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The League of Women Voters of Texas met in convention in Austin on April 12-14, 1985 during its 65th anniversary year. Governor Mark White and Jan Coggeshall, Mayor of Galveston and a League member, addressed the delegates. Seventeen women who had been members of the League for 40 or more years were special honorees at the convention.

Two new items for statewide League study were adopted by delegates:

#1: A STUDY OF HEALTH CARE FOR THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT.

- Focus:
- Who are the indigent?
 - Who is eligible for indigent health care?
 - Who provides such health care?
 - Who pays for such health care?
 - What services are provided?
 - What is the role of state government in indigent health care?
 - What are the alternatives?

#2: A CONTINUATION OF THE LEAGUE'S STUDY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THROUGH AN EXAMINATION OF PRESENT LAWS, RULES OF PROCEDURE AND POLICIES FOLLOWED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES.

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- Scope:
- Examine the present laws, policies and attitudes in the area of domestic violence.
 - Evaluate the need for changes at the legislative level, as well as the attitude of local law enforcement officials.
 - Create public awareness of the problem and build support for positive solutions.

The convention voted to take the following action in accord with the League's previously adopted public policy positions:

- Communicate immediately with the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the House State Affairs Committee, and the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee the League's unalterable opposition to HB 486 which would restrict the right to privacy in reproductive decisions.
- Convey to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, and all other members of the Legislature the League's continuing support of an AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) grant of \$60 or more.
- Convey to Texas Senators the League's support for SB 616, the election law recodification bill.
- Convey to all Texas Members of Congress the League's support for the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985 and the organization's hope that this bill is passed without further delay.

Officers of the League of Women Voters of Texas elected for 1985-87 are:

Lois Carpenter, Midland	President
Diane Sheridan, Taylor Lake Village	Program Vice President
Modelle Brudner, Houston	Public Relations Vice President
Rachel Gooch, Fort Worth	Organization Vice President
Doris Watson, College Station	Secretary
Myrtle McMahan, Fort Worth	Treasurer

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May 30, 1979

Lucy Polter, President
League of Women Voters of Dallas
[REDACTED]

Dear Lucy,

The state board of the League of Women Voters of Texas had a most difficult time deciding between the choices of state convention 1981 being held in either Beaumont or Dallas.

The ultimate choice was to accept Beaumont's bid; thus it falls to me to tell you that we cannot accept Dallas's offer at this time.

We were unanimous in hoping that Dallas will make another offer for the 1983 state convention. We all were flattered that two cities wanted to host a state convention; we are only sorry that one among equals had to be denied at this time.

Be assured that Dallas will be first in line for 1983.

Sincerely,

Diana Clark
Diana Clark
President

Dear friends: You know how much I wished the Convention to be in Dallas - But the prevailing feeling was that Beaumont wanted it more - and perhaps your offer was in my honor more than a real heavy desire - Regardless - I personally thank you - (and I am not alone in being disappointed) but - we will have a good time in Beaumont!

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Ruth Hinerfeld, President
LWV-United States

L. GIVEN - LWV-Texas Convention, Friday, March 30, 1979

LWV-Texas
April 6, 1979
LL Pres. Mailing, DPM
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Convention - State

Many thanks to Betty and to all of you. It is a pleasure to be in Texas and in San Antonio for the first time. It is so enjoyable to be with old friends, and to meet so many new ones. I am looking forward to the evening's reception.

Although I haven't checked it out, I believe that Texas is to state League conventions what New Hampshire is to presidential primaries -- the first of the season. This is the season for League leaders to get together in their respective states to transact their business, to debate, discuss, and reason together, and -- by doing so -- to address questions which Leagues at every level address, not only at biennial conventions and annual meetings, but in all we do.

Two questions that we address were posed in the call to the second National Convention in 1921:

"The League is established," it said. "The League has power. How best shall we use this power to become a vital and helpful force in this country? How best continue the work of educating a conscientious, well-informed electorate?"

While answers to these two questions may have changed since they were posed almost 60 years ago, the questions themselves remain a valid stimulus to our thoughts, our plans, and our hopes regarding the League of Women Voters of the present and the League of Women Voters of the future.

There is also a third question that was implicit in that 1921 call to convention -- a question relating to institutional strength: How best shall we foster our organizational well being?

That's a question that commands the attention of the leaders of any organization; a question that has obsessed the leaders of this organization throughout its history -- as it does now.

Perhaps no one was more obsessed by this question than a past League leader whom I would like to digress for a moment to talk about (because she passed away only a little more than a month ago, and I have thought of her often since.)

That person was Anna Lord Strauss -- the fourth president of the League of Women Voters of the United States who served in that office from 1944-50. Anna died in New York City on February 22. She was 79.

Reading the obituary of Anna Lord Strauss, thinking about the several occasions when I'd seen her prior to her last, lingering illness, attending her funeral, meeting her family and friends, all reminded me of how important the League of Women Voters was to Anna and how important Anna was to the League.

Chronologically, and in many other ways, her presidency marked the half-way point between the League's founding and its present day. In her person, she embodied the direct descent of the League of Women Voters from suffragettes, since she was the great-grand daughter of Lucretia Mott. And during her presidency, the League initiated or institutionalized many of the elements we now think of as the foundation of the "League way" -- simultaneous membership at local, state, and national

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levels; the vesting of decision-making power in the membership; local Leagues as the primary and principal units of the organizational structure and operations. In short, during Anna's term, the League became what it is today -- a truly national organization with its powers derived from its grass roots. Furthering the democratization of the League of Women Voters was Anna Lord Strauss's vision and her achievement, because she believed that the League, in its own workings, must be, as she put it, "a laboratory for the democratic system."

Thus Anna Lord Strauss made explicit what had been implicit in that 1921 call to national convention. In addition to its challenges to use our power as a force for public good and to promote an informed electorate, she added the challenge that we organize ourselves, develop our membership, and manage our affairs as an exemplary microcosm of the democratic system that we seek to foster and improve.

How successful have we been as a national organization in meeting these three challenges? Where do we stand today? What about the future?

Obviously, if I attempted to deal comprehensively with either the past, present, or future of any one of these three components of the League's purpose, we'd be here until next week. So I'll pick and choose and skip around in time, and since I know that in making my points I will probably leave out the favorite musings or ideas of many of you in the process, let me make my apologies ahead of time for doing so.

How strong is the League of Women Voters? As an organization in the public eye, the League has grown steadily over its history in power, influence, and respect. You must know from your own experiences that most opinion leaders, governmental officials, and other organizations view us (even when they don't agree with us) as an organization with institutional staying power -- thorough in our work, responsible in our action. When the League of Women Voters of the United States is the only multi-issue, public interest organization asked to testify before the Senate Budget Committee -- that tells us so. When we receive a whopping grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for our urban crisis program -- that tells us so. When state League leaders are invited to the White House briefings; when our participation is sought for countless coalitions and projects; when a threat to our educational efforts by the Internal Revenue Service raises a hue and cry in Congress . . . all these things tell us so. If I asked you for further cases in point, we could, again, embark on an agenda that would carry us through next week. But none of you I think (though I dare not ask) could probably top my case-in-point experience at a recent energy conference. Following the conclusion of a workshop where I gave a brief presentation on League efforts in energy education, I was approached by a pleasant-looking man with a beard. Standing close, he looked me straight in the eye and said, "I love you." *Savoir faire* deserted me, and all I could do was stammer, "What did you say?" To my profound relief, he responded with a lengthy and effusive account of his long-time love affair with the League of Women Voters.

Sometimes I think, and sometimes I know, that we don't appreciate ourselves as much as we are appreciated by others. All of us, self included, are often guilty of a preoccupation with shortcomings, rather than our achievements -- bemoaning membership losses, legislative disappointments, venting feelings of guilt or blame.

Speaking of membership losses, they are very real, very big, and very sad. Like the churches, we have the dubious distinction of being up in influence and respect and down in membership figures. I won't burden you with the reasons -- familiar to all of us. They vary from the social revolution in women's roles (a revolution we helped to make) to competition from other organizations (some of which flatter the League by imitation) to the PMP (which we adopted in 1972 to set ourselves on a

firm fiscal path to the future). In my view, there is not a totally valid reason in the lot; and I'm confident that in the future we can, if we try, not only recoup our past losses but grow larger than we have ever been before. The national board, for its part, is trying to lighten the weight of the PMP by increasing national fund raising from individuals and corporations in ways that were outlined in the last National Board Report, in hopes that an increase in the PMP can be avoided in 1980. As for local and state Leagues, you're growing more sophisticated and more realistic about how to spend money and how to raise it. You've already proved that you have what it takes by raising almost a million dollars for ERA.

We know that having a job is NOT the reason why men or women don't join or drop out of the League -- since well over one half of our members are employed. And while we still have a way to go in doing so, we're learning how to make the kinds of changes in scheduling, assignments, workload, etc. that are suited to needs, wants, and the interests of the part-time volunteer.

As for meeting the competition of other organizations -- we have only to look at what the League of Women Voters has to sell in addition to our issues and our image. Throughout our history we have developed in League members the skills, community experience, reasoned approach to problems, and sense of involvement that have equipped them to be leaders in the political life of this nation -- leaders ranging from Eleanor Roosevelt (who was the New York state legislative chair in 1921) to today's Governor Ella Grasso, Under-Secretary of State Lucy Benson, and Assistant Secretary of Energy Ruth Clusen. City halls and councils, state legislatures, boards, commissions, offices, colleges, corps are full of League members. Many of them, unfortunately, are ex-members because, though we have gotten much better at it, we're still not doing the job we should in dispelling the sense of guilt of the inactive member, or in personally following up on those whose memberships are about to lapse, which is what other organizations do. Or are we yet doing the job we should in reaching out to groups that are underrepresented in the League -- men, minorities, senior citizens, junior citizens who might be interested in joining us if we welcomed them with an expression of interest in what they would like from the League experience.

Surely our program is varied enough to attract almost anyone who is interested in governmental issues. We don't have something for everyone, of course (although we sometimes seem to be trying). And our multi-issue program is not for those who want to join an organization that concentrates all its resources on a single issue or set of goals. But for those who want to involve themselves in most of the significant issues of the day -- at every level of government -- we offer a cafeteria of delights.

In fact, it's probably fair to say that many Leagues and League members suffer from a case of program indigestion, and wish the cafeteria were not quite so well provisioned. We probably also suffer from a case of organizational "good samaritanism" finding it hard to say "no" to worthy issues, "no" to all the action that others seek our help in, "no" to other groups that want our legs, our backs, and our brains to make a campaign or a project go. We probably NEED to be a little more self-preserving and a little more selective, scrutinizing opportunities with our eyes wide open to both political and organizational realities. We may need to keep reminding ourselves of that old question, "Will the League really make a difference?" when it comes to action. And when it comes to the adoption of program, we should ALSO ask ourselves, "Will it excite the interest, imagination, participation of members -- maybe bring in new ones?" Or will we find ourselves in the role of "come-latelies" to a cause that may benefit only marginally from our presence? There's no denying that these days it's getting harder to be at the cutting edge of issues, to find something new under the sun.

Take the national program for example. Although the program of the League of Women Voters of the United States today covers a wide-ranging array of concerns, almost every one of them represents an area of interest in which the League was active in the early days of its history.

Women's rights, the issue that gave birth to the League of Women Voters through the suffrage movement, is still with us in the battle for ERA. In fact, the ERA itself was on the League's earliest action agenda -- although at that time we opposed it on the ground that it would undermine efforts to secure the special protective legislation for which we were fighting.

