review Council timed agenda (distributed upon arrival)

1:30 - 2:00
- √Minutes
- √Treasurer's Report
- √President's Report
- √Development Report — Brudner

2:00 - 3:15

Program
- √National Convention items
- √Appoint Debbie Stine as Assoc. Director
- √Coastweek proclamation
- √Update on D.V. project w/TCFV

Organization
- √Plano request to change basis of organization
- √Offer free DPMs to co-presidents?
- √Field Service Report — Ferstl
- √State Units Report — Carver

Public Relations
- √May VOTER assignments — McIntyre

Adjourn LWV-Texas

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3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 - 5:00 **LWV-TEF Plenary Session**

3:30 - 4:00

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Chair's Report
- Program:
  - State TEF Projects to be Approved:
    - Domestic Violence — Rittgers
    - HCMI — Coughlin
    - TGH — Bonavita
    - Air — Sheridan for Jacob
    - Parks & Wildlife — Sheridan

4:00 - 4:45

- Public Relations
- Development: — Brudner
  - Ongoing fundraising
  - Direct Mail (see also Lovelace memo of 3/28)
  - Domestic Violence project
    - HCMI — Ferstl
    - TGH — Bonavita
  - Every-member mailing for Cap. Fund Drive?
  - Debates funding — Brudner
- Debate report — Brudner
- Voters Guide progress — Rodgers
- Publications plans

4:45 - 5:00

- Local League Project Requests
  - Galveston Voters Guides
  - Corpus Christi Voters Guides
  - Abilene Citizens Guide
  - Kerrville Candidates Forum
- Adjourn

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DIANE'S PRE-BOARD APRIL 1, 1986

AGENDA ITEMS

- a little discussion on national convention items
- decision on my recommendation to appoint Debbie Stine as an associate director
- TEF project requests from Sally, Mateele, Kathy, Evelyn
- Coastweek proclamation

Debbie Stine, Corpus Program VP, volunteered to help with container deposit. As of this writing, I am talking to her about what it means. Her president doesn't mind; she'll check with her board April 10. The air control board, for whom she works, doesn't mind as long as she avoids air issues. (We shouldn't make her Solid Waste because resource recovery has air quality implications.) I'll bring her resume and answer any questions. She's young, energetic, willing to take direction but a self-starter, and she has state board potential.

NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

We need to discuss national convention items before our convention delegates meet with LL delegates Saturday night. I have spoken to LWVUS staff and written Nancy Neuman to find a way to learn what their program recommendations are. No reply yet. Won't be easy.

Some Texas LLs recommended Immigration, but current LWVUS tallies show little support otherwise; their tally is not complete. LWV-Los Altos/Mountain View Area of California also recommended an immigration study with a note that, if there is not enough support for a full study, immigration be included in the scope of the Human Needs study. El Paso's minutes show that their members did not recommend the study but their board did. Houston has an eager delegate who's ready to push for this item in a slightly different form: a study of Immigration and Naturalization.

Recommendations received since the January board meeting:

New Studies

- Liability Insurance (Ashland and Rogue Valley OR)
- Computerized Voting Process (Carrol Co. MD)
- Child Day Care (Waynesboro VA)
- Mental Health (Waynesboro VA)

Liability insurance problems and tort reform will be major legislative issues. The League in practice has supported certain types of liability but has no comprehensive position and could do little. States seem to be rushing to change the system; so may Congress. Whether or not such a study would be timely is worth discussing. (I'm serving on a planning committee for a UH Law School national conference on this subject and will be there till Council begins.)

Human Needs

- Florida suggests rewording: Human Services--Study and evaluation of

federal policies and programs designated to meet the needs of the nation's poor, with emphasis on health and legal services.

Urban Policy
- Chicago plans to fight dropping Urban Policy
- NJ opposes dropping. They have informed their LLs that they may adopt the national UP positions at Council by concurrence as an emergency. I knew such adoption was possible but didn't think about the need to do it at Council. If it appears at Convention that UP will be dropped, might we work for a delayed drop that would allow state Leagues to adopt the national positions at 1987 conventions?

Natural Resources
- Utah, Missouri, and Chicago oppose for various reasons; objecting to positions dropped as well as objecting to calling the changes non-substantive and giving poor explanations. LWVUS will presumably adopt the details of position at their April board meeting, but it's obvious that convention delegates will fight for change.

Action
- California wants greater priority for PPRC to assist state and LLs in their fight against growing restrictions. Lois and I have asked Evelyn to consider supporting their request because of multiple past discussions about the lack of guidance on this issue.
- Massachuseets and Washington want convention support for a resolution supporting a nuclear risk reduction program

Program Management
- Kent, Ohio want Leagues to write national to request convention discussion of mail-in consensus. (Minnesota seems to support.)

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON PERIODIC PROGRAM REVIEW
Louise is working on this and will need help from some of you. I'll begin the session with an introduction to how program planning works. I also want to use this time to get suggestions for the mechanics of state program planning: everymember material in VOTER; use of form in VOTER, etc.

Does the budget for Council/Convention include the cost of phone calls to remind people to turn in their reports and later to edit them? If not, it should!

Council Workbook program reports will form the basis of a series of VOTER articles, by major subject area, to update all members gradually about state program prior to winter's program planning. The May VOTER will focus on NR. I will write using those reports but need NR people to update me about more recent activities by Council.

PROGRAM EDUCATION
I firmly advocate setting aside some/extra time at the June board meeting for some at-least-one-year planning to include discussion of how to improve our efforts to educate LLs about program. Program is the hardest part of the League to understand (except maybe for the Ed Fund). It is the one part of the League that is managed distinctly

differently than work on issues is managed in other organizations, so people's experience in other groups doesn't transfer well. Program is a part of League that people used to come to understand in a gradual process over a period of years; now a new member can find herself Program VP within her first year of membership. State board members and support personnel (associate directors, field service reps, state unit advisors) no longer necessarily come to their position with broad and extensive League background, so they are not as capable of helping as they once were. We cannot change the world and return to the days of full-time, day-time League volunteers. Therefore, we must make a concentrated effort to educate people better about what we consider the basics of League program--or we must abandon those standards and become like Common Cause and the Sierra Club. Deciding how to improve is a total board responsibility, and I think we must set aside some committee-of-the-whole time in June to develop a strategic plan in at least this limited area.

What do I consider the standar ds of League program that make us different if not unique:

- we don't act unless we have a position
- we don't have positions unless we study and come to agreement
- we operate on three levels that correspond with the three levels of government and develop positions appropriate to each level. We study items appropriate to our level of League/government
- many positions move down vertically, but none move up vertically.
- we speak with one voice, coordinating action with other affected Leagues and in coordination with actions taken at "upper" levels of League
- we respond to our grassroots, applying positions in ways we think our members understand and would support

RECENT ACTIVITIES

- I wrote Dallas judge to decline to do judicial selection survey
- Carol Flatten did Action Alert on federal budget.
- Kathy Jacob testified by invitation on several air issues
- Evelyn testified for me on hazardous waste rulemaking. I did not participate in an April 1 hearing because I didn't have time to study the proposed rules properly. (Jan Albers was right when she told me not to keep a portfolio when I became VP.)
- Barbara and Evelyn were invited to participate in a meeting on DHS sunset
- Evelyn opposed the abolition of the House Study Group. (Not only would its loss devastate the Leg., it would also seriously impede our ability to learn both sides of bills and constitutional amendments.)
- Barbara has spent days working on the health care debate and holds the state championship for getting reimbursed by a state agency (4 weeks).
- Barbara made comment about effects of 13% budget reductions on DHS. (Actually, she found a janitor at a college in Tyler to make them for her--kind of.)
- Catherine speaks at meetings, participates on the Rural Water Task Force, and talks to the water agencies about rulemakings.
- Reggie is researching Medicaid for a July VOTER insert.

- I participated in a Washington planning session for a new Keystone Center project to begin this summer; I'll be a staff member for the project rather than a participant. I also represented TKC at a San Francisco conference on public involvement and served as a facilitaor in a Keystone workshop in March.
- I lectured to a Univeristy of Houston class in environmental policy and politics, discussing the League and what makes it unique in this area, namely how consensus impacts what we do.
- My first ever call to jury duty was a good education about the justice system, about which I know nothing. The judge was good enough to campaign for (and go home with).

COMING IN JUNE (not to be considered an inclusive list...)
- Domestic Violence consensus results and possible position
- adoption of Health Care consensus questions
- another refining of legislative priorities
- decision on how to manage state program planning
- assignments for November's constitutional amendments
- decisions on whether we can mange to have a program people legislative training session this summer.

VOTER BLURBS
Lois and I have discussed broadening their purpose so that any board person who wants to write one can. They are used, but we don't always have program items. Therefore, all of you are encouraged to compose blurbs that are meant for use in LL VOTERs, short, not time-dated. Philosophical pieces obviously also do well.

WHY WE KEEP SAYING "IF WE REACH CONSENSUS"
LWV-Georgia recently completed a study on jury issues and reached no consensus.

LWV-DC ran a VOTER article on discussion leaders and noted that it was derived from guides prepared by LWV-Texas and one other League.

BRIEN'S FIRST LAW:

At some time in the life cycle of virtually every organization, its ability to succeed in spite of itself runs out.

PreBoard Report
Barbara McCormick
April 2, 1986

The arrangements for the National Debate on Health Care are progressing nicely. It was very nice indeed to have the first check in hand. This $4000 pays the registration fee for our 12 LL members who are attending the debates.(See attached list .) The rest of the grant from the Texas Foundation for Human Services will cover the transportation and hotel costs for those members as well as expenses for the Dallas area LL members (about 25) who will work at the debate. In total, we will probably spend about $8,000. Any extra dollars will be returned to the Foundation but I did budget about a 3% overhead figure. All of our expenses for Modelle, Lois and I will be covered and Sally's registration has been waived. Sally is coming to the debate with her nice husband so I refrained from assigning League roommates to her room. Just this once though,Sally, we don't want anyone saying the League is relaxing its 10 to a room policy.