The concern with social equity that's embodied in today's HR positions was dominant throughout the first days of the League. We fought many valiant battles vs. the mainstream of public thinking in the United States -- for child labor laws, and federally-funded health care for infants and mothers -- and we reaped a grim harvest of scorn and accusation in the process. But controversy didn't bring us to our knees then, nor does it now.

The League was one of the first organizations in the country to recognize the intertwining of economic and political issues when, in the mid-twenties, it began an investigation of the effects of tariffs, taxes, and utility regulation on living costs. Both international trade and utilities are still with us in national program.

And utility regulation wasn't the only aspect of energy on which the League was working in the '20s. From a study of food supply and demand came a position on the importance of fertilizer production, and a campaign to preserve governmental ownership and operation of Mussel Shoals dam. This led to our later support of other elements of the TVA project, and launched the League into the whole area of natural resources management.

Needless to say, governmental issues such as voting rights and reforms in governmental structure have been with us since the beginning. Ours was almost the only voice calling for a merit system of government employment; and improvement in the operation of every level of government to promote responsiveness, responsibility, and efficiency.

If the issues on which the League is working today are similar to those on which it was working in the 1920s, it's not because we haven't accomplished a great many of our legislative goals along the way. We have. And we have, in fact, positively answered many times over that question about how we use our power to become a vital force in this country. We did then what we do now -- select for study and action many of the issues which, like death and taxes, are always with us. They may change in nature and magnitude, but they lie at the center of the place where the business of governing and the interests of the governed come together.

The third challenge of the 1921 call to convention -- educating the electorate -- is probably what, in the eyes of the public, we do best. Nevertheless, it's also where an increased effort on our part may be the most needed at this juncture of our nation's history.

The nation's electorate has never before been so well educated, so continuously exposed to news and views about public policy, so well provided with avenues for direct political participation. Yet this same electorate is generally disengaged; voting at an ever-declining rate; acting more than ever before on the basis of self-interest; clustering in confrontation-minded groups to promote a single issue. The

middle ground of give-and-take dialogue; the middle ground where there is a rational exchange of views and a harmonization of special interests into the national interest; this middle ground of American politics seems to be shrinking through disinterest -- disenchantment -- a feeling that things are too complex, plus a desire to leave well enough alone, plus myriad other reasons.

I can think of no more valuable a role for the League today than to help preserve that shrinking middle ground of rational and informed political debate. From its citizenship schools in the 1920s, to its nationwide individual liberties program in the '40s, to the energy conferences of today, the League has proven that it can bring opposing views together and help foster a process whereby all sides may be examined in an atmosphere of open-mindedness.

While more citizen information activities, conferences, neighborhood discussions, training sessions, school programs, pre-election voter service activities -- all those things Leagues do so well -- are needed; we also need to carve out for ourselves a larger role in the communications revolution by learning how to effectively utilize the electronic media, alone and in combination with our tried and true citizen education techniques.

On the national level, as you know, we're going for the jackpot again in 1980. We've already announced our intention to sponsor pre-primary and presidential debates. And we have on our side not only the 66% of the public which, after the 1977 series expressed the view that debates should be held again, but also the recent report of the 20th Century Fund Task Force on Presidential Debates. The Task Force recommended that presidential debates should become a permanent tradition in American political life, and that for 1980 at least, they should be sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Our ultimate success in pulling off the debates again will, of course, depend on the willingness of the presidential candidates to debate -- and to debate under League sponsorship. And we may well need to call on you -- on all League members once again -- to raise the temperature of public opinion to convince the candidates that the citizens of this country are entitled to a face-to-face discussion of the issues by those who aspire to the highest office in the land.

In conclusion, I must state the obvious. The questions of institutional strength, program effectiveness, and public education that faced the League in 1921 will always be with us, demanding the best responses we have to offer for the times. The League of Women Voters, like the nation, is always in a state of transition. It's the bicycle theory of history -- you have to keep peddling, or you fall off.

But peddling hard is worth it, in my view, if in the process of fostering personal growth, working with interesting and able colleagues, and enjoying what we're doing, League members are able to affect change, strengthen the democratic system, and provide that laboratory of democracy which Anna Lord Strauss envisioned.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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SAN ANTONIO * MARCH 30 • April 1

St. Anthony Hotel

February 16, 1979

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 30

9:00 - 12 Noon
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

12:15 - 5:15
5:30 - 6:30

7:00 - 8:30
8:30 - 10:30

10:30

Registration

Pre-convention briefing if approved by vote
of local Leagues in February

Lunch on your own

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Anacondcho Room

Reception to honor RUTH HINERFELD, LWVUS

President

Peraux Room

Dinner on your own

Workshops:

Grantsmanship

Room 360

Art of the Press Conference

Anacondcho Rm.

Membership

Room 356/358

Caucuses

Saturday, March 31

8:30 - 11:15
11:30 - 1:15

1:30 - 4:30
5:30 - 9:00

Breakfast on your own -- and caucuses

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Anacondcho Room

Lunch & Speaker - SARAH WEDDINGTON,

Special Assistant to Pres. Carter. Peraux Rm.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Anacondcho Room

Tour/Dinner at Mission

Audio-visual presentations on energy & HR will be shown
in rooms 359 & 361 following the tour/dinner for those
interested.

Sunday, April 1

8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

COUNTERPART BREAKFAST

Sir Anthony Room
(through Coffee
Shop)

10:30 - 12:30

FINAL PLENARY SESSION

Anacondcho Room

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FORMAL CALL

The number of delegates in addition to the president to which each local League is entitled is listed below. Local Leagues are encouraged to send as many observers as desired. Members at large are encouraged to attend as observers.

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP 1/1/79</u>	<u>DELEGATES</u>
Abilene	41	4
Amarillo	65	6
Austin	264	26
Bay Area	59	5
Baytown	42	4
Beaumont	139	13
Brazos Co.	77	7
Brownsville	32	3
Corpus Christi	110	11
Dallas	433	43
Denton	90	9
Edinburg/McAllen	32	3
El Paso	55	5
Gainesville	16	1
Galveston	166	16
Garland	64	6
Harlingen	17	1
Houston Area	612	61

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Irving	75	7
Lamar Co.	42	4
Lubbock	126	12
Marshall/Harrison Co.	38	3
Midland	62	6
Odessa	34	3
Orange Area	35	3
Pearland Area	33	3
Plano	23	2
Richardson	39	3
Rockwall Co.	41	4
San Antonio Area	140	14
San Marcos	45	4
Sherman	109	10
Tarrant Co.	204	20
Temple Area	56	5
Tyler	32	3
Victoria	81	8
Waco Area	105	10
Wichita Falls	49	4

January 29, 1979

Kay Dillard
Abilene LWV
[REDACTED]

Dear Kay,

You will be glad to know that Accountability in Education was the state program item our League favored also.

We will certainly support your effort if the Abilene League presents it at convention.

Best of luck -

Sincerely,

Pearl L. Wincorn
President

Jeannette Davis, Pres.
[REDACTED]

League of Women Voters of Abilene



Abilene, Texas

January 18, 1979

Kay Dillard
[REDACTED]

Pearl Wincorn
Dallas LWV
[REDACTED]

Dear Pearl,

At the January state board meeting Accountability in Education was not recommended as a state program item. We have been told the reason for this was that the state board did not fully understand the subject. And indeed that is one of the primary reasons for the need to study accountability.

The Abilene League is in the middle of our local study on accountability and feel that since it is mandated by law (the required accreditation procedure), the LWV-Texas should be involved. We are in all probability going to have minimum competency testing and teacher certification as major topics in the legislature.

We also understand that your league has expressed interest in accountability. We would like to know if your league would support accountability in education if we present it at convention. We would appreciate hearing from you by Feb. 2 in time for our February board meeting so we may determine whether to invest the time and resources to pursue this as a non-recommended program item.

In league-like haste, and with all due appreciation,

Kay
Kay Dillard
Chm. Accountability in Education
Abilene LWV

P.S. Colorado, Washington D.C., Georgia, Minnesota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Vermont have or are studying accountability on the state level. kd

TO: LL Presidents, DPM
FROM: LWV-Texas Nominating Committee
RE: Nominations for 1979-1981
(Cover memo for encl. Nom. Comm. form)

LWV-Texas
April, 1978
LL Pres. Mailing, DPM
I. M.
Nominating Committee

The state League Nominating Committee will soon begin the process of selecting a slate of nominees to be voted on at Convention in 1979. Nominating Committee members met at Council '78 in Lubbock to get acquainted and to prepare for the task ahead.

Several years ago there was a great controversy within the League concerning the role of the Nominating Committee. The contention was that the Nominating Committee is all-powerful since it is the custom to present a single slate of nominees to the Convention, and since nominations from the floor are almost non-existent.

Following much discussion, it was decided to continue with the League system of nominations; and that is what our committee plans to do. But the critics were right in one respect: The Nominating Committee IS all-powerful, and we will present to the 1979 Convention a single slate of nominees who will be OUR choices from among League members in Texas -- UNLESS you make your choices known to us -- beginning NOW.

You may let us know your preferences orally or in writing, and we hope each of you will take the time and make the effort to express your opinions about who should be nominated to serve on the next state board and state nominating committee.

When you do speak or write, please be specific. Tell us whom you recommend, what that person's strengths and weaknesses are, and what office or portfolio you think would be appropriate. Remember, all League members in Texas are eligible; perhaps you know of someone we might overlook.

Don't hesitate to make a "negative" recommendation. You may know background information that would help us to make a decision about a possible candidate. Your recommendation may not be followed, but you will give us the opportunity to include the information when we make our list of pro's and con's to consider.

And don't hesitate to recommend yourself if you are interested in serving, either on state board or on state nominating committee. No one knows your own desires and abilities better than you do.

Remember that the Nominating Committee's purpose is to find new talent for the seven directorships. The state board may appoint up to seven directors, and the Nominating Committee will submit suggestions to the presidential nominee for the board's consideration. If the person you recommended is not on the slate of nominees, don't despair. She might be on the list of appointees. And sometimes circumstances change; the person who is not able to accept nomination might be delighted to accept an appointment later.

over, please

Nominating Committee (cont.)

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We welcome your input into the nominating process. The nominating Committee will meet at least twice before its work is complete. If you cannot meet the May 10 deadline, feel free to forward your suggestions later.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Marty Kissinger, Chairperson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lois Carpenter [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Liz Davies [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Helen Hunter [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Meg Tifus [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER PERSON.
Additional recommendations may be made on
plain paper, using the form indicated below.

LWV of Texas
April 1978
Presidents Mailing (2); DPM
I.M.
Administration
Nominating Committee

SUGGESTIONS TO STATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FOR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND
NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR 1979-1981

Return as soon as possible (preferably before May 10, 1978) to: Martha E. Kissinger,
913 Green River Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76103.

Recommendation for NEW state board member:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Joined League when: _____ Where: _____

Local League experience: _____

State or National League experience: _____

Special talents or skills:

public speaking _____
conducting meetings _____
typing _____
writing _____
grant writing _____
art or graphics _____

parliamentary procedure _____
administration _____
communicates well _____
delegates responsibility _____
meets deadlines _____
organizes work _____

Personality traits:

tactful _____
fair _____
confident _____
quiet _____
reserved _____
extrovert _____
bossy _____

has integrity _____
speaks out forcefully _____
better talker than listener _____
good listener _____
plans ahead _____
procrastinates _____
self-motivating (no need for outside direction
or pressure) _____

Has she/he time for:

_____ Four (or more) state board meetings a year (three days each), plus Council
or Convention?
_____ Travel on League affairs?

Can she/he keep a commitment for two years? _____

Would she/he have problems with League policy regarding nonpartisan political activity? _____

OVER

What current state board members do you recommend for the office of:

President:

Diana Clark

Vice Presidents (3):

Directors (7):

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving on the state Nominating Committee:

Comments:

Signed: _____

Address: _____

League of Women Voters of _____

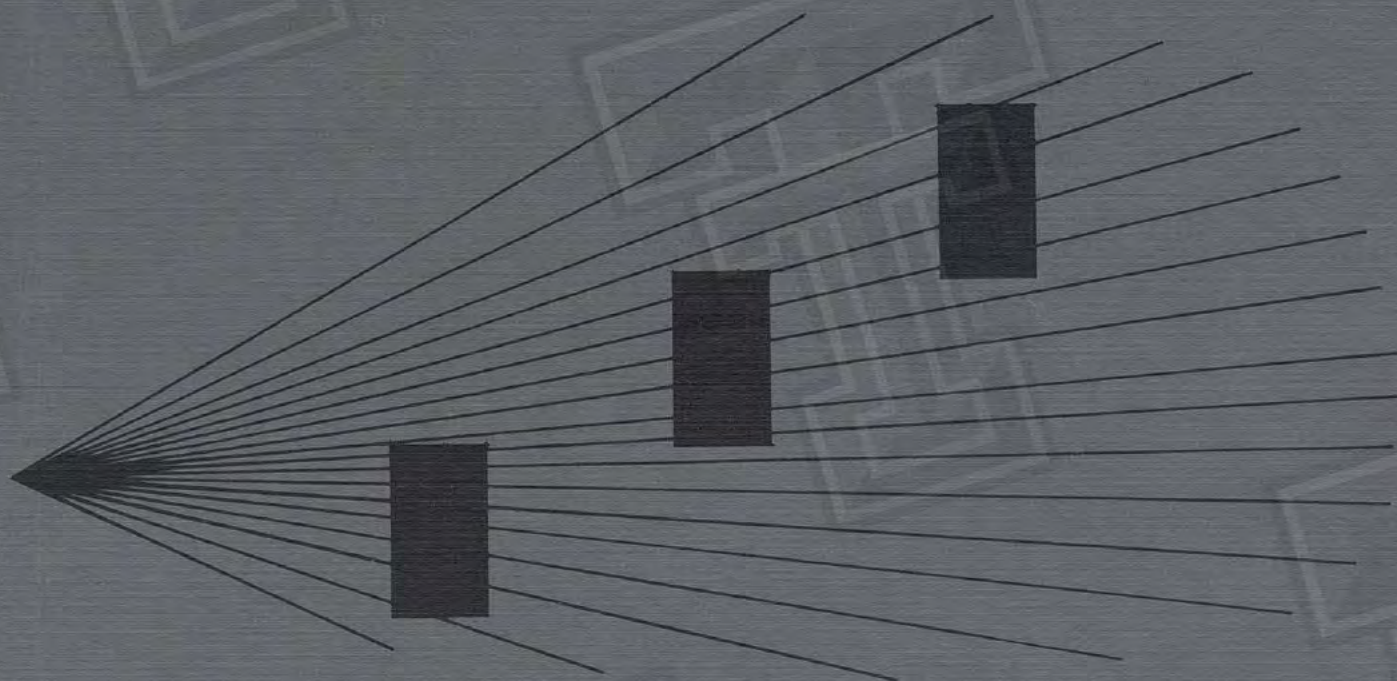
These suggestions are from: _____ an individual League member

_____ a local League board of directors

_____ a state board member

_____ other (specify) _____

ISSUES, NOT IMAGES



COUNCIL '76
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MARCH 30-31
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League of Women Voters of Texas

President's Report
to the League of Women Voters of Texas

March 30, 1976

By Betty Anderson

There is a school of historians which holds that great events tell us less about the past than the trivia accumulated by ordinary people--the letters, pressed flowers, prom programs, cherished toys and the like saved by those who loved them and could not bear to throw them away. In my trivia time capsule to remind me of this League year, I think I will include a Texas Constitutional Revision bumper sticker, a button with the inscription, "ERA YES", and a proposed LWV-Texas budget for 1976-77.

Marshall McLuhan has coined a phrase, RVM, an acronym for rear-view mirror. It refers to those who go through life with their eyes glued to the past. The League of Women Voters does not have RVM. In fact, we spent a great deal of time in El Paso last year probing the future. But we must perceive the important linkages between what happened yesterday to what is happening today and what is assumed to be our destiny. So at this Council we will take a hard look at ourselves--what we are trying to accomplish and how we can be more successful doing it.

The balance and the interface between organization, program, and voters service cannot be stressed too forcefully. When one link in this chain is weakened, the organization suffers. To be successful, we must work from a strong organizational base to fulfill our program goals and voters service objectives.

This is why membership, finance, and organizing new Leagues is so important. The fact that we have membership and money problems is not news to any of us. But the interrelatedness of our problems may be harder to grasp. We seek solutions, but at the same time, we do not despair, for we know, "This, too, shall pass." Most things get better by themselves. Sometimes the only cure is time.

Our program/action agenda is another important side of our League interface. Saul Alinsky, the activist organizer, says that an organization needs action as an individual needs oxygen. He believes that with only one or two issues there will be a lapse of action, and then becomes death. Well, the League's multiple issues should keep us active and alive for some time! We are faced with the dilemma of prioritizing our long program agenda while still focussing of fluidity and being able to keep our options open so we can move. Program management has been more discussed than implemented in the League. But we hear loud and clear that program must be manageable. We have some sense of the direction you want program to take from the questionnaires which were returned. We will be seeking further direction tomorrow.

Another rule of Alinsky's is that before people act--an issue must be polarized. Persons will act when they are convinced that their cause is 100% on the side of the angels, and the other side is 100% on the side of the devil. The polarization of the ERA issue must explain why it has stirred so many women to action. But are we convinced that all our program positions are 100% right and on the side of the angels? Do our members know all our program positions--much less get emotionally involved with the issues? If we still truly believe that the politically active citizen holds the key to effective government, we must get our own members more politically involved.

The Citizen Information/Voters Service side of our interfact is busiest in an election year. These activities are among the most important and satisfying League efforts and help to provide community-wide recognition and support for the entire League. Voters Guides are being compiled, candidates rallies are being held, and Leaguers are registering voters in an all-out effort to raise the consciousness level of voters. We are also attempting to raise the consciousness level of candidates, with our theme, "Issues, not Images." However, as I observe some of the campaigns, it may be a

somewhat forlorn and lonely standard. Even our folk-hero Walter Cronkite, warns that the personality of the one pushing the button may be more important than the positions the candidate takes on the issues. The theme, however, reflects the League's historical concern with the important issues of the day.

But we need newness along with our tradition. Igor Stravinsky once suggested that his work was always conditioned by what he called the need for innovating newness. To achieve this, he suggested that one needs the "learning of the professional and the innocence of the amateur." This combination of the learned professional and innocent amateur aptly describes most Leaguers--so we look to you for the innovating newness we need. I'd like to see the League change one of the oldest political clichés--"politics is the art of the possible" into a new challenge--"politics is the art of making what appears to be impossible possible." This vision within itself could help restore many talented, committed people to the political process, thereby bridging the broadening gap between the governed and the governing. The League can fulfill this new challenge, for we have the organizational mechanism to make it happen. The other necessary ingredient is the will to work at maintaining a strong member and financial basis of organization. With the learning of the professional and the innocence of the amateur, I think you can do it.

This is why membership, financial, and organizing new Leagues is so important. The fact that we have members and money doesn't mean we have a solution, but it does mean we have a chance to try. We need solutions, but at the same time, we do not have them. We know, "this, too, shall pass." Most things get better by themselves. Sometimes the only cure is time.

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Another side of Alinsky's is that before people are in a position to be organized, they must first be organized. They are concerned that their cause is 100% on the side of the angels, and the other side is 100% on the side of the devil. The polarization of the 50% issue must explain why it has attracted so many women to the League. But are we convinced that all our program positions are 100% right and on the side of the angels? Do our members know all our program positions? Will they be emotionally involved with the issues? It is still truly believe that the politically active citizen holds the key to effective government. We must get our members more politically involved.

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INTRODUCTION

In this year of the Bicentennial, the League of Women Voters of Texas will appropriately convene its fourteenth biennial Council on Tuesday, March 30, 1976 at a location rich in the heritage of our country and our state-- Galveston, Texas.

You will find the agenda on other pages in this workbook together with the location of the various activities of Council within The Flagship Hotel. Be sure to bring this workbook to Council with you; extra copies will not be available. In the interest of brevity and economy, there will not be a second workbook this year; it would therefore be wise to review past State Board Reports in progress areas, legislative activities, and Voters Service.

Usual Convention rules will apply to all business sessions. Delegates, only, have the privilege of the floor; none may speak twice until all who wish to speak have been heard. During all sessions observers may sit with delegates, but may not vote. They may join in discussion at the workshops and panel discussions.

Special events this year include a Bicentennial Heritage tour of the historical district of Galveston before Council convenes, and dinner aboard The Flagship on the Gulf of Mexico. Topping our list of distinguished speakers and guests is Gilbert Carmichael, Mississippi gubernatorial candidate who ran an issues-oriented campaign.

The registration fee is \$20.00 for delegates and \$15.00 for observers, payable in advance. Pre-registration forms are to be returned by March 15. Hotel reservation cards have been sent to you. EACH LEAGUE MUST MAKE ITS OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. A map of Galveston appears in the brochure sent to you with the hotel cards.

A travel equalization fee of \$3 is to be paid at the time of registration by both delegates and observers.

If your group arrives early, do plan to attend the State Board open house in the Presidential Suite on Monday evening from 8:30 to 10:00 PM, and be sure to make the tour--the much publicized, recently restored 19th century Ashton Villa is to be specially opened up to us. Following a morning in the leisurely past and lunch on your own, the exciting League future will convene at 1:45 PM. WELCOME!

Plano
Gainesville
Gaston Is. County
Longview
Marshall Harrison Co.

CHECKLIST FOR INITIATING AN ORDINANCE
AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL

1. Identify a problem or need in an area that the League has expertise and interest.
2. Distill a proposal that is specific and feasible.
3. Decide on strategy and timing. Be knowledgeable of political climate.
4. Talk to everyone involved including those who may oppose you. Get suggestions and advice and try to gain supporters and neutralize possible opposition.
5. Draft the bill or ordinance carefully and accurately. Do your homework.
6. Decide on sponsorship.
7. Make the rounds of elected officials and administrators in person to explain your proposal and get their ideas and support. (No one wants to feel left out.)
8. Contact other groups that may be sympathetic to your purpose and get them involved.
9. Give news releases to the paper and try to utilize the media.
10. Keep your original purpose in mind, but be willing to compromise where necessary.
11. Monitor every development. Strike a happy medium between rushing your ordinance through and letting it drag along so that everyone loses interest.
12. Be constantly alert to changes. Be open and trusting, but evaluate any modifications with a wary eye. Read the ordinance at each printing to be sure that no unexpected changes have slipped in.
13. Prepare for the public hearing.
14. Be gracious and publicly thank everyone who helped.
15. When it's all over, monitor the results.

Austin LIV - Urban Transp. Commission

Submitted ordinance to City Council -

No public awareness of planning on Transp. - long range
deeper root to the first who might "sell it" -

of transportation was necessary -

negotiating was key to the success of getting
up Urban Transp. Comm.

Lobbyists - Much learned from the pros

know your limits in assisting - call the council
if you don't hear it ready - No public statements
is far down the line of action - follow up via
paid out parcel of the panel presentation -

comprehensive training
- 1995 to 1996

Low Pay for training -
Optional Bd Training
Area Bd Training

City State Voter -
City State phage to National - 17%

1974 Save the Agriculture San Antonio

5000 letters to public on Agriculture Protection Act.

Applied to purchase agriculture - 4 spot levels.