The LL Presidents in the Dallas area, especially Rebecca Bergstresser, have been wonderful in helping us find workers. You will be pleased to know that Rebecca will be invited to be a "head table" guest at least once during the debates.

I'm greatly pleased by the response from the LLs and as you can see there is quite a good cross-section of Leagues attending. We have a comfortable meeting room assigned to us for the entire time so we are planning one formal meeting with Lois, Sally, Louise, and maybe some of the major speakers on indigent health panel and all the Local League attendees. There will even be a bar! (Modelle, how about a grant proposal for wine and liquor? You can write it in your spare time.)

In my spare time, I've been researching, thinking and stewing about our sunset testimony concerning the Department of Human Services. Evelyn and I attended a very productive meeting with some of the human service advocates and we discussed what our various testimony would probably encompass. I left believing that lots of areas will be covered by all of our groups and that the Sunset staff will have good imput. Louise, you will be happy to know that much of that meeting was spent dicussing the budget cuts in services. We agreed to be an informal group that generates a public statement about what's happening in human services and distributes a press and public kit of information. Evelyn, in her spare time, will help write drafts of this material.

Looking forward to the Sunset Commission hearing in Sept., we will address our positions in H.R. including state responsibility and removal of the "welfare" ceiling as well as delivery of services, food stamp denial rate, and state developed forms , policies, and procedures which impede the application process. Finally, I hope to address the employment programs that are required for food stamp and AFDC recepients.

I did manage to get a message to the Department of Human

Services Board to actively seek media coverage and distribute information about the devastating cuts in programs caused by the state's revenue problems and the Gramm-Rudman cuts.

Austin is a very grim place these days.

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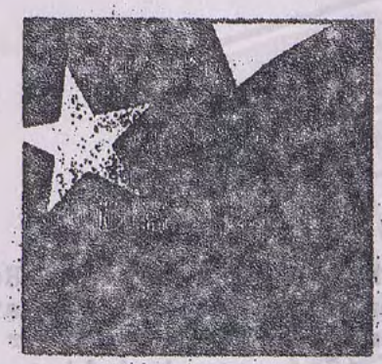

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I. DEBATES

Republican Gubernatorial Primary

With one week to go before the April 14 broadcast, the program will be carried by a television station in all the markets in the state except for 1 --- Wichita Falls, and 31 radio stations--3 of which are carrying the simultaneous translation into Spanish. Efforts are being made to get coverage in Wichita Falls and to encourage more Spanish radio stations to carry the Spanish feed.

MONEY: With the help of Joann and Charleen, I have sent letters to 21 individuals and companies. We concentrated on Republicans primarily, as we felt they would be the most interested in seeing this program air. We have had no replies from these letters yet. Now the good news. Diane suggested I approach Dow Chemical USA in Freeport. I did--and I got a pledge of $2,000 from them for the debate. At this point, however, this is the only pledge we have against a $8,663 budget.

Democratic Gubernatorial Primary

FRUSTRATING is the key word for this effort! Points that caused the end of this project:

1. Network stations I talked with in Houston and Austin were not very interested in orginating this program, even if I could get White to say yes, because they felt the program would be a dud. Their reasons for feeling this way were: (a) White has no real competition as they see it. (b) it cost too much money to clear air time to run a program nobody would be interested in (c) 6 candidates were too many to deal with effectively in 1 hour.

2. I then worked out a cooperative effort with KERA (PBS in Dallas). They had air time for April 10, 8 p.m. and had 10 other PBS stations lined up for that time. White turned this date down. During the course of this negotiation, a possibility was suggested that the monthly Governor's report program aired by KLRU (PBS - Austin) might be used as debate time. White latched upon that idea -- He did not want the April 24 date but offered the March date which was only 2 weeks away at the time he offered it. In the meantime, KLRU decided they did not want to open that regularly scheduled program to requests for "equal time" and flatly refused to change the format for the one program to a debate--(they really did not want to deal with the other 5 candidates either). Thus, everything ended!

-more-

II. FINANCE

Direct Mail - Politechs

As Joann and Lois have indicated, we are losing in this effort! The hard fact is this:

Expenses	$3,956.46
Income	1,880.00
Minus total	-$2,076.46

Response to the follow-up calls has not been great.

Regular Contributors and Board Suggested Contributors

January and February Regular Contributor letters are out. March and April will be out before the Board meeting. We have no responses from the Jan. and Feb. letters yet, but from past records, it usually takes a while to get the checks in.

The first letters from the Board-Suggested Contributors are out. More of these will be sent soon. While I have been slow about following up on your suggestions, I do plan to use every one that was sent to me. Once I get past the debate on April 14, I'll have more time to concentrate on these efforts. I do hope you will keep your eyes and ears open for <u>any other</u> new potential contributors in your area. I will have the forms with me at board for any new suggestions you may have.

TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS CARRYING CAMPAIGN '86: THE GOP PRIMARY

As of April 4, 1986

TELEVISION

ABILENE	CBS (tape delay 10:30 p.m.)
AMARILLO	CBS
AUSTIN	ABC
BEAUMONT/ PORT ARTHUR	NBC
BRYAN	CBS
CORPUS CHRISTI	CBS
DALLAS	ABC
EL PASO	ABC
HARLINGEN	CBS
HOUSTON	CBS
LAREDO	CBS
LONGVIEW/ TYLER	CBS (tape delay 10:30 p.m.)
LUBBOCK	NBC
MIDLAND	ABC
SAN ANGELO	INDEPENDENT (KIDY)
SAN ANTONIO	ABC
SHERMAN	CBS
VICTORIA	ABC
WACO	CBS

RADIO

AMARILLO	KIXZ
AUSTIN	KIXL
BIG SPRING	KBYG
BOERNE	KBRN
BRADY	KNEL
CONROE	KJOJ
CRANE	KXOI
DALLAS	KERA (tape delay Noon-April 15)
DENTON	KNTU
EL CAMPO	KXGC
FAIRFIELD	KNES
FALFURRIAS	KPSO (Eng. + Span)
FT. WORTH/ DALLAS	WBAP
GILMER	KNIF
GRANBURY	KPAR
GREENVILLE/ COMMERCE	KEMM
HOUSTON	KXKX (Spanish)
HEREFORD	KPAN (Eng. + Span.)
KENEDY	KTNR
LAREDO	KVOZ
LONGVIEW	KVOP AM + KATX FM
MALAKOFF	KCKL
MARSHALL	KMHT
PERRYTON	KEYE
PLANO/ COLIN CO.	KTNS
SAN ANGELO	KTEO
SAN ANTONIO	KRNN
SEGUIN	KWED
TEMPLE	KTEM
TEXARKANA	KCMC
WACO	KRZI

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 1986

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

J1	SALES TAX PAYABLE			11.46
J2	PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE			715.57
J3	OTHER PAYABLE			3481.57
J4	RESERVE FUND			15000.00
J5	ENDOWMENT FUND			$2,000.00
J6	PRE-RECD INCOME (1986-87)			
	ACCRUAL FOR LEGISLATIVE SESSION			3916.66
K1	OPERATING FUND BAL 6/1/85		8706.57	
K2	BETH BROWN RESTRICTED, BAL 6/1/8	2005.00		
	BAL. 3/31/86		547.89	
	INCOME LESS EXPENSES		1460.16	
	FUNDS ON HAND MARCH 31, 1986			10714.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH				35839.88

ASSETS

M1	INTERFIRST BANK AUSTIN CHECKING	3592.47
M2	OFFICE ACCOUNT	300.00
M3	PETTY CASH	30.00
M4	MERRILL LYNCH READY ASSETS	9523.97
M5	LONG TERM CERTIFICATE	13367.47
M6	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	485.00
M7	TEF RECEIVABLE	8503.50
M8	OTHER RECEIVABLE	37.47
M9	PRE-PAID EXPENSES 1986-87	0.00
	TOTAL ASSETS	35839.88

BUDGET ANALYSIS JUNE 1, 1985 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1986

	INCOME	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
A1	LOCAL LEAGUE AND PER MEMBER PAYMENTS	34257.00	34276.00	32134.63	2141.37
A2	MEMBERS JOINING THROUGH NATL	105.00		99.00	6.00
A3	DUES M-A-L & STATE UNIT MEMBERS	4950.00		2971.50	1978.50
A4	PROVIONAL LEAGUE	200.00			200.00
	SUB TOTAL A	39512.00	39531.00	35205.13	4325.87
					0.00
B1	INTEREST ON SAVINGS	1600.00		1884.93	-284.93
	SUB TOTAL B	1600.00		1884.93	-284.93
					0.00
C1	DUPLICATE PRESIDENT'S MAILINGS	3000.00		2560.00	440.00
C2	PUBLICATIONS ON HAND	1500.00		1169.47	330.53
C3	WE SUPPORT	600.00		418.25	181.75
C4	PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES	150.00		160.56	-10.56
C5	NON-PUB SALES	50.00		73.71	-23.71
	SUB TOTAL C	5300.00		4381.99	918.01

D1 MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	1032.00		63.08	968.92
D2A STATE FUND RAISING, GENERAL	8109.00	8610.00	2570.00	6040.00
D2B STATE FUND RAISING, DIRECT MAIL	0.00		4867.00	-4867.00
D3 BOARD MEMBERS, UNREIMBURSED EXP.	2300.00		1704.65	595.35
SUB TOTAL D	11441.00	11942.00	9204.73	2737.27
F1 COUNCIL, 1986	4500.00		0.00	0.00
SUB TOTAL F	4500.00		0.00	0.00
G1 IN KIND ASSISTANCE	1000.00		0.00	0.00
SUB TOTAL G			0.00	0.00
H1 TRANSFER FROM BETH BROWN FUND		2005.00	1457.11	547.89
H2 TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00			
TOTAL INCOME	63353.00	63873.00	52133.89	11739.11