22,000 sigs on petition -

had SA in coalition - arguing to 22 & later
to Mexican ship - but not by local BK vote -

passed into "does" or buying into change -

County Comm. voted unanimously to support it.
City Council voted unanimously to oppose it.

"Interdependent" -
Then to the Zoning Commission -

Standards Take force (how to pollute legally)

Majority vote: no more to develop over a buffer

Zoning in the State Plan - downgraded by

minority report -

petition for a building in residential to record
action of a well over the neighborhood - 27000 sigs
required -

60% of sigs came
from 200 in 30000 sigs -

80% of voters received -

\$50,000 spent against the APA
\$3200 - " for the APA

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AGENDA
COUNCIL '76
THE FLAGSHIP, GALVESTON, TEXAS
MARCH 30-31, 1976

MONDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 - 10:00 PM STATE BOARD WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION PRESIDENTIAL SUITE
FOR EARLY ARRIVALS

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 - 12:45 PM HERITAGE TOUR OF GALVESTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT

9:00 - 1:30 PM REGISTRATION LOBBY

9:00 - 5:00 PM "THE CORNER PUB" MARINE BALLROOM
Publications Display

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:45 - 3:10 PM OPENING SESSION MARINE BALLROOM
Call to Order
Welcome

Jan Coggeshall, President, LWV-Galveston
R.A. Apffel, Mayor of Galveston

Organization of Council

Introductions

President's Report

Minutes of Council '74

Treasurer's Report

Roll Call

Presentation of Budget

Local League Pledges

3:10 - 3:30 PM BREAK

3:30 - 5:30 PM ISSUES, NOT IMAGES MARINE BALLROOM

Introduction: Edna Fuller, member
Galveston City Council

ISSUE: CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVENESS ON BALLOT ISSUES
Participants: Fay Sinkin & Liz Davies, San Antonio

ISSUE: INITIATING AND FOLLOWING THROUGH
Participants: Susan Reid & Jacqueline Bloch, Austin

ISSUE: SPEAKING TO THE ISSUE
Participant: Bobette Higgins

5:30 - 6:30 PM BREAK

5:45
Rm 624
Caucus on
Budget

Tues
55 Dec
32 Obs
17 st
3 all st
1 staff

Budget adjustment

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 (CONT'D.)

6:30 - 7:15 PM	OPEN HOUSE - B.Y.O.B.	PRESIDENTIAL SUITE
7:30 - 9:30 PM	DINNER Speaker: GILBERT CARMICHAEL Mississippi Gubernatorial Candidate Music: ALL AMERICAN CHOIR OF ANICO	MARINE BALLROOM
9:30 - 11:00 PM	COUNTERPART VENTILATION PROGRAM ORGANIZATION PUBLIC RELATIONS	SECOND FLOOR CAPTAIN'S ROOM WHEELHOUSE ROOM CHART ROOM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 - 8:45 AM	PRESIDENTS' BREAKFAST - or - BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN	SPANISH GALLEON LOUNGE
8:45 - 9:00 AM	BREAK	
9:00 - 12:00 NOON	"THE CORNER PUB" Publications Display	MARINE BALLROOM
9:00 - 10:00 AM	SECOND COUNCIL SESSION - National Convention Briefing - Ad Hoc Finance Committee Report - Texas Education Fund Report - Adoption of State Budget	MARINE BALLROOM
10:00 - 11:00 AM	ISSUE: LEAGUE LEADERSHIP--SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST	
10:00-10:30	^{minutes:} 30 - Membership Workshop	
10:30-11:00	^{minutes:} 10 - Citizen Information/Voters Service Workshop	
11:00 - 12:00 PM	^{lunch} (A) PROGRAM/ACTION STRATEGY WORKSHOP - or - ^{shower} (B) DEVELOPMENT/FINANCE WORKSHOP	
12:00 - 12:30 PM	BREAK	
12:30 - 2:00 PM	LUNCH featuring "Priorities Pie"...or "I Can't Believe We Ate The Whole Thing"	SPANISH GALLEON DINING ROOM AND LOUNGE
2:00 PM	ADJOURN	

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1975-1976

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HUNT COUNTY

(Chairperson)
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VOTER

Marty Kissinger LWV- Tarrant Co.

Voting Rights

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Elizabeth Arthaud LWV-Houston

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Jean Bizzell, Austin

The Justice Game Committee--Dallas

Glenda Matzke Dorothy Ramsay
Katherine Winslow Gloria Wise
Dot Gruber Simi Malmberg--artist
Additional assistance from: Judge R.T. Scales, 195th District Court
Richard Banks--Attorney
Tom Mills--Attorney

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Report from the Administration of Justice Chairperson--Diana Clark

The new study of administration of criminal justice in Texas has resulted in publication of a leaders guide and a Facts and Issues covering the process from arrest to trial. These publications include information on: Key Figures and Agencies at the state and local levels, Prosecution and Defense and alternatives to pre-trial incarceration. A typical felony case is outlined to demonstrate the process. Consensus has been taken on the material and results will be announced at this Council.

The second phase of the study, to be available in early summer, will continue the typical felony case to its conclusion, and focus on trials, jury selection, courts, sentencing, probation and parole. Consensus will be asked for in late fall.

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Report from the Publications Chairperson--Barbara Nobles

Please be planning which of your publications you want to share with other local Leagues in Galveston. This is an opportunity to show off your superior publication efforts and to learn from the experience of others. There will be selected state publications for sale.

The "Corner Pub" will be in the back of the main meeting room so we will be accessible and highly visible. We will be using 3' x 5' tables. You may reserve 1/3, 1/2, or a whole table if you wish. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH ME BY MARCH 15. A small box with your League's name should be provided to keep money from sales. Please contact me at: 5000 Crestway, Austin, 78731. (512) 452-4731

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BUDGET ANALYSIS
7/1/75-2/29/76

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>NON-CASH*</u>
A. Support from LL	\$30089	^{25417.01} \$ 2541.01	\$ 4671.99	
B. Members-at-large dues & UAL	750	375.00	375.00	
C. Sales	19640	4222.57	15417.43	
1. Publications 7600.	<u>2020.07</u>			
2. Voters Guides 8000.	<u>10.00</u>			
3. DPM 1500.	<u>1177.50</u>			
4. Standing Orders 2240	<u>1015.00</u>			
D. Interest	530	225.35	304.65	
E. Grants	15925	-0-	15925.00	
F. Non-deductible Gifts	9250	3466.99	5783.01	
1. a. Members-cash				
750.	<u>563.25</u>			
b. Members-non-cash				
0.	<u>2903.74</u>			
2. Non-members 8500.	<u>0.00</u>	^{5000.00}		^{5000.00}
G. Anticipated cash res.	5485	937.00	4548.00	
H. Council fees	2000	-0-	2000.00	
I. LWV-TEF reimbursement	720	663.59	56.41	
J. Reserves	-0-	2000.00	[2000.00]	
Total Income	\$84389.	\$37307.51	\$47081.49	

EXPENDITURES

A. State Office Operating Expense				
1. Equipment maintenance	650	584.94	65.06	
2. General Supplies	1500	1596.90	[96.90]	
3. Postage	2100	1452.69	647.31	
4. Telephone	1015	485.90	529.10	
5. Insurance & Bonding	165	-0-	165.00	
6. a. Rent & Utilities	2520	2000.00	520.00	
b. Salaries	10275	6536.09	3738.91	
c. Payroll taxes	772	588.26	183.74	
7. Bank charges	25	-0-	25.00	
8. Audit & Tax Reports	300	-0-	300.00	
9. New equipmt. (incl. accrl)	500	-0-	500.00	
10. Moving Expense (" ")	780	612.66	167.34	
11. a. Supp. Exec. Exp.-Travel	900	345.91	554.09	15.00
b. Per Diem	300	35.30	264.70	2.17
c. Board memb. assistance	180	31.85	148.15	
Subtotal	\$21982	\$14270.50	\$ 7711.50	\$ 17.17

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EXPENDITURES CONT'D.	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	NON-CASH*
B. Board & Administrative Costs:				
1.a. President--sec. asst. \$	840	\$ -0-	\$ 840.00	
b. Telephone	300	220.39	79.61	
c. Representation	350	197.44	152.56	32.00
2. Treasurer	110	101.17	8.83	17.08
3.a. Bd.-Tools & Materials	500	405.98	94.02	15.40
b. State Bd. Mtgs.	5745	3855.43	1889.56	457.92
c. Administration	235	76.15	158.85	
d. State Bd. Training	1000	637.38	362.62	
4. a. Adm. Comm.-Finance	300-1250	57.38	242.62	
b. Membership & Units	40	29.89	10.11	
c. Public Relations	175-3750	89.38	85.62	
d. Budget	300	35.12	264.88	
e. Nominating	200	-0-	200.00	
f. Ad Hoc Financial Supp.	250	320.32	[70.32]	.01
Subtotal	\$10345	\$ 6026.03	\$ 4318.97	\$ 577.41
C. Services to Local Leagues				
1.a. Organ. Serv. to curr.LL	2375	1119.68	1255.32	26.42
b. Serv. to new Leagues	525	825.90	[300.90]	15.68
c. State board visits	150	-0-	150.00	
d. Workshops	250	-0-	250.00	
e. Members-at-large	100	-0-	100.00	
f. Units-at-large	220	11.96	208.04	
2. Presidents Mailings	875	177.40	697.60	
3. Local Prog. Supervision	25	-0-	25.00	
Subtotal	\$ 4520	\$2134.94	\$ 2385.86	42.10
D. Delegates & Travel-'76 Cncl.	2000	100.84	1899.16	100.84
1976 Nat. Convention	1400	-0-	1400.00	
Subtotal	3400	100.84	3299.16	100.84
E. 1. National Serv.-Pledge	9225	2306.25	6918.75	
2. Members-at-large PMP	212	63.75	148.25	
Subtotal	9437	2370.00	7067.00	
F. VOTER	2500	1192.09	1307.91	37.55
G. 1. Publ. Production Costs	2610	953.59	1656.41	31.20
2. Voters Guides	5000	-0-	5000.00	
3. DPM	1500	833.94	666.06	
4. Standing Orders	2240	1030.38	1209.62	
5. Presidents Mailing	-0-	381.90	[381.90]	
6. TEF	-0-	286.13	[286.13]	
7. TCR Action Committee <i>KITS</i>	-0-	387.66	[387.66]	
Subtotal	11350	3873.60	7476.40	31.20

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H. 1. Educational Act.-LWV-TEF				
a. program	1125	-0-	1125.00	
b. Voters Service project	1000	-0-	1000.00	
c. Legislative Resrh. Mat.	500	202.19	297.81	
d. Non-League Workshops	300	-0-	300.00	
e. League Workshops & Conf.	13000	-0-	13000.00	
2.a. LWV-T (Not EF funded)	200	76.63	123.37	20.61
VS Comm.				
b. Affiliations	100	-0-	100.00	
c. Publications & Subscrip.	100	26.25	73.75	
d. New Program Study (AJ)	250	130.77	119.23	16.00
Subtotal	\$16575	\$ 435.84	16139.16	36.61
I. Position Support Activities:				
1. Program supervision	50	177.49	[127.49]	177.49
2. Campaign expense	1000	-0-	1000.00	
3.a. State program action-TCR	500	34.22	465.78	
b. HR	100	59.50	40.50	30.40
c. MSG	75	28.00	47.00	
d. EQ-Air	225	823.23	[598.23]	645.33
d. EQ-Water	225	392.16	[167.16]	128.08
d. EQ-Solid Waste	100	12.58	87.42	
d. EQ-Land Use	350	882.77	[532.77]	764.56
d. EQ-Energy	150	264.51	[114.51]	192.00
d. EQ-Transportation	100	-0-	100.00	
e. Voting Rights	250	169.62	80.38	51.00
f. Financing State Govt.	125	181.83	[56.83]	72.00
g. State-Local Relations	25	-0-	25.00	
4. National Program Superv.				
a. International Relations	25	34.24	[9.24]	
b. Representative Govt.	50	-0-	50.00	
c. Campaign Finance	25	-0-	25.00	
5. Legislative Office				
a. office	755	-0-	755.00	
b. Director's expense	150	-0-	150.00	
Subtotal	4280	\$3060.15	\$1219.85	\$2060.86
J. Unbudgeted	-0-	65.20	[65.20]	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$84389	\$33529.19	\$50859.81	\$2903.74
*included in Actual column				

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<u>BANK ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>Balance 6-1-75</u>	<u>Deposits 6-1-75</u>	<u>Expenditures 2-29-76</u>	<u>Balance 2-29-76</u>
General Operating Account	509.80	34449.76	31371.59	3587.97
TEF Account	937.90	-0-	202.19*	735.71
Certificates of Deposit	4763.87	142.72	763.87	4142.72
Reserves	3352.64	846.86	2000.00	2199.50
Total	\$9564.21	\$35439.04	\$34337.65	\$10665.90

TEF ACCOUNTS

Legislative Resr. Material*	773.45	-0-	202.19	571.26
Land Use	56.49	-0-	-0-	56.49
Public School Finance	43.92	-0-	-0-	43.92
Financing State Govt.	28.67	-0-	-0-	28.67
Voters Keys	1.12	-0-	-0-	1.12
National Revenue Sharing	-0-	34.25	-0-	34.25
Total	903.65	34.25	202.19	735.71

*National Municipal League	7.50
Land Use Planning	90.00
Austin Report	56.44
Fumi Sugihara (Gov. in Sunshine)	48.25
	202.19

NOTES

Outstanding Pledges	744.82
Outstanding Publications	1150.63
1974-75 Budget	[459.71]

HOLDING ACCOUNTS (SUSPENSE)

Social security paid by employees	[46.82]
Withholding paid by employees	[59.00]

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LOCAL LEAGUE PLEDGE ACCOUNTS
6-1-75 through 2-29-76

<u>LOCAL LEAGUE</u>	<u>PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAID TO</u> <u>GEN. OPER.</u>	<u>ED. FUND</u>	<u>2-29-76</u> <u>BALANCE</u>
Abilene	305.00	305.00		-0-
Amarillo	500.00	250.00	125.00	125.00
Austin	1460.00	1460.00		-0-
Bay Area	700.00	700.00		-0-
Baytown	515.00	386.25	128.75	-0-
Beaumont	645.00	635.05		9.95
Brazos County	321.00	321.00		-0-
Brownsville	300.00	300.00		-0-
Corpus Christi	985.00	493.00		492.00
Dallas	3795.00	2846.25		948.75
Deer Park	300.00	125.00		175.00
Denton	720.00	720.66		[.66]
Edinburg-McAllen	393.00	393.00		-0-
El Paso	885.00	885.00		-0-
Gainesville (Prov.)	300.00	75.00		225.00
Galveston	1600.00	1600.00		-0-
Garland	338.00	338.00		-0-
Harlingen	350.00	350.00		-0-
Houston	4500.00	3375.00		1125.00
Huntsville (Prov.)	300.00	-0-		300.00
Irving	1125.00	846.00		279.00
Lamar County	567.00	567.05		[.05]
Lubbock	850.00	850.00		-0-
Midland	525.00	525.00		-0-
Odessa	350.00	150.00		200.00
Orange Area	300.00	225.00		75.00
Pasadena	300.00	300.00		-0-
Pearland	310.00	332.36		[22.36]
Plano (Prov.)	300.00	225.00		75.00
Richardson	449.00	429.21		19.79
San Antonio Area	1260.00	960.00		300.00
San Marcos	450.00	450.00		-0-
Sherman	655.00	655.00		-0-
Tarrant County	1400.00	915.00	350.00	135.00
Tyler	425.00	325.00		100.00
Victoria	480.00	480.00		-0-
Waco Area	645.00	464.49		180.51
Wichita Falls	485.00	363.75		121.25
TOTAL	30088.00	24621.07	603.75	4863.18
Added since Convention:				
Eastern Bell County (Prov.)	-0-	200.00		[200.00]
Montgomery Co. (disbanded)	-0-	418.94		[418.94]
So. Jefferson Co. (disbanded)	-0-	177.00		[177.00]
TOTAL	30088.00	25417.01	603.75	4067.24

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1975-76 Budgeted</u>	<u>1976-77 Proposed</u>
A. Support from local Leagues: \$3 PMP, plus 18% of defined income= approx. \$35,000; minus 3% for pledges paid with TEF monies.	\$30,089	\$33,950
B. Members-at-large dues: 30 @ \$15	750	450
C. Publications: DPM, St. Ord., Leg. NL. other	19,640	6,300 5700
D. Interest on savings	530	215
E. Contributions		
1. Member--cash	750	250
2. Member--in-kind-ness		500 ← Non Cash
3. Non-member--cash	8,500	1,416
4. Non-member--in-kind-ness		400 ← non cash
-----Grants--LWV-TEF	15,925	-----
F. Election Night Reporting		2,000
G. Anticipated cash reserve (including accrual)	5,485	0
H. Convention '77: 200 registrations @ \$25	2,000	5,000
I. LWV-TEF reimbursement	720	
1. Overhead--grants administration		120
2. General administration		
a. Office overhead: 1/4 state office cost		4,975
b. Trustees meetings: 1/4 state board mtg. cost		1,200
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	\$84,389	\$56,776 56,176

EXPENDITURES

A. State Office Operating Costs		
1. Equipment maintenance: maintenace contracts	\$ 650	\$ 720
2. General supplies	1,500	1,810
3. Postage	2,100	2,400
4. Telephone	1,015	1,000 750
5. Insurance and Bonding	165	230
6. Fixed costs		
a. Rent and Utilities	2,520	2,700
b. Salaries	10,275	9,550
c. Payroll taxes: 7.25% of salaries	772	717
7. Audit and tax report	300	300
-----Bank charges	25	-----
8. New equipment (incl. accrual)	500	500
-----Moving expense	780	-----
Subtotal	\$20,602	\$19,927 19,677

	1975-76 Budgeted	1976-77 Proposed
B. Board and administrative costs		
1. President		
a. Travel	\$ 900	\$ 775
b. Per diem	300	200
c. Secretarial assistant (in Lubbock)	840	0
-----Board member assistance	180	-----
d. Telephone	300	250
e. Representation	350	250
2. Treasurer	110	100
3. Board		
a. Tools and materials	500	400
b. State board meetings	5,745	4,800
c. Administration	235	200
-----State board training	1,000	-----
4. Administrative committees		
a. Development	300	200
b. Public relations	175	175
c. Budget	300	150
d. Nominating	200	150
e. Ad Hoc financial support	250	250
Subtotal	\$11,685	\$ 7,900
C. Services to local Leagues		
1. Organization		
a. Services to current local Leagues: board training, state board visits to LL's	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,100
b. Services to new Leagues: provisional and pre-provisional	525	1,075
c. Services to members-at-large	320	315
-----Workshops	250	-----
2. Presidents Mailing	875	875
3. Local program supervision	25	25
4. Membership	40	150 500
Subtotal	\$ 4,560	\$ 4,890 4,540
D. Convention, Council		
1. State convention '77: all costs	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000
2. National council '77: delegates expenses	1,400	800
Subtotal	\$ 3,400	\$ 5,800
E. National Services		
1. Pledge	\$ 9,225	\$ 8,654
2. Member-at-large PMP: 30 @ \$4.50	212	135
Subtotal	\$ 9,437	\$ 8,789
F. VOTER	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,600
Subtotal	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,600

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	1975-76 Budgeted	1976-77 Proposed
G. Publications: production & distribution costs	\$ 2,610	\$ 0
1. Duplicate President's Mailing (DPM): 100 @ \$15	1,500	\$ 1,500
2. Standing Orders: 200 @ \$7	2,240	1,400
3. Legislative Newsletters: 100 @ \$5		500
-----Voters Guides	5,000	-----
Subtotal	\$11,350	\$ 3,400
-----Educational activities		-----
-----1. Grants from LWV-TEF	\$15,925	-----
-----2. LWV-T (not EF)		-----
-----a. Voters Service committee	200	-----
-----b. Affiliations	100	-----
-----c. Publications and subscriptions	100	-----
-----d. New program study (Administration of J.)	250	-----
Subtotal	\$16,575	-----
H. Position support activities		
1. Program supervision	\$ 50	\$ 25
-----Campaign expense (TCR)	1,000	-----
2. State program action		
a. Education PSF		150 125
b. Land Use	350	150 125
c. FSG → Property Tax Reform	125	150 125
d. AJ		200
e. HR 1. Education	100	\$ 125.00
i. ERA		50
ii. Housing		0
iii. Revenue Sharing		0
iv. Welfare		0
f. Environmental Quality		
i. Air	225	50
ii. Energy	150	75
iii. Water and Solid Waste	325	100
iv. Transportation	100	50
g. Voting Rights	250	50
h. State-local Relations	25	0
i. Modernizing state government	75	15
j. Texas Constitutional Revision	500	0
3. National program action		
a. International relations	25	30
b. Representative government	50	40
c. Campaign finance	25	0
4. Legislative office		
a. Telephone	25	500
b. Director's expenses (incl. supplies & postage)	350	500
c. Secretary	470	1,935
-----Rent	60	-----
Subtotal	\$ 4,280	\$ 4,070
I. Professional assistance	\$	\$ 400
Subtotal	\$	\$ 400
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$84,389	\$56,776 # 56,176

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS 1976-77 PROPOSED BUDGET

This budget reflects a significant decrease (17.1%) from the 1975-76 adopted budget with the "grants" item removed.

Reducing the budget by this amount involves not only cutting out the fat but also some of the meat. Various possibilities for reducing expenses were discussed:

1. Reducing the size of the board--currently we have 19 on-board and two off-board members but we have no legislative chairperson.
2. Reducing the number of state board meetings or having cluster meetings (board members living in the same general region meeting together).
3. Reducing services to local Leagues.
4. Charging local Leagues for board training or other services.

Comments/decisions regarding these possibilities:

1. Since the Austin League has found a place for us to meet and is catering state board meetings at a cost far below what board meetings cost in the past, savings realized from reducing the size of the board would be insignificant.
2. We did reduce the amount budgeted for state board meetings and will meet as many times as we can for that amount--at least four full board meetings at current costs.
3. General reluctance to cut this time. Some cuts were made but more than offset by increasing other items.
4. Charging local Leagues for board training or other services seemed counterproductive to us at this time.

INCOME

BUDGET KEY

Support from local Leagues	\$33,950	Based on \$3 per-member-payment plus 18% defined income. It is <u>not</u> an exact figure since we must estimate the amount of support which will be paid with Ed. Fund money.
Members-at-large dues	\$ 450	Based on 30 M-A-Ls @ \$15.
Publications	\$ 6,300	Gross figure based on 100 DPMs at \$15, 200 St. Ord. @ \$7; 100 Leg. Newsletters @ \$5; plus sales of Adm. of Justice F&I and other publications on hand.
Interest on savings	\$ 215	Interest on reserve fund @ 5.25%.
Contributions	\$ 2,566	By <u>budgeting</u> \$500 in-kind-ness from members we are acknowledging that our budget will be <u>met only</u> if state board members absorb \$500 of their budgeted expenses. In actual fact, the amount of their own money spent by state board members is significantly higher--just as it is for local board members.