EXPENSES

	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
N1 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2000.00		2188.16	-188.16
N2 GENERAL SUPPLIES	1000.00		-335.93	1335.93
N3 POSTAGE	1400.00		1754.06	-354.06
N4 TELEPHONE	1650.00		1147.59	502.41
N5 INSURANCE	550.00		351.33	198.67
N6 RENT AND PARKING	4785.00	5295.50	4360.50	935.00
N7 SALARIES	23430.00	23860.00	19880.00	3980.00
N8 PAYROLL TAXES	1860.00	1892.00	1679.82	212.18
N9 AUDIT AND TAX REPORTS	500.00		750.00	-250.00
N10 OFFICE OVERHEAD	-7435.00	-7527.00	-5242.81	-2284.19
N11 EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	100.00	2600.00	2611.42	-11.42
N12 TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-12528.00	-13279.00	-10798.43	-2480.57
SUB TOTAL N	17312.00	19941.00	18345.71	1595.29
O1A PRESIDENT, TRAVEL & PER DIEM	700.00		104.00	596.00
O1B PRESIDENT, TELEPHON	1600.00		2599.23	-999.23
O1C PRESIDENT, POSTAGE & SUPPLIES	100.00		22.00	78.00
O2 SECRETARY & TREASURER	800.00		524.20	275.80
O3A BOARD TOOLS	650.00		659.00	-9.00
O3B1BOARD MEETING, JUNE	2340.00	2100.00	1525.00	575.00
O3B2BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER	1800.00		2024.54	-224.54
O3B3BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER	1060.00		961.31	98.69
O3B4BOARD MEETING, JANUARY	1800.00		2228.68	-428.68
O3B5BOARD MEETING, APRIL	2300.00		0.00	2300.00
O3C BOARD MAILINGS	2600.00		2119.34	480.66
O3D UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES, BD MEETINGS	400.00		804.34	-404.34
O4A BUDGET COMMITTEE	400.00		221.60	178.40
O4B1DEVELOPMENT,GENERAL	1835.00		1595.90	239.10
O4B2DEVELOPMENT, DIRECT MAIL	0.00		2091.42	-2091.42
O4C INTERIM COMMITTEES	300.00		0.00	300.00
O4D NOMINATING AND BYLAWS	50.00		0.00	50.00
O5 TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-7335.00		-4321.57	-3013.43
O6 UNREIMBURSED EXP., ADMINISTRATIVE	600.00		275.53	324.47

	SUB TOTAL Q	12000.00	11760.00	13434.52	-1434.52
P1	NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1986	2000.00			
P2	STATE COUNCIL, 1986	4500.00		500.00	
	SUB TOTAL P	6500.00		500.00	6000.00
Q1	NATIONAL SERVICES	1100.00		1092.00	8.00
	SUB TOTAL Q	1100.00		1092.00	8.00
R1	VICE PRESIDENTS EXPENSES	375.00		19.68	355.32
R2	VOTER	4000.00		2061.94	1938.06
R3A	PUB DIRECTOR EXPENSE	50.00		0.00	50.00
R3B	MARKETING	400.00		0.00	400.00
R3C	DUPLICATE PRESIDENT'S MAILINGS	3000.00		2413.92	586.08
R3D	PUBLICATIONS ON HAND	1500.00		1606.13	-106.13
R3E	WE SUPPORT	600.00		808.20	-208.20
R3F	PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES	260.00		426.14	-166.14
R4	TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-2410.00		-1309.18	-1100.82
R5	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	100.00		0.00	100.00
	SUB TOTAL S	7875.00		6026.83	1848.17
S1	VICE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSE	300.00		24.00	276.00
S2	FIELD SERVICE	2300.00		1445.16	854.84
S3	WORKSHOPS	450.00	1675.00	677.11	997.89
S4	NEW LEAGUES AND NEW UNITS	360.00		162.13	197.87
S5	MEMBERSHIP	200.00		105.45	94.55
S6	PROVISIONAL LEAGUE	300.00		0.00	300.00
S7	STATE UNIT SUPPORT	800.00		147.99	652.01
S8	MAILINGS TO STATE UNIT CHAIRS	420.00		351.39	68.61
S9	MAILINGS TO MEMBERS AT LARGE	1980.00		2011.22	-31.22
S10	MAILINGS TO LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS	2000.00		1178.90	821.10
S11	TEF REIMBURSEMENT	-2225.00		-1387.25	-837.75
S12	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	400.00		115.54	284.46
	SUB TOTAL S	7285.00	8510.00	4831.64	3678.36
T1	VICE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES	500.00		708.75	-208.75
T2A	PROGRAM ACTION, GOVERNMENT	400.00		52.43	347.57
T2B	PROGRAM ACTION, VOTING RIGHTS	50.00		3.98	46.02
T2C	PROGRAM ACTION, PPRC	150.00		25.63	124.37
T2D	PROGRAM ACTION, AJ; JUDICIAL	50.00		8.81	41.19
T2E	PROGRAM ACTION, HUM RESOURCE, BMC	250.00		127.51	122.49
T2F	PROGRAM ACTION, HUM. RESOURCE, RT	100.00		15.67	84.33
T2G	PROGRAM ACTION, HEALTH CARE	50.00		0.00	50.00
T2H	PROGRAM ACTION, WUTL	50.00		29.28	20.72
T2I	PROGRAM ACTION, NR	100.00		79.26	20.74
T2J	PROGRAM ACTION, AIR	150.00		29.39	120.61
T2K	PROGRAM ACTION, WATER	100.00		88.59	11.41
T2L	PROGRAM ACTION, LWVUS NON VERTICAL	50.00		28.13	21.87
T3	COALITIONS AND OTHER	125.00		0.00	125.00
T4	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	700.00		509.24	190.76
	SUB TOTAL T	2825.00		1706.67	1118.33

U1	LOBBY AND OFFICE EXPENSE	950.00	300.00	319.70	-19.70
U2	ACCRUAL FOR NEXT SESSION	4700.00		3916.66	783.34
U3	SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION		650.00	0.00	650.00
U4	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSE	100.00		0.00	100.00
	SUB TOTAL U	5750.00	5750.00	4236.36	1513.64
V1	IN KIND ASSISTANCE	1000.00		0.00	1000.00
	SUB TOTAL V	1000.00		0.00	1000.00
W1	LL SHARE OF STATE FUND RAISING	1706.00		500.00	1206.00
	SUB TOTAL W	1706.00		500.00	1206.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	63353.00	66967.50	50673.73	16293.77

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 1986

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

J1	SALES TAX PAYABLE		2.12
J2	T PAYABLE		8503.50
J3	OTHER PAYABLE		30.70
J4	LOAN, REPUBLIC FIRST MIDLAND		87000.00
J5	ENDOWMENT FUND		26600.00
		BAL. 6/1/86	BAL. 3/31/86
K1	OPERATING FUND	23699.80	5875.45
K2	LL FUNDS	19106.11	20695.00
K3	CONDO EQUITY	34830.00	88648.85
K4	AVAILABLE FOR LOAN	10028.39	1595.89
K5	DECORATING FUND	15070.00	0.00
K6	HAZARDOUS WASTE	235.00	20.65
K7	KEYSTONE	1038.90	2092.43
	INCOME LESS EXPENDS 4101.22		
	FUNDS ON HAND MARCH 31, 1986		118928.27
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		241064.59

ASSETS

M1	REPUBLIC BANK, NOW CHECKING	3594.29
M2	MERRILL LYNCH READY ASSETS	8867.06
M3	KEYSTONE ACCOUNT	2091.50
M4	SHORT TERM CERTIFICATES	13000.00
M5	LONG TERM CERTIFICATES	37576.54
M6	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	286.35
M7	OTHER RECEIVABLE	0.00
M8	CONDO, 1212 GUADALUPE	175648.85
	TOTAL ASSETS	241064.59

BUDGET ANALYSIS JUNE 1, 1985 THROUGH MARCH 1986

	INCOME	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
A1	UNRESTRICTED FUND RAISING	11400.00		2451.15	8948.85
A2	SPECIAL FUND RAISER	7198.00	10000.00	1874.50	8125.50
A3	MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	500.00		250.77	249.23
A4	TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS	75.00		0.00	75.00
A5	RESTRICTED PROJECTS-KEYSTONE	50000.00		4386.35	45613.65
A5A	RESTRICTED PROJECTS-OTHER	0.00		0.00	0.00
A5B	HEALTH DEBATES	0.00		500.26	-500.26
A6	LOCAL LEAGUE RESTRICTED FUNDS	13000.00		8475.65	4524.35
A7	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES BY TRUSTEES	1100.00		331.01	768.99
	SUB TOTAL A	83273.00	86075.00	18269.69	67805.31
B1	INTEREST ON SAVINGS	6000.00		5225.17	774.83
	SUB-TOTAL B	6000.00		5225.17	774.83

C1 LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS	250.00		225.41	24.59
C2 GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	500.00		645.78	-145.78
C3 TEXAS GOVERNMENT HANDBOOK	10.00		49.75	-39.75
SUB-TOTAL C	760.00		920.94	-160.94
D1 VOTER GUIDES	4500.00		3251.09	1248.91
D2 PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	3000.00		2225.00	775.00
D3A FACTS AND ISSUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2000.00		1689.37	310.63
D3B FACTS AND ISSUES, HEALTH CARE	2000.00		0.00	2000.00
D4 PUBLICATIONS ON HAND	500.00		1707.34	-1207.34
SUB TOTAL D	12000.00		8872.80	3127.20
E1 RENT FOR OFFICE	12435.00		4360.50	8074.50
E2 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OFFICE	65000.00		45958.39	19041.61
E3 RENOVATION OF OFFICE-TRANSFER FROM LAST YEAR	15070.00		15070.00	0.00
SUB TOTAL E	92505.00		65388.89	27116.11
F1 OUTSIDE PROFFESSIONALS, IN KIND	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
SUB TOTAL F	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
G1 FROM RESERVES	2435.00		0.00	2435.00
TOTAL INCOME	199473.00	202275.00	98677.49	103597.51