Contributions continued

Election night reporting \$ 2,000

The non-member in-kind-ness is balanced by expenditure item I. The printing and layout of this year's annual report was contributed and we anticipate future contributions of this nature.

We have been asked by ABC to report for the November 1976 elections.

Anticipated cash reserves (including accruals), \$ 0

We will have spent accrued funds on operating costs during 1975-76. It's going to be a lean summer.

Convention '77 \$ 5,000

Estimated 200 registrations balanced by expenditure item D.1.

LWV-TEF reimbursement:

-grants administration \$ 120
-general administration \$ 6,175

State office costs of administering grants. One-fourth of the state office and board meeting expense based on percentage of time spend on TEF matters.

EXPENDITURES

State office costs

Equipment maintenance \$ 720

Cost of maintenance contracts and servicing office equipment not covered by contracts.

General supplies \$1,800

Reflects increased cost of supplies and new stationery. Does not include cost of supplies for DPM, St. Ord., Legislative Newsletter, President's Mailing and supplies budgeted elsewhere.

Postage \$ 1,800

Increased but not enough to offset the 30% postal increase enacted this year nor for any additional increase. Does not include postage for DPM, St. Ord., Leg. NL., President's Mailing, nor VOTER.

Telephone \$ 1,000

Base rate for 2 instruments, 2 lines plus long distance charges to, from, and between board members for general League business. Does not include long calls concerning portfolio matters.

Insurance & bonding \$ 230

Insurance on the office and bonding for the treasurer.

Rent & utilities \$ 2,700

Reflects anticipated rent increase.

Salaries \$ 9,550

Salary of administrative assistant/ executive secretary increased by 10% assistant secretary's time (3,250) 12 mo. @ \$270.

Payroll taxes	\$ 717	Fixed 7.25% of salaries.
Audit & tax report	\$ 300	Cost of auditing the books and preparing the federal income tax forms.
New equipment	\$ 500	To go toward purchase of much-needed typewriter.
<u>Board & administrative costs</u>		
President	\$ 1,475	Decreased by almost one-half. Helps defray the president's cost of commuting and communicating between Lubbock and Austin and the costs of representing the League and of visiting local Leagues at their request.
Treasurer	\$ 110	Cost of keeping the books including materials, supplies, postage, telephone costs for the treasurer.
Board tools & materials	\$ 400	Includes 19 national DPMs for board members and \$20 for other materials.
State board meetings	\$ 4,800	Substantial decrease projected on our continuing to meet at Rather House and Austin LWV catering state board meetings and carpooling. Cost of a board meeting this year is 62% of the cost for the previous year.
Administration	\$ 200	Cost of intra-board communication not budgeted under other portfolios.
Administrative committees	\$ 925	Includes costs for supplies, postage, transportation per diem (meals) for meetings, when needed, and materials for these committees.
<u>Services to local Leagues</u>		
--to current local Leagues	\$ 2,100	All expenses of sending con-to local Leagues for board training and providing other necessary services not budgeted under other items.
--to provisional and pre-provisional Leagues	\$ 1,075	An increase is budgeted since we now have four provisional and one pre-provisional Leagues. Covers advisor's expense for travel, 'phone, and postage during the provisional and pre-provisional period as well as the administrative costs.
--to Members-at-large	\$ 315	Materials sent to members-at-large plus postage.
President's Mailing	\$ 875	Cost of supplies and postage for mailing one copy of everything to presidents.

President's Mailing continued

Includes some mailings which do not go on DPM. This expense is not balanced by income from DPM subscriptions.

Local program supervisions \$ 25

Communicating with local Leagues about their local program items.

Membership \$ 500

The \$460 increase reflects the state board priority on membership during the 1976-77 fiscal year.

Convention, Council

State convention \$ 5,000

Balanced by registration fees. Includes all expenses for convention.

National council \$ 800

Expenses for delegate (s) to National Council

National services

National pledge \$ 8,654

This is the full amount asked of us by National.

Members-at-large PMP \$ 135

Anticipates an increase in PMP to \$4.50.

VOTER \$ 1,600

Cost of printing and mailing five issues.

Publications \$ 3,400

Includes cost of supplies, materials, and postage for DPMs. St. Ords. Leg. News-letter. The Adm. of Justice F&I will be done during this fiscal year and is not included here.

Position Support

Program supervision \$ 50

Postage, supplies, telephone for program VP to supervise program.

State program action. \$ 1,015

Decrease of more than 50% from current year. The funds are allocated according to suggested action priorities with property tax reform being number one. Those items which relate most closely to this issue are budgeted the greatest amount of money.

National program action \$ 70

To purchase national publications for use and distribution plus postage and supplies needed for action.

Legislative office \$ 2,935

Includes long distance charges for communication with state program chairs and with local Leagues, when necessary. Director's expense includes parking fees supplies, postage, leg. research material xeroxing, and paying expenses of Capitol Corps.

Professional assistance

\$ 400

Offset by income item E.4. For
donated legal advice, printing, and any
other professional services donated.

Among the most important items that the Legislature will consider during the 1977 session is property tax reform. The opportunity to focus League energies upon a single major issue was a large factor in our determination of priorities. The largest amount of money was allocated to the three League program areas most deeply affected by the issue of property tax reform. Other priorities reflected in the budget are: Administration of Justice--since this of keen interest to many Leaguers and it is an item on which we have a new consensus, the board felt it necessary to allocate a larger amount to this item so that the chair could identify allies, establish the contact in Austin and elsewhere, and generally make the known the fact that the League will be active in the reform of "the justice game"; the Texas Water Plan--which will be very much alive in the coming Legislature.

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LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICES

League	'75-76	Proposed '76-77	'76-77	League	'75-76	Proposed '76-77	'76-77
Abilene	\$ 305	\$ 340	<u>340</u>	*Huntsville	\$ 300	\$ 300	<u>300</u>
Amarillo	500	770	<u>770</u>	Irving	1125	1380 ✓	<u>1380</u>
Austin	1460	1770 ¹⁵⁰	<u>1770</u>	Lamar Co.	567	480	<u>480</u>
Bay Area	700	640 +60	<u>700</u>	*Longview			<u>200</u>
Baytown	515	555 ✓	<u>555</u>	Lubbock	850	805	<u>850</u>
Beaumont	645	815 ✓	<u>815</u>	Marshall - Harrison Co.			<u>200</u>
Brazos County	321	750 ✓	<u>750</u>	Midland	525	535 ✓	<u>535</u>
Brownsville	300	310 ✓	<u>310</u>	Odessa	350 ^{150 pd}	300 ✓	<u>300</u>
Corpus Christi	985	1015	<u>1015</u>	Orange Area	300	300	<u>300</u>
Dallas	3795	4335 ✓	<u>4335</u>	Pasadena	300	300	<u>300</u>
Deer Park	300	300	<u>300</u>	Pearland	300	300	<u>300</u>
Denton	720	810 ¹⁰⁰	<u>810</u>	*Piano	300	300	<u>300</u>
*Eastern Bell Co.	200	300	<u>300</u>	Richardson	449	540	<u>540</u>
Edinburg-McAllen	393	320	<u>320</u>	San Antonio Area	1260	2055	<u>1500</u>
El Paso	885	965 ✓	<u>965</u>	San Marcos	450	420 +30	<u>450</u>
*Gainesville	300	300 ✓	<u>300</u>	Sherman	655	685 ⁵⁰	<u>685</u>
Galveston	1600	1540 +60	<u>1600</u>	Tarrant Co.	1400	2270 ¹⁰⁰	<u>2270</u>
Garland	338	430	<u>374</u>	Tyler	425	335	<u>335</u>
Harlingen	350	300	<u>300</u>	Victoria	480	660	<u>600</u>
Houston	4500	5430 +70	<u>5500</u>	Waco Area	645	510	<u>510</u>
				Wichita Falls	485	500	<u>500</u>
				*Provisional			

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

CURRENT PROGRAM POSITIONS

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

SUPPORT OF REVISION OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION: Principles for a good state constitution.

- a bill of rights
- a framework of basic law
- a clear separation of powers with responsibility definitely assigned
- qualifications for voter eligibility and guarantees of fair elections
- provisions for justice with a minimum of delay
- a coordinated finance structure capable of flexibility
- maximum home rule for municipal and county government with coordination of overlapping functions
- provisions for support of public education
- provisions for support of public health and welfare services
- provisions for amendment and revision
- basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention, and promotion

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS FOR FLEXIBILITY WITHIN A COORDINATED FINANCE STRUCTURE

- taxes shall be levied and collected by general law
- money shall be appropriated only for a public purpose
- debt shall be incurred subject to limitations, but no dollar amount should be stated in the constitution
- provisions relating to special funds, dedicated revenues, grants and loans, and ad valorem tax exemptions should be statutory

SUPPORT OF FISCAL MEASURES TO EQUALIZE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY IN TEXAS

- level of state support to Texas public schools should be raised to insure that all Texas school children receive a high quality education. Local enrichment funding should be limited to 10% of the state program
- revenue should be raised by a state supervised property tax, a state income tax, a state corporate profits tax, or any combination thereof
- in levying property tax: taxable property should be appraised at full market value; state supervision should insure equitable and uniform appraisal and taxing procedures; professional training should be required for tax appraisers
- funds to local school districts should be allocated on the basis of weighted pupil
- local district capital outlay should be supplemented by the state to equalize facilities

SUPPORT OF AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF TAXATION WHICH ASSURES AN ADEQUATE REVENUE, IS EASILY ADMINISTERED, AND IS CONSISTENT WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOALS
(Further study this year will focus on state fiscal policy, fiscal administration, and the budget process)

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VOTING RIGHTS

SUPPORT OF IMPROVED PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN TEXAS

SUPPORT OF UNIFORMLY ENFORCED ELECTION PROCEDURES, CLEARLY STATED ELECTIONS LAWS, AND THE RIGHT TO A SECRET BALLOT

- adequate safeguards against fraud (voter's personal signature on the registration application, as well as the registration card, signature identification at the polls, and accurate and current registration lists periodically revised)
- voter convenience (registration that is permanent as long as a voter's voting status is unchanged, and year-round registration with no fee)
- no declaration of party affiliation when registering
- uniformly enforced election procedures, clearly stated election laws, and the right to a secret ballot
- revision of the election laws to ensure enforcement
- recodification of the election laws to eliminate obsolete matter and clarify ambiguous provisions
- supervision of local elections held by all governmental units by a single county election authority responsible to a central state authority
- requirement of uniform training for all election personnel
- automatic restoration of voting rights to felons upon completing their sentence and/or probationary period

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND OF IMPROVEMENT OF WATER AND AIR QUALITY, AND THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY. EVALUATION OF MEASURES TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN A PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT BENEFICIAL TO LIFE. SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN TEXAS

WATER

- state government should have the responsibility for water planning and development in Texas
- all such planning must take into consideration its social, environmental, economic and land use implications
- development of adequate water supplies should be achieved from within the state by ecologically and financially sound means, and as a result of a long-range water plan for Texas
- use of present water supplies must afford protection for the land and the fragile ecosystems, and should be accomplished through such measures as conservation, re-use, and increased research into the wise and efficient use of the state's land and water resources.