EXPENSES	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
N1A OFFICE OVERHEAD	12528.00	13279.00	10798.43	2480.57
N1B TRUSTEES EXPENSES	7335.00		5159.55	2175.45
N1C VOTER AND PUBS	2410.00		471.20	1938.80
N1D MAILINGS AND WORKSHOPS	2225.00		1387.25	837.75
N2 ADMINISTRATION OF LL PROJECTS	50.00		5.00	45.00
N3 PORTION OF NAT'L PMP FOR MAL	370.00		320.58	49.42
SUB TOTAL N	24918.00	25669.00	18142.01	6775.99
O1 VS/CI CHAIRPERSON	150.00		53.51	96.49
O2 VOTER GUIDES	4500.00		4250.14	249.86
O3 PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	2400.00		408.50	1991.50
O4 VS PROJECTS AND PUBS	600.00		377.95	222.05
O5 UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	100.00		20.75	79.25
SUB TOTAL O	7750.00		5110.85	2639.15
P1A RESEARCH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	750.00		1103.16	-353.16
P1B RESEARCH, HEALTH CARE	750.00		480.76	269.24
P2 INF & EDUC. PREVIOUS STUDIES	1500.00		218.54	1281.46
P3 COALITIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS	200.00		115.00	85.00
P4A FACTS AND ISSUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1300.00		1253.21	46.79
P4B FACTS AND ISSUES, HEALTH CARE	1300.00		5.50	1294.50
P5 UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	1000.00		310.26	689.74
SUB TOTAL P	6800.00		3486.43	3313.57

Q1	KEYSTONE	1050.00		3377.75	-2327.75
Q2	HAZARDOUS WASTE	235.00		214.35	20.65
Q3	OTHER RESTRICTED PROJECTS	48715.00		18.71	48696.29
Q4	HEALTH DEBATES	0.00		4400.26	-4400.26
	SUB TOTAL Q	50000.00		8011.07	41988.93
R1	LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS	6500.00		4795.12	1704.88
R2	LOCAL LEAGUE PURCHASES	6500.00		2091.64	4408.36
	SUB TOTAL R	13000.00		6886.76	6113.24
S1	OFFICE EXPENSES DECORATING	15070.00	16370.00	16034.95	335.05
S2	OFFICE EXPENSES-LOAN PAYMENT & INTEREST	65000.00		44362.50	20637.50
S3	OFFICE EXPENSES, OTHER	12435.00		6395.05	6039.95
	SUB TOTAL S	92505.00	93256.00	66792.50	25712.50
T1	PROFESSIONAL IN-KIND ASSISTANCE	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
	SUB TOTAL T	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
U1	LOCAL LEAGUE SHARE OF FUND RAISING	2000.00		0.00	2000.00
	SUB TOTAL U	2000.00		0.00	2000.00
V1	SPECIAL FUND RAISER	0.00	3000.00	4048.26	-1048.26
	SUB TOTAL V	0.00		4048.26	-4048.26
	TOTAL EXPENSES	199473.00	203975.00	112477.88	91497.12

TO: State board

FROM: Rachel Gooch

Revisions to LWV-T Policy Guide

In the accompanying document, the italicized portions are additions to and the parenthetical portions are deletions from the 1983-85 Policy Guide. Below is adetailed description of where additions and deletions can be found in the text. These changes were all recommended by the policy committee unless otherwise noted.

I. B. Italicized portion is an addition. Wording changed as indicated.
#3 - testimonials changed to testimony

I. C. Italicized portion is an addition.

II. C. The whole section is an addition.

II. D. Changed from "C" to "D" and section 3 is added.

III. B. Italicized portion is an addition.

The policy committee feld that there should be dicussion of the policy statement "Persons serving as members of the state board shall not accept payment of honoraria, salaries, or stipends for services rendered to the state League."

III. C. Italicized paragraphs are added.

III. E. Indicated portions are added or deleted. (for clarity and to ensure appropriate distribution of the Policy Guide.)

IV. MEMBERSHIP POLICY The whole section is new. The board minutes for 4/85 state that this statement should be in the Policy Guide.

V. D. Changed as indicated. (to take care of the case of local education funds.)
V.D.1.+2. Contributions changed to contributors

V. K. 3. Italicized portion is added.
V.K.2. Revised for clarity.

VI. VOTERS GUIDE POLICY The whole section is an addition.

VII. LEGISLATIVE POLICY The whole section is an addition.

Addendums are added.

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ADDENDUM 2: TAKING ACTION; GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL LEAGUES

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

POLICY GUIDE

Effective April 18, 1986

I. POLICY TOWARD THE PUBLIC

A. NONPARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY

Members of the state board shall adhere carefully to the nonpartisan political policy of the League of Women Voters of the United States as set forth in In League. The state board shall be consulted when there is doubt as to the interpretation of this policy. The following interpretations have been approved by the board.

1. State board members are encouraged to participate in political activities with the exception of the president, voters service director, and such others as are strongly identified by the public with the League of Women Voters.

2. A state board member may accept appointment to, or run for, only a local elective office if (a) there is no political party label to the office; (b) the board of the local League involved approves; and (c) the state League board approves.

The nominating committee of the state League shall acquaint prospective board nominees with the nonpartisan political policy.

B. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The president is the official spokesperson for the League in Texas. Official statements shall be made for the League only by the president or by someone authorized by the president.

With the exception of requests from appropriate agencies, League rosters shall not be made available for non-League use without prior consent of the state League president and two vice presidents, *based on their review of the material to be used*. Sent to members

In all *testimony*, reports, publications and letters produced by the LWV-T, sex-neutral language shall be used whenever possible.

C. PUBLIC COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The League takes the initiative in recommending people to serve on appointed public commissions and committees. Upon examination of the credentials of the nominee and consultation with appropriate board members, the president of the LWV-Texas may determine whether or not nominees to appointive governmental offices shall be supported.

At such time as a League director or associate director becomes a member of a ~~public committee~~ State Board or commission, the state League board shall determine whether he/she shall retain the League portfolio or be asked to resign.

II. POLICY TOWARD LOCAL LEAGUES

A. RELATION TO LOCAL LEAGUE BOARDS

The state field service representatives working under the field service director have primary responsibility for advice and guidance to local League boards.

Since state board assignments are time-consuming, except in unusual circumstances state board members shall not serve on boards of their local Leagues.

Unless serving on a local League board, state board members shall not attend local League board meetings on a regular basis. However, they may attend board meetings of local Leagues when invited for a specific purpose.

B. NONPARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY

Field service representatives shall ensure that local League boards are familiar with the League's nonpartisan political policy and shall provide assistance, as requested, in local interpretations of the policy.

C. *Local Leagues are strongly discouraged from paying League Board members for doing League work. (see addendum 1)*

D. LOCAL LEAGUE BYLAWS

Local Leagues shall be reminded annually in October that:

1. The first three articles of all provisional, local, and state bylaws must be consistent with those of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

2. Proposed revisions of local League bylaws shall be submitted for review and comment to the state bylaws ~~chairman~~ Chair three months before the local League annual meeting.

3. *When using the national League's mission statement, local Leagues should be sure to use the correct current wording.*

III. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

A. BOARD MEETINGS

Dates and places for state board meetings shall be determined by the president with consideration for the convenience of all state board members. The written reports of on-board and off-board members to be included in the pre-board report shall be in the state office at the time designated by the president.

Unexcused absence from two consecutive board meetings shall be considered a resignation from the board.

B. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The president and the vice presidents shall not constitute an executive committee to take action between board meetings. The president and the vice presidents may meet between board meetings and submit their recommendations to the board for approval.

When action not previously approved by the board must be taken between board meetings, that action should be approved by the president, the appropriate vice president, and the appropriate chair.

Contracts for services by state board members or other representatives of the LWV-Texas to work with agencies or other organizations in cooperative activities shall be in the name of the LWV-Texas or LWV-TEF, not the individual(s) concerned. A file on the contracts negotiated for such services shall be maintained in the state office.

Persons serving as members of the state board shall not accept payment of honoraria, salaries, or stipends for services rendered to the state League.

C. PROGRAM

Consensus positions shall be approved by the state board of directors after careful consideration of majority and minority opinions submitted by all local Leagues that respond by the previously announced consensus deadline.

The consensus results of isolated MALs shall be compiled by the study director and shall be considered as the consensus of one local League.

When a MAL consensus cannot be approved by the full board, it may be approved by the president, program vice president, organization vice president, and appropriate chair.

D. OFF-BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

State board members who ask a local League member to serve on a state League committee shall notify the local League president.

E. DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY GUIDE

Copies of (the policy) *this policy guide* shall be sent to state board members, (off-board chairmen) *associate directors*, (off-board) members of the nominating and budget committees, field service representatives, (and) local League presidents, *state Unit chairs and state Unit advisors.*

F. MANAGING GRANTS

Grants received by LWV-Texas will be administered under the same policies and guidelines as grants received by the LWV-TEF, as set out in the LWV-TEF Handbook of Policies and Procedures for Trustees of the Fund. except that grants to LWV-T may be used for advocacy projects

IV. *MEMBERSHIP POLICY*

Membership application forms shall be included in all state Voters Guides and in other LWV-T and LWV-TEF publications when appropriate. Dues stated will be the same as MAL dues. Memberships/dues received from local League areas will be forwarded to appropriate local Leagues; local Leagues will be expected to accept the state dues rate (whether more or less than theirs) for the first year.