AIR

- support of state government action ofr control of air pollution in Texas
- power to set and enforce standards stricter than those required by the federal government
- adequate funding to carry out research, planning, and enforcement
- local and regional governments to be allowed to set and enforce standards stricter than those of the state
- encouragement of citizen involvement in the enforcement process

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LAND USE

SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STATE LAND USE POLICY WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE IN A MANNER WHICH ASSURES ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE, AND WISE USE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

- land should be used according to its carrying capacity based on a thorough inventory of our land and natural resources
- growth and development of an area should be compatible with the availability of the essential natural resources of that area
- care must be taken to protect the traditional rights of ownership of property, but where there are conflicts between private interest and public welfare, public interest should take precedence
- preservation of agricultural lands and desirable open space, with preferential tax treatment for both of these
- preferential tax treatment for maintenance of the built environment
- establishment of a state land use management agency
- identification and protection of areas of particular significance; historical, archaeological, aesthetic, recreational, and rare or fragile ecosystems.
- the main thrust of land use planning should be carried out at the local level, with an equitable system of enforcement

SUPPORT OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES

SUPPORT OF MEASURES TO COMBAT POVERTY AND DISCRIMINATION IN TEXAS

- every citizen should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all
- removal of the ceiling on welfare spending from the state constitution
- provision of supportive services for welfare recipients, including health care, child care, family planning and legal aid
- an effective Human Relations Commission for Texas, including such features as: permanent independent status; investigative and legal enforcement powers; an adequate budget, funded independently of the governor's office; equitable representation of racial and ethnic groups; and a staff adequate to perform its duties and trained in human relations work

STATE-LOCAL RELATION

SUPPORT OF MORE FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES AND ADEQUATE POWERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL:

COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL AND STATE PLANNING, INCLUDING REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

- adequate and realistic powers for cities and/or counties enabling performance of services without overlapping costs and taxation, in preference to single-districts
- greater accountability to and regulation by the state of single-purpose districts
- flexible governmental structure for counties and municipalities, together with legislative and financial powers adequate to provide local services
- ability to form special districts, however, the formation of new ones should be discouraged, and those existing should be made accountable to some level of government
- state government should give regional councils financial and technical assistance, and coordination between the state government and the regional councils should be encouraged
- a state constitution should permit local governments to combine their efforts to meet regional problems and given them power to create regional authorities

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MODERNIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT

SUPPORT OF EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL REFORM TO BE ACCOMPLISHED
THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION

EXECUTIVE

SUPPORT OF MEASURES TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE GOVERNMENT

- governor limited to two terms which may or may not be successive, with governor and lt. governor running as a team
- constitutional provision for the succession to the office of governor if the governor is unable to perform the duties of the office
- governor's budget only one submitted to the legislature
- cabinet-type executive department, with only the governor, lt. governor and attorney general elected, the governor having the power to appoint and remove non-elected officials within reasonable safeguards prescribed by law
- reorganization of state boards and commissions along functional lines by grouping them in areas of responsibility

LEGISLATURE

SUPPORT OF MEASURES TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE
LEGISLATURE

- annual sessions
- limitation of conference committees to adjustments
- adequate compensation for legislature
- elimination of legislative salary amounts from the constitution
- increased authority and effectiveness for legislators

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

SUPPORT OF AN EFFECTIVE JUDICIAL STRUCTURE FOR TEXAS

- single system of centrally administered statewide courts with a uniform fiscal policy
- uniform code of civil and criminal procedure formulated by the Supreme Court with legislative approval
- assignment of judges according to special training and docket needs
- a full time judiciary whose members qualify to practice law in Texas
- integration of Justice of the Peace court functions into courts of record
- modification of the present appellate judge system to provide for a non-competitive and non-partisan election, compulsory retirement, and effective removal procedures

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

A STUDY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN TEXAS

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Budget FY 1976-77

INCOME

A. Contributions--Unrestricted	\$ 6,920
B. Contributions--Restricted	3,000
C. Interest on Certificates of Deposit (\$25,000 @ 8.06%)	2,015
D. Interest on savings (\$7500 @ 5.38%)	400
E. Memorial Gifts	100
F. Administration Fees from LL trust funds @ 5%	<u>300</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 12,735

EXPENDITURES

A. General Administration	
1. Trustees Meetings	\$ 1,200
2. Office Overhead	4,975
B. Educational Projects	3,000
C. Citizen Information/Voters Service	2,525
D. Research and Development	800
E. To Reserves	<u>235</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,735

NOTE: The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees approved this budget at their meeting, January 28, 1976. It is being provided in this workbook for your information.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
Statement of Income and Expense
(July 1, 1975 to February 15, 1976)

Cash Assets 7-1-75		
Checking (Dallas)	\$ 2,395.27	
Time Deposit (Dallas)	2,677.79	
Savings (Waco)	4,672.75	
	<u>\$ 9,745.81</u>	\$ 9,745.81

Income		
Interest	212.73	
Unrestricted	575.00	
Memorials	75.00	
From local Leagues		
Restricted to LL's	\$ 9,000.35	
Administration fees	<u>473.65</u>	
	\$ 9,473.95	
Payment of partial liquidation	11,500.00	
Houston Production Company		
	<u>\$21,836.73</u>	\$21,836.73
		<u>\$31,582.54</u>

Expense		
Administration		
Trustee meetings	\$ 377.46	
Office work	77.32	
Postage	15.60	
Telephone	24.73	
Supplies	70.78	
TEF Handbook	208.81	
Other	<u>27.75</u>	
	802.45	
Local League projects	7,612.50	
Quarterly support payments	(603.75)	
Total expense	<u>\$ 7,811.20</u>	7,811.20
		<u>\$23,771.34</u>

BALANCE SHEET
2-15-76

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash		None	
Checking (Dallas)	\$ 2,836.28		
Checking (Austin)	1,871.79		
Time Deposit (Dallas)	2,766.24		
Savings (Waco)	16,297.03		
	<u>\$23,771.34</u>		
		<u>Capital</u>	
		LL Trust Funds	\$ 8,079.53
		General Fund	4,191.81
		Undistributed Capital	11,500.00
			<u>\$23,771.34</u>

Note: \$11,500 appearing as undistributed capital and included in Waco savings under assets represents partial payment in the liquidation of 100 shares of Houston Production Company. Additional unspecified proceeds are anticipated.

TRAVEL EQUALIZATION

Delegates and observers to state Council will participate in a Travel Equalization Plan as adopted by the 1958 Convention. It provides that all delegates and observers pay an amount to establish a fund for this purpose in an attempt to iron out some of the inequities in travel expenses. The amount is \$3, and is in addition to the registration fee. The entire travel fund will then reimburse, in as high a proportion as possible, all delegates and observers who have traveled a considerable distance to attend Council. Visitors and part-time observers will not participate.

Texas has been divided into seven zones by concentric circles drawn around the city of Galveston, the hostess city. On the following page is a list of League cities in each zone. All delegates and all observers in all zones will pay the \$3 travel fee. Those living within Zone I will receive no refund. Those from Zone II will receive the lowest refund amount, with those from Zones III, IV, V, and VI receiving progressively larger amounts. The exact amounts of refunds cannot be determined until the actual size of the 14th Council body has been established. Everyone within a given zone will receive an identical amount. This will necessarily be of some slight advantage to the person residing at the inner edge of a zone, but this system seems to offer the most in overall fairness.

A Travel Equalization Refund Form is at the bottom of the following page. Each delegate and observer must fill out her own Refund Form (preferably before coming to Council) and present it at the time of registration in Irving. No travel fees or refund forms will be accepted after the registration period.

The refund checks will be made out to the local League and mailed to the local treasurer in an amount according to the number of qualified delegates and observers from such local League, and depending upon the zone location of the League. The local treasurer will then be responsible for the proper handling of the refund made to her League.

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TRAVEL EQUALIZATION PLAN ZONES

For all delegates and observers to the 1976 state Council of the LWV of Texas,
Galveston, Texas.

Zone 1

Bay Area
Baytown
Beaumont
Deer Park
Galveston
Houston
Orange Area
Pasadena
Pearland

Zone 2

Austin
Brazos County
Corpus Christi
Huntsville
San Marcos
Victoria
Eastern Bell County

Zone 3

Brownsville
Dallas
Denton
Edinburg-McAllen
Garland
Harlingen
Irving
Lamar County
Plano
Richardson
San Antonio Area
Tarrant County
Tyler
Waco
Marshall
Longview

Zone 4

Abilene
Gainesville
Sherman
Wichita Falls

Zone 5

Lubbock
Midland
Odessa

Zone 6

Amarillo

Zone 7

El Paso

Detach Here

Detach Here

COUNCIL WORKBOOK
MARCH 1976

COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please help us evaluate the 1976 Council by answering the questions below. You may hand in this sheet as you leave the final session of Council, or mail it as soon as possible to LWV of Texas, 1212 Guadalupe, #109, Austin, Texas 78701.

League of Women Voters of _____

How large was your delegation (delegates and observers)? _____

Did your League send more or fewer observers than in past years? _____

Did your League pay ALL, SOME, NONE (underline one) of your expenses?

We would appreciate your comments on the 1976 Council and suggestions for 1978. Please use the space provided below. Thank you.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
1212 Guadalupe, Suite 109
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

FOURTEENTH BIENNIAL COUNCIL
The Flagship Hotel, Galveston, Texas
March 30-31, 1976

Monday, March 29

State board members and members of the LWV-Galveston hosted a reception for early arrivals in the Presidential Suite Monday evening.

Tuesday, March 30

Registration began at 9:00 a.m.
The publication room, "The Corner Pub," was open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Heritage Tour of Galveston Historical District was cancelled because of an inadequate number of registrants.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

President Betty Anderson called to order the first session of the Fourteenth Biennial Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas at 1:45 p.m. in the Ballroom of The Flagship Hotel.

Welcome, Appointments, and Introductions

Welcoming remarks were given by Jan Coggeshall, President of the LWV-Galveston, and by Galveston Mayor Pro Tem Termini. Gifts were presented to President Anderson and flowers to Franka Correia of Galveston and Jan Moore, Council co-chairpersons.

President Anderson made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Former LWV-Texas President Glen Boller of Galveston

Tellers: Vera Dever
Claudia Overland
Lynn Stahl

Credentials Committee: Leslie Goolishian, Chairperson

Resolutions Committee: Helen Duckworth, Chairperson

Nana Rylander

Joanne Henderson

Timekeeper: Jane Peterman

President Anderson then introduced the individual members of the LWV-Texas Board of Directors and off-board chairs.

Rules and Agenda.

Secretary Heaberlin proposed that usual Convention rules apply to all business sessions. Delegates only have the privilege of the floor; none may speak twice until all who wish to speak have been heard. During all sessions observers may sit with delegates, but may not vote. They may join in discussion at the workshops and panel discussions. She then MOVED the adoption of the proposed rules and the proposed order of business as amended. SECONDED and CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

In Treasurer Glickman's absence President Anderson reviewed the 6-1-75 to 2-29-76 Budget Analysis.

New Leagues

With a flourish of trumpet music, Organization Vice-President Helen Hunter introduced the presidents and advisors of the provisional Leagues. Flowers were presented to the presidents.

The ones recognized were: PLMV-Eastern Bell County
Millie Savage and Kathy Leabo

PLMV-Gainesville
Juhree Davenport and Marty Kissinger

PLMV-Huntsville
Harriett Payne and Sue Taylor (neither present)

Newly recognized Provisionals: PLMV-Longview
Alice Sutton and Jane Peterman

PLMV-Marshall/Harrison County
Nancy McClaran and Peggy Farmer

Newly recognized local Leagues: LMV-Plano
Judy Shrader and Beth Brown

Roll Call of Local Leagues

Secretary Sue Heaberlin called the roll of the Leagues; LMV's of Corpus Christi, Deer Park, Eastern Bell County, Edinburg-McAllen, Huntsville, Lamar County, and Tyler were not represented. Deer Park and Provisional LMV Eastern Bell County representatives arrived late.