V. FINANCIAL POLICY

A. LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT OF STATE LEAGUE

The LWV-Texas receives its principal income from local Leagues through a per-member-payment (PMP) approved by convention delegates.

Local Leagues' support may be paid in full on June 15 or according to the following schedule:

1. First payment due in the state office June 15.
2. Second payment due in the state office September 15. One half of total PMP shall be paid by this date.
3. Third payment due in the state office by December 15. Three fourths shall be paid by this date.
4. Fourth payment due in the state office March 15. Full amount shall be paid by this date.

State services, including president's mailings and field services, may be discontinued to a local League which fails to settle in full its current account, both PMP and outstanding bills, by the end of the state League's fiscal year.

B. PROVISIONAL LEAGUES

Upon recognition, provisional Leagues shall pay $50 per quarter until the end of the state League's current fiscal year. In the following year(s) they shall pay the minimum local League payment.

The state board shall determine the number of members necessary to form a provisional League.

C. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND STATE UNITS

The dues of the members at large shall be determined by the state board.

State Units are composed of members at large and shall receive a start-up allowance at the organizational meeting of $30 plus $1.00 for each member more than the minimum of ten.

The state board shall determine the number of members necessary to form a state Unit.

D. STATEWIDE FUNDRAISING

Policy on statewide fundraising covers provisional Leagues and state Units, as well as local Leagues.

The state League shall be responsible for developing the solicitation sources for funding the state budget. When a prospective source for state funding is within the geographic boundaries of a local League, prior consent will be sought from that League.

Contributions will be shared, in accordance with the guidelines below, by a cash payment to the local League ~~for~~ In case of a contribution to the League of Women Voters of Texas, and by a ~~credit~~ payment to the local League's (Education Fund) *education fund or TEF* account for a contribution to the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund.

The following sharing and incentive guidelines, approved by the 1983 state convention, shall be followed:

1. Unrestricted contributions to LWV-Texas or LWV-TEF:

Former *contributors*--any local League formerly the recipient of a contribution from a state League funding source is guaranteed the amount previously received plus 20% of the additional money received by the state League. This sharing formula shall continue every year such a contribution is received.

New *contributors*--a local League will be guaranteed 20% of contributions from new sources which come from its established area. This sharing formula will continue every year such a contribution is received.

Finder's Fee--local Leagues will be encouraged to locate sources where a large request may be made, based on state League needs rather than on local League needs only. If a local League finds a new contributor for state League funding, that local League will receive an additional 10% of

the total contribution for the first year only. Local Leagues will continue sharing in annual contributions after the first year.

2. Restricted contributions to LWV-T or LWV-TEF:

If a restricted contribution is from a contributor whose name was submitted by a local League and the grant is $1000 or more, 1% of the contribution, but no less than $100, will be paid to the local League. In addition, if this contribution to the state League is in lieu of the regular contribution to the local League, the amount of the regular contribution to the local League will be paid one time only.

If the grant is less than $1000 and the grant is in lieu of the regular contribution to the local League, the amount of the regular contribution only will be paid to the local League.

E. BUDGET

Board members, associate directors, and off-board committee chairs shall monitor expenditures for their portfolios to ensure that budget allocations are not exceeded. At each board meeting, the board shall review a budget report, prepared by the treasurer, showing budget allocations and expenditures to date. Any expenditure significantly in excess of a budget allocation and any revision of the budget must be approved by the board.

F. RESERVE FUND

Sufficient funds shall be placed in reserve to permit the LWV-Texas to meet committed operating expenses for a six-month period. A dollar figure for this reserve fund shall be approved by the board of directors at the beginning of each fiscal year. This amount shall be kept in one or more interest-bearing accounts.

A planned withdrawal from the reserve fund may be stated in the budget under "sources of income." In case of emergency, funds may be withdrawn at the discretion of the state board. Withdrawals from the reserve fund shall be restored as soon as possible, preferably during the next fiscal year.

G. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

Expenditures of more than $400 shall be made on the basis of two or more cost estimates when feasible. Consideration shall be given to suppliers and printers who are contributors and whose cost estimates are comparable to others received.

H. THE TEXAS VOTER

Members within the state shall receive the Texas VOTER; those holding household memberships shall receive one copy per household. The nonmember subscription price shall be $3 per year, and the single copy price shall be 75 cents.

I. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

For the purpose of supporting or opposing a ballot issue in a statewide election, the state board constitutes itself as a general purpose political committee, the League of Women Voters of Texas Action Committee. A separate fund shall be maintained for the support of this committee. When the LWV-T elects to support or oppose a ballot issue, the president or the state board shall designate a campaign treasurer who shall register with the Secretary of State, maintain in good order all records of financial transactions concerned with campaign activity, and file periodic reports as required by the Political Funds Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1983, Ch. 14, Vernon's Texas Election Code. During the inactive periods of this committee the LWV-T treasurer shall be responsible for these funds and the president shall ensure that required reports are filed.

J. EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Expenses for attending meetings and making out of town trips shall be eligible for reimbursement in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. State Board Meetings:

Expenses of state board members shall be reimbursed. When associate directors, off-board committee chairs, or others are invited by the president to attend, their expenses shall be reimbursed.

2. Meetings of the Nominating and Budget Committees:

Expenses of committee members shall be reimbursed.

3. Convention:

Expenses of state board members shall be reimbursed. Expenses of a parliamentary advisor appointed by the president shall be reimbursed.

Expenses of the budget committee and nominating committee chairs shall be reimbursed, provided they register as observers.

If funds are available, the state board may authorize full or partial reimbursement of expenses of nominees to the state board, associate directors, field service representatives, or others, provided that they register as observers.

No reimbursement from state League funds shall be made for those registering as local League delegates.

No registration fees shall be charged for state board members or for observers whose attendance is being reimbursed in full or in part by the state League. The parliamentary advisor shall be registered as a guest.

4. Council:

Expenses of state board members shall be reimbursed. Expenses of a parliamentary advisor appointed by the president shall be reimbursed.

Expenses of the budget committee chair and all members of the nominating committee shall be reimbursed, provided that they register as observers.

If funds are available, the state board may authorize full or partial reimbursement of expenses of associate directors or others, provided that they register as observers.

No reimbursement from state League funds shall be made for those registering as local League delegates.

No registration fees shall be charged for state board members or for observers whose attendance is being reimbursed in full or in part by the state League. The parliamentary advisor shall be registered as a guest.

5. Visits of Field Service Representatives to Local Leagues:

Expenses of all visits approved by the field service director will be reimbursed.

6. Other Out of Town Trips:

Within state budget allocations and with the approval of the director or chair responsible for monitoring the budget item to which an expenditure is to be charged, expenses for other out of town trips may be reimbursed.

K. SCHEDULE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Travel:

Travel may be by the most feasible means. Car pools and bus travel must be considered first. Costs of commercial travel will be fully reimbursed. Car mileage may be charged at the following rates:

$ .15 -- 1 person
$ .18 -- 2 or more persons in car

Storage fees and tips for baggage handling may be reimbursed.

2. Lodging:

(One-half the double room rate may be reimbursed. Those preferring single rooms shall pay the difference.) Single room rates may be paid for those traveling alone on League business. *Otherwise, rooms should be shared whenever possible. Those who choose a single room when there is an opportunity to share will be reimbursed for one-half the rate of a double room.*

3. Meals:

Actual expenditures, including tips, may be reimbursed within the following limits:

For a 24-hour period--$10.00
For a shorter period--$ 2.00 for breakfast
$ 3.00 for lunch
$ 5.00 for dinner

During board meetings, an additional $5.00 per day shall be allowed for dinner.

Costs for selected convention and council meals and activities shall be paid in full.

4. Child Care:

Actual child-care expenses may be reimbursed within a limit of $20.00 per day.

Expenses to be reimbursed by grants may be charged at rates authorized by the grant.

VI. VOTERS GUIDE POLICY

Local Leagues using state Voters Guides in conjunction with local Guides:

No modification of responses from candidates may be made when reprinting; however, local Leagues may substitute their own masthead and miscellaneous VS/CI or membership material. When reprinting the state Voters Guide material in conjunction with a local Guide or local newspaper, notice of copyright MUST be included on the title page or the page immediately following, and credit given to the LWV-TEF. No editing of questions or responses is allowed. Three copies of the Guide, together with a report of total number printed, should be sent to the state office. One copy should also be sent to the League's field service representative.

If a local League has entered into an agreement with a local newspaper to publish a Voters Guide, and the newspaper is unwilling to use the state League's questions, the questions to be used MUST BE APPROVED BY THE STATE LEAGUE VOTERS SERVICE DIRECTOR.

NO political advertising should appear in the Voters Guide. See Making a Difference, LWVUS, p. 19: "Do not print any paid political advertising of any sort. Such ads are not in keeping. . ."

When local Leagues share U.S. congressional representatives, state senators, and/or judges, they should coordinate with neighboring Leagues so that only one set of questions is sent. If this is not possible, this paragraph should be included in the cover letter:

> In the effort to inform voters, many League of Women Voters chapters publish Voters Guides. There are several (or two, if only two) Leagues in your district from which you may receive questionnaires.

VII. LEGISLATIVE POLICY

Major policy decisions concerning legislative priorities and their implementation, both during the legislative session and during the interim, are made by the state board.

Responsibility for legislative activity in each program area is shared by the program chair for that area, the legislative director, program vice-president, and president. These four people can be thought of as a "LWV-T legislative committee" that shares information and coordinates action to achieve the League's legislative goals. The program vice-president is responsible for overseeing League legislative activity and for assuring that it focuses on priorities set by the board. The legislative director coordinates League lobbying activities in Austin and supervises state office functions pertaining to legislative action. Program chairs have the major responsibility for recommending and implementing legislative action in their program areas.

All lobbying activities and testimony must have the prior approval of the program vice-president and/or president. Copies of all testimony must be sent to them and to the legislative director prior to or immediately after its presentation.

LWV-Texas
March 8, 1985

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Local League presidents and nominating committees should consider the propriety of having board members receive compensation for work done for their local League.

Both the national and state Leagues have policies for their board members against this conflict of interest, but neither has established a policy applicable to local Leagues. However, the state board concurs with the national League's assessment in a communication from them last fall that states:

> . . . having paid staff on the board is a violation of good organizational management. The reason for separating paid staff and volunteer jobs is the avoidance of a conflict of interest. Those earning a salary should never be part of a decision-making body that decides about hiring, firing, salary, benefits, or staff evaluation. Once paid staff becomes involved in the policy-making process it becomes less clear where lines of responsibility and authority lie.
>
> It also hardly seems fair that one board member should draw a salary for doing essentially the same thing an unpaid board member was doing, assuming that the clerical work was done by a volunteer before the board member was hired.
>
> . . . League(s) currently engaged in this practice should be strongly discouraged from continuing it. It has the potential of creating some very serious problems for them.

Reinforcement for this advice comes from a source outside the League, the National Charities Information Bureau (NCIB), a non-profit organization in existence since 1918, which helps charities improve performance and informs contributors about wise giving. The "NCIB evaluates not-for-profit organizations against NCIB's eight basic standards and advises contributors through its reports about individual agencies." Standard #1 treats the subject of the board, stating that it should be "An active and responsible governing body, holding regular meetings, whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation."

In view of the above, local Leagues are strongly encouraged to refrain from compensating board members in the future, and to add a conflict of interest statement to their policy guides.

This concern applies only to voting members of the decision-making board; it does not apply to off-board chairmen or other League members. Off-board chairmen should continue to participate in board meetings whenever appropriate. This concern also does not apply to payment for work for another level of the League, such as a local League board member receiving pay as a project director for a national or state League project.

THIS POLICY SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS POLICIES

LWV-Texas
February, 1985

TAKING ACTION: GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL LEAGUES

Write the mayor or governor...call the city manager...testify before the planning and zoning commission...monitor the courts...visit your legislator...write a letter to the editor...sponsor a meeting to publicize a problem and offer solutions...join a coalition to campaign for some issue...litigate...these are all examples of ACTION to which these guidelines apply.

➤➤ ON YOUR MARK ➤➤ GET READY ➤➤ GET SET ➤➤ ACT ➤➤

ACTION is our League effort to bring about governmental change based on the positions we derive through member study and consensus.

Because we are a multi-level organization with positions at each level, we must often coordinate our action efforts in order to speak with one voice.

Because we are a multi-level organization, we choose issues for priority attention at all levels in order to allocate resources effectively and maximize political impact.

The guidelines that follow are designed to make it easier for your League to take action.

If, at any time, you are unsure about what action to take, the state board program directors stand ready to assist you. Officers and directors are listed in the LWV-Texas State Directory. If you are unsure which person to call, the state office will assist you.

➤➤ ON YOUR MARK ➤➤

The following action guidelines apply to all Leagues:

Leagues only act when we have a local, state, or national position or are acting under League principles.

Never lobby in opposition to a League position.

Elected officials respond best to their own constituents. Therefore, lobby only your own unless otherwise directed.

Read Fundamentals for Local League Boards (LWV-Texas), ACTION (LWVUS), and In League (LWVUS). All provide inspiration as well as guidance.

➤➤ GET READY ➤➤

Before taking action on an issue, determine the following:

under what position you wish to act--local, state, national, or principles

what you wish to accomplish

who is authorized to act for your League--check your local policy guide

whether state or national or other local Leagues will be affected by your action

whether pre-clearance is needed from LWV-Texas, LWVUS, or other local Leagues before you act (see chart, p. 2). Leagues do not need to request authorization from the LWVUS to act at the national level on national positions under which the LWVUS board has already taken action.

who must receive copies of your letter, testimony, etc. (see chart, p. 2)

GET SET

There are two kinds of action requests from LWV-Texas and LWVUS--Action Alerts and What You Can Do. Action in response to these requests is expected and does not require pre-clearance.

An Action Alert means your League's help is critically needed. Leagues are expected to respond to Action Alerts or explain to the appropriate board (state or national) why they are not responding. Action Alerts provide specific instructions and a return form to indicate the action taken or why action was not taken.

What You Can Do appears in LWVUS Report from the Hill and LWV-Texas Legislative Newsletter. It provides inspiration for additional action on subjects that may be of special interest to your League.

The effectiveness of action by local Leagues is bolstered by action your members undertake as individuals.

WHEN YOUR LEAGUE WANTS TO INITIATE ACTION ON ITS OWN BEHALF, USE THE FOLLOWING CHART. IF YOU DON'T FIND YOUR NEEDS ADDRESSED, CALL THE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

Action you initiate often requires contacting officials shared with other Leagues. Occasionally, you may wish to contact officials other than your own. For these reasons, pre-clearance is often necessary when you initiate action.

Examples:

LWV-Hometown wants to testify before a state legislative committee holding a hearing in their town. Even though they have no legislators on the committee, they believe this is a good opportunity to advocate the League's state groundwater positions. After pre-clearance with the LWV-Texas Water Director, they're ready to act.

LWV-Hometown wants to lobby for increased funding for a special hospital district, using their local position for improved health care for the indigent. Since there are three other Leagues in the hospital district, LWV-Hometown calls the LWV-Texas Human Resources Director for pre-clearance. The LWV-Texas Director advises LWV-Hometown to pre-clear with the other affected LL's and proceed to act as long as they don't mind.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR LEAGUE WANTS TO INITIATE ACTION BEFORE A...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OFFICIAL (your League's only) city council, mayor, planning commission, school board...	A
REGIONAL AGENCY OR OFFICIAL (shared with other local Leagues) common city government or special purpose district, council of governments, regional task force...	A B C
STATE GOVERNMENT OR OFFICIAL state representative, senator, governor, state agency...	A B
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR OFFICIAL member of Congress, federal agency, the president...	A B D

A - local board desision; copy to local League files
B - pre-clear with appropriate LWV program director; copy to state office
C - pre-clear with affected local Leagues: copy to these local Leagues
D - pre-clear with LWVUS (sometimes LWV-Texas can pre-clear for you); copy to national office

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 1986

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

J1	SALES TAX PAYABLE			2.12
J2	T PAYABLE			8503.50
J3	OTHER PAYABLE			30.70
J4	LOAN, REPUBLIC FIRST MIDLAND			87000.00
J5	ENDOWMENT FUND			26600.00
		BAL. 6/1/86	BAL. 3/31/86	
K1	OPERATING FUND	23699.80	5875.45	
K2	LL FUNDS	19106.11	20695.00	
K3	CONDO EQUITY	34830.00	88648.85	
K4	AVAILABLE FOR LOAN	10028.39	1595.89	
K5	DECORATING FUND	15070.00	0.00	
K6	HAZARDOUS WASTE	235.00	20.65	
K7	KEYSTONE	1038.90	2092.43	
	INCOME LESS EXPENDS 4101.22			
	FUNDS ON HAND MARCH 31, 1986			118928.27
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			241064.59

ASSETS

M1	REPUBLIC BANK, NOW CHECKING	3594.29
M2	MERRILL LYNCH READY ASSETS	8867.06
M3	KEYSTONE ACCOUNT	2091.50
M4	SHORT TERM CERTIFICATES	13000.00
M5	LONG TERM CERTIFICATES	37576.54
M6	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	286.35
M7	OTHER RECEIVABLE	0.00
M8	CONDO, 1212 GUADALUPE	175648.85
	TOTAL ASSETS	241064.59

BUDGET ANALYSIS JUNE 1, 1985 THROUGH MARCH 1986

	INCOME	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
A1	UNRESTRICTED FUND RAISING	11400.00		2451.15	8948.85
A2	SPECIAL FUND RAISER	7198.00	10000.00	1874.50	8125.50
A3	MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	500.00		250.77	249.23
A4	TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS	75.00		0.00	75.00
A5	RESTRICTED PROJECTS-KEYSTONE	50000.00		4386.35	45613.65
A5A	RESTRICTED PROJECTS-OTHER	0.00		0.00	0.00
A5B	HEALTH DEBATES	0.00		500.26	-500.26
A6	LOCAL LEAGUE RESTRICTED FUNDS	13000.00		8475.65	4524.35
A7	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES BY TRUSTEES	1100.00		331.01	768.99
	SUB TOTAL A	83273.00	86075.00	18269.69	67805.31
B1	INTEREST ON SAVINGS	6000.00		5225.17	774.83
	SUB-TOTAL B	6000.00		5225.17	774.83

C1	LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS	250.00		225.41	24.59
C2	GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	500.00		645.78	-145.78
C3	TEXAS GOVERNMENT HANDBOOK	10.00		49.75	-39.75
	SUB-TOTAL C	760.00		920.94	-160.94
D1	VOTER GUIDES	4500.00		3251.09	1248.91
D2	PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	3000.00		2225.00	775.00
D3A	FACTS AND ISSUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2000.00		1689.37	310.63
D3B	FACTS AND ISSUES, HEALTH CARE	2000.00		0.00	2000.00
D4	PUBLICATIONS ON HAND	500.00		1707.34	-1207.34
	SUB TOTAL D	12000.00		8872.80	3127.20
E1	RENT FOR OFFICE	12435.00		4360.50	8074.50
E2	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OFFICE	65000.00		45958.39	19041.61
E3	RENOVATION OF OFFICE-TRANSFER FROM LAST YEAR	15070.00		15070.00	0.00
	SUB TOTAL E	92505.00		65388.89	27116.11
F1	OUTSIDE PROFFESSIONALS, IN KIND	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
	SUB TOTAL F	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
G1	FROM RESERVES	2435.00		0.00	2435.00
	TOTAL INCOME	199473.00	202275.00	98677.49	103597.51

	EXPENSES	ADOPTED BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAIN
N1A	OFFICE OVERHEAD	12528.00	13279.00	10798.43	2480.57
N1B	TRUSTEES EXPENSES	7335.00		5159.55	2175.45
N1C	VOTER AND PUBS	2410.00		471.20	1938.80
N1D	MAILINGS AND WORKSHOPS	2225.00		1387.25	837.75
N2	ADMINISTRATION OF LL PROJECTS	50.00		5.00	45.00
N3	PORTION OF NAT'L PMP FOR MAL	370.00		320.58	49.42
	SUB TOTAL N	24918.00	25669.00	18142.01	6775.99
O1	VS/CI CHAIRPERSON	150.00		53.51	96.49
O2	VOTER GUIDES	4500.00		4250.14	249.86
O3	PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	2400.00		408.50	1991.50
O4	VS PROJECTS AND PUBS	600.00		377.95	222.05
O5	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	100.00		20.75	79.25
	SUB TOTAL O	7750.00		5110.85	2639.15
P1A	RESEARCH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	750.00		1103.16	-353.16
P1B	RESEARCH, HEALTH CARE	750.00		480.76	269.24
P2	INF & EDUC. PREVIOUS STUDIES	1500.00		218.54	1281.46
P3	COALITIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS	200.00		115.00	85.00
P4A	FACTS AND ISSUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1300.00		1253.21	46.79
P4B	FACTS AND ISSUES, HEALTH CARE	1300.00		5.50	1294.50
P5	UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES	1000.00		310.26	689.74
	SUB TOTAL P	6800.00		3486.43	3313.57

Q1	KEYSTONE	1050.00		3377.75	-2327.75
Q2	HAZARDOUS WASTE	235.00		214.35	20.65
Q3	OTHER RESTRICTED PROJECTS	48715.00		18.71	48696.29
Q4	HEALTH DEBATES	0.00		4400.26	-4400.26
	SUB TOTAL Q	50000.00		8011.07	41988.93
R1	LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS	6500.00		4795.12	1704.88
R2	LOCAL LEAGUE PURCHASES	6500.00		2091.64	4408.36
	SUB TOTAL R	13000.00		6886.76	6113.24
S1	OFFICE EXPENSES DECORATING	15070.00	16370.00	16034.95	335.05
S2	OFFICE EXPENSES-LOAN PAYMENT & INTEREST	65000.00		44362.50	20637.50
S3	OFFICE EXPENSES, OTHER	12435.00		6395.05	6039.95
	SUB TOTAL S	92505.00	93256.00	66792.50	25712.50
T1	PROFESSIONAL IN-KIND ASSISTANCE	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
	SUB TOTAL T	2500.00		0.00	2500.00
U1	LOCAL LEAGUE SHARE OF FUND RAISING	2000.00		0.00	2000.00
	SUB TOTAL U	2000.00		0.00	2000.00
V1	SPECIAL FUND RAISER	0.00	3000.00	4048.26	-1048.26
	SUB TOTAL V	0.00		4048.26	-4048.26
	TOTAL EXPENSES	199473.00	203975.00	112477.88	91497.12

TREASURER'S REPORT - April, 1986 Myrtle McMahan

I hope that this expanded format for the balance sheet meets with your approval. I realize that the printing is smaller, but the information in in greater detail. I attended a computer school a few weeks ago, and learned how to use Lotus 1-2-3. I have transferred the balance sheet onto this program, and am able to show some things that the Vanderwater computer program cannot. The adjusted budget figures (those changes that the Board has authorized) are shown in column 2.

It took some time to set this program up--in fact, the computer got so heated up that it triggered our smoke alarm. The balance sheet for TEF has more changes than the T one does.

Presently we are OK in the T budget, but other than transfers from TEF we cannot count on a great deal more money coming in. There is only $1000 still to come in on Per Member Payments. We really need to pinch pennies the last six weeks.

A few areas of concern--Mals. Scherel, could you go over the printout and make sure your records of who has paid and my records agree. On the expense side, I feel that there is some confusion as to what is to be charged to S7 and S9. Check the printout, please.

Postage Account does not reflect some of the charge backs such as one VOTER . This will reduce the postage account by $317.82 and increase the VOTER account by a matching amount.

I do not remember, nor do the minutes reflect our reducing Board Meetings by $240. When Jeanette set up the computer program she divided the amounts between five meetings, and we came up with $240 less than was budgeted. We have $2300 to spend on this Board Meeting. It will be tight.

Hopefully, some contributions to T will arrive. This is an area we need to all be spending some time on.

TEF

The operating fund shows a balance of only $5,875.45 This is a little misleading, as we spend $3900 on the last day of March on the Health Debates, and $4000 was deposited on April 1 to cover this expense. So, Operating was really $9,875.45

On the newly formatted balance sheet, I have changed the Condo Equity to reflect the remodeling. I am also showing the beginning blance, and the present balance on the various funds that make up the funds on hand, March 31, 1986.

On the income side of the budget, I will point out that both Unrestricted Fund Raising and Special Fund Raiser are quite behind. Hopefully money will start to come in--if not we do have problems. The office still needs to be rented. Contributions for the office have almost come to a standstill. At this point, in TEF we have spent $13,800.39 more than we have taken in.

We may have a cash flow problem before the end of the year. At the end of March, TEF owed T $8,500. $3000 was paid to T in April. A CD for $13,000 comes due the end of May. I ask permission of the Board to allow Lois and me to determine whether to reinvest it or invest a smaller amount in a CD, depending on what the cash position is at that time. (We have a lot of money committed to Ed Fund Projects that will deplete our ready cash in TEF.
EF Projects Pending - Abilene, $5100; Corpus Christ, $1155; Edinburg/McAllen, $50; Lubbok, $865; San Antonio (3) $1,814; Tarrant Co, $500; Waco, $150; Galveston ? These total approimately $10,000.

Board Report
April 18, 1986
College Station, Texas

Sondra Ferstl
Field Service Director

This report consists of an update on selected local Leagues. Board members should understand that the report concentrates on Leagues where problems exist. Thus the state of the Leagues is not as dire as this report might lead you to believe!

I am in the process of recruiting Field Service Representatives to replace those who have asked not to continue (Denise Fischer, Barbara Swartz). In addition I want to find people to take on some of the leagues that I worked with this past year. Suggestions of people you think would be good at Field Service are always appreciated.

There will be a training meeting of all Field Service Representatives in Fort Worth on May 23-24 (Rachel Gooch has volunteered to be hostess). Most of our time will be spent studying and responding to the draft copy of the Field Service Manual that Ethel Sturgis is editing.

I have recently done a mailing to local League presidents asking them to complete a Field Service Evaluation. A copy is attached to this report, for your information. An evaluation similar to this will be part of the manual materials.

STATE OF THE LEAGUES (selected)

The name of the Field Service Representative (FSR) for each League is indicated in parentheses after the name of the League.

ABILENE (Kissinger) FSR suspects it has been a rough year for this League, with two out of three vice presidents having resigned. However, March VOTER lists nominations for all three VPS, including one who is immediate past president. They have scheduled a workshop on Family Violence for May 10. The Abilene Young Lawyers Association is cosponsoring it with the League. Mateele Rittgers was asked to be keynote speaker.

BAYTOWN (Swartz) FSR's feedback to this League following her January visit with the board was printed in the local VOTER--in toto. FSR believes this league was pretty successful this year in many areas. Turnout at units was double that of last year, in spite of the decrease in membership. They have decided (not without reason) that in order to get members out, food needs to be involved (Sherman League uses the same strategy). The present leader has done a yeoman's job of hanging things together and getting all the necessary jobs done. However she says she will not do it again next year, and FSR believes her. Unless there is someone who will take over the reins, this League may not make it.

CORPUS CHRISTI (Corey) Had turnover in board but nominating committee has filled all but two slots for slate. Cash flow problems, but not broke. Have a new finance chair which will help. Will participate in a fiesta day and they hope to raise $2,000. Program and committee work has gone real well. Unit meetings have had good discussions. Membership down from 154 to 120. Explanation is that they cleared the rolls of members long past due on paying dues.

DALLAS (Ferstl) An innovative League that thinks of the unusual. In January a Saturday tour of Fair Park, which is being spruced up for the Sesquicentennial, brought out 101 people. April's annual meeting is slated for the Dallas Museum of Art.

EDINBURG/MCALLEN (Corey) Have held two board meetings (4-member board) this year. They do not send out VOTERs to membership. Said they participated in all state and national studies and local program was on the aged. No slate ready for annual meeting.

GAINESVILLE (Kissinger) FSR visited a board meeting. They were going to try to get Lois Carpenter's letter of commendation on their 64% growth printed in the local paper. About 30 people attended an Election School conducted by the Secretary of State's office that the League set up. Helen Farabee will speak on Indigent Health Care on April 10. Their PR person videotapes such meetings and these are telecast on local cable television.

GALVESTON (Fischer) FSR summarizes the situation by saying this League has personality problems. Program VP was inexperienced, received little support from president, and eventually resigned. January refresher board training did not take place, for various reasons. Present FSR will not be continuing, so it is imperative that we find an experienced League member with skills in conflict resolution (or as close as we can get!) to deal with this League. Ferstl plans to attend annual meeting on May 3 and has asked for time with the president after the meeting.

HOUSTON (Sturgis) Things are going well, although this League (like many others) is continually having to replace board members, including VPs, because the job market is drawing them away from League. So far they have been able to find replacements. FSR notes that the subject of the budget comes up regularly at board meetings. Their concerns are based on meeting this year's budget with this year's contributions. They do have a sizeable reserve but are reluctant to dip into it.

KERRVILLE AREA (Gooch) Finance Drive is going well; they have already surpassed the goal set for member contributions. Put on a Candidates Forum which was cosponsored by three newspapers and the Chamber of Commerce. FSR felt report was upbeat.

ODESSA (Watson) Spring membership drive brought 5 new members, probably 2 more, bringing them up to a membership of 20. FSR says this league is an example of never say die. Just when you

think the League is about to fold, something happens to turn the situation around.

RICHARDSON (Ferstl). This league is in the process of responding to request from LWV-Plano to spell out boundaries between them. This is preliminary to Plano's plans to expand into Collin County to include Allen, from which they already draw members. Marking the boundaries sounds easy, but it isn't.

SAN MARCOS (Corey) Current president grooming her successor. Membership at 53-54. Membership meeting held in January. Direct mail finance drive netted $600. Good voter registration. Four meetings this year (2 candidates rallies, 1 constitutional amendments, and annual meeting). No program meetings!

SHERMAN (Ferstl) Consensus questions for local study on toxic waste as printed in VOTER showed potential conflict with League program studies at other levels and a lack of knowledge about permitting regulations already in place. FSR learned from President that what appeared in VOTER had not received board approval and was the work of a committee of one. Sherman board decided to delay taking consensus until questions could be approved and more than one person involved in the committee. Tentative date for board training set--June 2.

TARRANT COUNTY (Ferstl) Problems bubbling just below the surface. Signs of trouble include VOTER arriving too late for the membership to make it to the meetings and substandard printing of issue (needs new layout, clarity of photocopying, heavy-duty editing). President-elect is Tom Gooch, so maybe things will improve when he begins his term this spring.

TYLER (Watson) A note in the January board minutes that "Gail Beill of the Marshall League...wrote a letter on the Tyler League's behalf expressing support of Planned Parenthood" raised questions in the minds of several state board members. FSR was able to find out the explanation behind the strange statement. This incident pointed up how important it is to have minutes that are worded carefully.

VICTORIA (Corey) New president (Galene Martin) expressed high frustration at what she had taken on and how little she knew about League. She did, however, initiate contact with FSR about by-laws changes and asked what to do for approval when the deadline for submitting them had already passed. FSR suggested she ask for special extension. Ferstl had already sent note to Rowena Rodgers about these bylaws when the printed version appeared. Section on selection of delegates to conventions and council seems downright odd.

WICHITA FALLS (Kissinger) No major problems, just lethargy according to president. Problems with VOTER--type too small for members to read and members sometimes receive their issue after the meetings have passed. Plan an annual chili supper fund-raiser before the Primary.

memorandum

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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FIELD SERVICE EVALUATION REQUEST

The League of Women Voters of Texas is continually looking for ways to improve the Field Service offered to local Leagues. **Please respond to the following questions and send your response by May 1, 1986** to Sondra Ferstl, Field Service Director, LWV- [redacted]

1. How many contacts did you have with your Field Service Representative in the past 12 months?

2. Who initiated the contact?

3. What was the most frequent form of communication (e.g., telephone, letter, in person)?

4. What services were provided by your Field Service Representative or State Board members (e.g., board training, answers to questions, materials needed, encouragement and advice)?

5. What suggestions do you have for making the Field Service contact more meaningful to your local League?

6. Did your League have Board Training conducted in 1985-1986?

   If yes,
   by your Field Service representative?

   by other representatives of the State League?

   by local League experts?

   by a non-League specialist in group dynamics?
   Please explain.

(over, please)

6. How will you probably handle Board Training in 1986-87?

7. There will be some changes in the assignments of the Field Service Representatives(FSRs), and some new personnel as well. Would you prefer the same FSR be assigned to your local League or would you prefer another FSR? Or does it make any difference?

Your name _____

Portfolio _____

Local League _____

Date _____

Thanks for your help.

REPORT ON STATE UNITS

Bowie County wants to change name to Texarkana Area so as to attract members from the Arkansas side as well. Rachel is checking on LWV-Ark's organization V-P to get the OK on this. They are down to 5 members, so Chair Cheryl Walters feels they really need the whole city population to draw from. A membership drive is tentatively set for May. Members wish to meet less frequently, but do plan to have a candidates' forum before the general election. Greg Beil stays in close touch by telephone.

Cleburne has 13 members working quietly and consistently at voter service, state and national program items. Ethel reports that all is well, although some have been ill.

Cherokee County has 26 members (Jacksonville pop 13,000). Had 70 people at their annual meeting March 20, where author and TV station owner Clara McLaughlin spoke. They have co-chairs for next year and should be ready to apply for provisional status by April board meeting, but probably won't get it done before June. The advisor Lucy Roush says that new officers are already working well.

Gregg County has problems. Chair Melissa Young is moving and Nancy McLaren has resigned as advisor. I have approached Sally Gullion of Marshall, and while she has not agreed to be their advisor, she is going to attend a "rejuvenation" meeting with me on May 5. Since the group has not met in six months, I am calling the meeting to discuss the activity level the 17 members want. Pat Gillis, a long-time member, is helping me to set up the meeting.

Burleson Chair Joyce Anderson has also had health problems, is not current in her dues. When she pays, there will be six members. They did not meet December - February.

Pasadena is also rumbling about breaking up, but has 21 members, most due in April & May. Helen Hunter is working closely with them on this. A meeting is set for May 1 where they will discuss whether to disband, and if not, how often to meet. Since they have $2,000 in treasury and so many members, it is not likely they will disband and lose the money! Having to do the community survey again seems to be their greatest stumbling block.

Wise County has two new members. Still not very active, but hanging in there. Chair was appointed to work on a blue ribbon group for ISD and has therefore not had as much time. There is much interest in upcoming bond issue for ISD and they would like a re-study of school financing.

Big Spring/Howard County still has the original 15 members, continues their community analysis and held a candidates' forum on March 20, which sounded perfectly "League-like." They are meeting monthly and have very good attendance (7 - 10). January's was a program on family violence.

As of April 1, there are 59 isolated MAL's. I have not had time to calculate the percentage of renewals of those who joined last year through LWV-US. Am inclined to think it only about 25-30%.

Scherel Carver

To: Members of the Board
From: Diane Sheridan, Program VP
Date: April 16, 1986

Re: Filing amicus brief in behalf of Texas Air Control Board

RECOMMENDATION That the LWV-TEF file a amicus curiae brief on behalf of the TACB, which has been sued by the Texas Association of Business for assessing administrative penalties. The TAB believes that it is a violation of the Texas constitution for an executive agency to assess fines because the Texas constitution guarantees us the right to a jury trial. The appeal process for those who are fined by an agency does not include jury trial.

If this suit should be decided in favor of the plaintiff, all the state agencies with this power will eventually lose it. In addition, it will be the first case nationwide where the plaintiff won, thus potentially jeopardizing other state agencies with this power. We worked very hard getting administrative fines for the Texas Water Commission and don't want to see them lose them.

We should also consider filing this amicus in the Railroad Commission case, which will be heard first.

The TACB case will be heard by a judge; no live testimony.

WHY FILE AN AMICUS The League was a major force in raising the issue of administrative fines and getting provisions for such into legislation. The fines appear to be serving the purpose we believed they would, so I feel a moral obligation to show our continued support.

WHY DID THE LEAGUE WANT ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES In at least recent years, there has been a lack of public confidence that the environmental agencies were adequately enforcing laws and regulations. That lack of enforcement was due to several factors. One way to increase enforcement was to give the agencies the authority to assess their own fines against violators instead of having to go to the Attorney General to have him bring suit to enforce the law. Fines could be used in instances when the violation was not so bad as to be worth a court case; to encourage a company to develop the technolgy to operate in compliance with the law by knowing how much it would cost them if they did not do so; to get smaller companies to comply with the law when suing them might force them into bankruptcy. Administrative penalties would be the "medium" enforcement tool, providing more incentive then a verbal request or board order but not as onerous as a lawsuit.

HISTORY OF LEAGUE INTEREST IN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES In November, 1983, Ken Kramer and I attended a LWVUS hazardous waste seminar in Washington where we were inspired to use the RCRA final delegation process to bring about needed changes in the state's hazardous waste program. (States could apply to EPA in phases to be delegated the authority to carry out the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act themselves instead of having EPA do it for them. Texas had interim delegation but would be applying for final delegation during 1984.)

When we returned inspired to Texas, Ken and I set up a meeting with several people to seek their advice on how to get EPA to pressure Texas to improve its RCRA program before final delegation. The fall, 1983 meeting included Rick Lowerre, a (Sierra Club) attorney who is now Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture; Tommy Mason, a (Sierra Club) attorney who is now head of the enforcement programs at the Texas Water Commission; Chris Kuykendall from the Legislative Council staff, who was clerk to the House-Senate Joint Committee on Hazardous Waste Disposal, which operated during the interim before the 69th legislature; Joe Walraven, an aide to Sen. Carlos Truan, who is a friend of the environment; Ken Kramer, Sierra Club lobbyist; and me.

One of the recommendations from our discussion was that the state's ability to enforce RCRA would be enhanced if the Texas Department of Water Resources (now TWC) could assess fines administratively. Rick and Tommy thought this was legal. The Railroad Commission had been granted this authority by the 68th legislature and it seemed to be helping.

Thus began a League and Sierra Club campaign to raise the issue of administrative penalties whenever we could until we could get it into legislation. The League used the following public occasions to bring this up in testimony:

April 11, 1984
Letter to Sunset Commission staff listing our concerns about TDWR sunset. The staff recommended administrative penalties.

May 18, 1984
Comments to TDWR and Texas Department of Health on the State of Texas Application to Obtain Final Authorization to Operate the RCRA program

July 27, 1984
Statement to House-Senate Joint Study Committee on Hazardous Waste Disposal