Credentials Committee Report: 55 delegates
32 observers
17 state board members
1 staff

1976-77 Proposed Budget Presentation

Director Wilbur, Chairperson of the Budget Committee, presented the budget, using slides to show the board-recommended changes of the budget as printed in the Council Workbook, Pp. 17-19. She asked if there were questions of clarification; there were none.

Roll Call of Local League Pledges

Secretary Heaberlin called the roll and pledges totaling \$31,924 were recorded from 35 represented Leagues. (Wilbur was requested to contact four absent local Leagues whose pledges were unknown.) In addition to the 1976-77 pledges, five local Leagues also contributed an extra \$450 to supplement the 1975-76 Budget.

President Anderson appointed a Budget Revision Committee consisting of Jan Wilbur, Meg Titus, Betty Bailey of Denton, Kathy Webster of Abilene, and Eleanor Sutherland of Dallas.

Budget Discussion

Jeanette Vanderwater, LMV-Houston, expressed concern for the order of the priorities in the proposed budget. She suggested that money be moved from Services to Local Leagues to Position Support.

Mary Reynolds, LMV-Irving, suggested that money be moved from C. Services to Local Leagues to H. Position Support Activities. She suggested that perhaps training for local Leagues would cost less if it were consolidated in metropolitan areas.

Penny Beaumont, LMV-Brazos County, asked if it would be possible to sell Voters Guides to local Leagues at a price that would include the cost of the time persons spent in preparation so that LMV-Texas could make a profit. Director Wilbur replied that, although exact costs are unavailable now, an attempt is presently being made to secure figures on costs of producing Voters Guides.

Nancy McClaran, PLMV-Marshall/Harrison County, (as there were no objections from the Council) was given the floor to speak about services to local Leagues. She briefly described the plight of an organizing group and the "lifeline" represented by tools, materials, and the invaluable help furnished by LMV-Texas and urged that services not be cut.

Lou Ann Garrett, LMV-Amarillo, asked if the amount budgeted for Water was basically to oppose the Texas Water Plan. Director Headrick replied that presently the situation is uncertain and more information should become available before November, when the water bond construction amendment will be on the ballot.

Madeleine Appel, LMV-Houston, stated interest in increasing the amount budgeted for Energy and referred to a caucus being held later.

Announcements

President Anderson announced that LMV-Houston is getting a group together to attend National Convention and stated that those local Leagues not planning to send delegates might obtain representation by conferring with the group. Those Leagues are Abilene, Amarillo, Brownsville, Harlingen, Odessa, Orange Area, Pasadena, Sherman, Victoria, and Waco.

Caucuses were announced on the budget and coastal zone management.

Adjourned 3:15 p.m.

Other Activities March 30

From 3:30 to 5:05 p.m. a panel of Fay Sinkin, Liz Davies, Edna Fuller, Susan Reid, Jackie Bloch, and Bobette Higgins presented techniques used in successful action campaigns.

At 6:30 a reception was held in the Presidential Suite. Gilbert Carmichael, former Mississippi gubernatorial candidate, was banquet speaker, music was presented by the American National Insurance Company choir. Galveston League members Sandy Batey and Vera Dever presented suffragette vignettes.

Wednesday, March 31

The Presidents' Breakfast was held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 9:15 a.m.

Credentials Committee report: 56 delegates
37 observers
17 state board members
1 staff

Tellers: Barbara Ligon, Mary Bogges, Becky Danton, Florence Wolf

Administration of Justice Consensus Report

Director Clark distributed copies of the consensus and spoke briefly of additional local League input.

National Convention Briefing

Vice-President Titus reviewed the program-making sections of the March National Board Report, stating that 830 local and state Leagues reporting expressed approval of the '74-'76 program, a need for further study within it, and an awareness of the interrelationships among its various components.

President Anderson stated that there will be open house in the room of the LWV-Texas delegates at the Hilton Hotel in New York. The Texas delegation will schedule a caucus to discuss issues.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

President Anderson spoke of the assignment given the Ad Hoc Committee at last year's Convention and introduced Jeannette Naman, Chairperson. Naman stated that her report was an interim one which would continue to evolve and that hopefully the final report at the 1977 Convention will offer a solution to proper funding for state Leagues with fairness and consideration to local Leagues. She spoke of the invaluable contributions by her committee of Evelyn Gould, LWV-Midland; Donna Green, LWV-Austin; Lucy Polter, LWV-Dallas; Ethel Sturgis, LWV-Tarrant County; and LWV-Texas board members Anderson, Glickman, Hunter, Shlipak, and Wilbur. They have researched the present formula, investigated possible sources of income, queried other state Leagues, and surveyed local Leagues in Texas.

The result has been in essence that funding has not kept abreast of program expansion and rising operating costs. Shlipak's recent successes are the first and hopefully just the beginning, but the future may still hold problems. She feels that if we can lobby legislators for support on issues, we can lobby business people for monetary support. It can be that we will be just as successful at raising money as we have been at other action we have taken.

She stated that only about one-half of local Leagues replied to the survey questions and expressed the need for their input, since the committee is working with a situation with very few clear-cut answers. Those local Leagues who did reply felt that there are three areas where state League is most effective: (1) in getting legislation passed, (2) in providing material to local Leagues, and (3) in testifying before state agencies and committees.

Program Management

President Anderson relayed to the Council state board plans for program management. Since management problems compound as program grows, next year state plans to have offboard program core committees that will meet before preboard reports are made and make recommendations. When items are active, the relevant chairperson will be asked for input at board meetings. She also invited local Leagues to share any of their ideas with the board, so that more efficient working situations may evolve.

Finance Development

Director Shlipak announced that fund-raising efforts have resulted in a \$1,000 contribution to the LWV-Texas Education Fund from the American Income Life Insurance Company of Waco. LWV-Waco had previously been receiving \$25 from them in their finance drive, and with the new sharing formula LWV-Waco will receive \$25 plus 20 percent of \$975 or \$220; state will receive \$780.

Finance Development (Continued)

Secondly, one of the League's main concerns has been to obtain "hard" or non-deductible money. With this in mind she approached the Texas AFL-CIO, first contacting LWV-Austin President Susan Reid. Jan Albers of Austin accompanied her on a call made two weeks ago, and they were asked to draft a formal request, which they hand-delivered two hours later. She announced that they are contributing \$2,000 to LWV-Texas. LWV-Austin formerly received \$100 from them, so they will now receive \$100 plus 20 percent of \$1,900 or \$480. LWV-Texas will receive \$1,520.

She feels that the new LWV-Texas finance formula does work and also called attention to the LWV-Texas proposed national bylaw change listed in the March National Board Report which would increase states' and local Leagues' share in national fund-raising, and asked delegates to consider it and address it at Convention.

Budget Revision Committee Report

Budget Chairperson Wilbur reported that since anticipated income and expense figures are only \$16 apart, there had been no need to revise the budget.

In view of the additional 1975-76 funds from local Leagues she recommended that \$300 in LWV-Texas support be sent to national before Convention.

1976-77 Proposed Budget Discussion

Wilbur MOVED the adoption of the Proposed 1976-77 Budget and the motion was SECONDED. Jeanette Vanderwater of LWV-Houston MOVED the following amendment, and it was SECONDED:

	1976-77 Proposed Budget	Proposed Amendment
F. VOTER	\$1600	\$800
H. Position Support		
2. State Program Action		
(a) PSF	125	200
(b) Land Use	125	200
(c) FSG	125	200
(d) Administration of Justice	200	200
(e) HR	125	225
(f) EQ		
Air	50	100
Energy	75	175
Water and Solid Waste	100	200
(g) Voting Rights	50	100
4. (b) Legislative Director's Expense	500	675

Vanderwater added that the Council theme is "Issues; Not Images" and reminded the Council that the speaker of the prior evening specifically identified energy as being among the exciting current issues and suggested that it should be a top priority item for LWV-Texas. The panel yesterday speaking of successes in program action caught everyone's interest. There isn't enough money to do everything we would like to see done, but we must deal with realities. The caucus explored sources, and decisions were neither easy nor unanimous. With great reluctance they decided that we could do without two state VOTERs by making material available that might be added to local VOTERs.

Mary Reynolds, LWV-Irving, stated that hard choices must be made, and she feels that this amendment is a good choice for one year. League can be more effective in program areas than in the VOTER.

Budget (Continued)

Vice-President Titus reported that in replies to the program direction questionnaires, 11 of 19 Leagues recommended more program material be supplied in the state VOTER and offered the following as a first look at emerging priorities:

6 - Property Tax Reform)	
4 - PSF	14
4 - FSG)
5 - Voting Rights)	7
2 - Election Laws)	
6 - EQ	
3 - Land Use and Strip Mining	
3 - TCR (statutorily)	
3 - AJ	
2 - Energy	

Madeline Appel, LWV-Houston, asked for clarification of the role of off-board chairs: 1) whether off-board chairmanships are a viable concept--for instance, is there money in the budget for their travel, etc.? 2) are there written guidelines, established communication patterns, organized input channels, established relationships, outlined privileges and responsibilities of off-board chairs to on-board directors and officers and vice-versa--and are these needs funded? 3) is there travel and expense allowance, for instance, to state Council and Convention, board meetings or whatever? If not, some of the \$800 might be used to help that area.

Evelyn Gould, LWV-Midland, asked what size VOTER had been considered in the proposed budget and Director Moore replied that a 4-page publication has been planned. Gould declared that she is opposed to cutting the number of VOTERS, because local Leagues promised state and national VOTERS to members, and she doesn't see that an extra \$50 in several areas makes any impact on program priority.

Frances Emery, LWV-San Marcos, stated that state board had spent considerable time on the proposed budget, and she personally would resent a request of change by uninvolved membership.

Martha Mewhirter, LWV-Irving, reiterated that this change is for only one year and was suggested because of a necessary reality that we must face in order to enable League to take more action and put priorities there.

Director Materka pointed out that, if the VOTER issues were cut, the 30 members-at-large in Texas would hardly receive any communication from state.

Marilyn Forney, LWV-Tarrant County, added that the VOTER is the only vehicle directly from state to every member, and she is opposed to the amendment.

Vice-President Titus mentioned as a point of information that program material in the VOTER might possibly be funded through the Education Fund.

Jeanette Vanderwater, LWV-Houston, replied that since the \$1600 was a cut in the VOTER budget from last year that her impression had been that some VOTERS would be a one-page edition and that \$315 has been budgeted for services to members-at-large. With cutting out three issues of the VOTER, President Anderson's letters might be reprinted in local VOTERS for better communication. The money crunch is hopefully for only one year and the cuts must come from someplace.

Lucy Polter, LWV-Dallas, stated that if we are asking for better local League support, we must keep open lines of communication to members.

Anderson and Moore estimated that \$1600 would supply four 4-page VOTERS rather than five.

A voice vote was taken and the amendment FAILED, with the original motion CARRYING. Judy Shrader, LWV-Plano, suggested as a point of order that because observers are seated with delegates, the vote be retaken with a hand count. This was done and the amendment was DEFEATED 59-9.

There was brief discussion of plans to get 50 percent of the LWV-Texas support pledge to national before Convention.

Membership Workshop

Barbara Materka, Membership and Units Director, gave the membership presentation narration and slides prepared by Vice-President Bobette Higgins, Chairperson of the Planning and Research Committee. The presentation explored opening windows to new ideas, simplifying structures, possibilities of self-destructing modules operating for one specific purpose, local Leagues studying only three study items (one on each level), and seeing future needs now with a fresh approach. Local Leagues were asked to consider, evaluate, and respond appropriately and fearlessly, "in the League way."

President Anderson pointed out that the P&R Committee had chosen membership as a special area to explore this year. National is emphasizing membership and she had indicated to them that LWV-Texas is a fertile area for membership pilot projects.

Jan Coggeshall, LWV-Galveston, indicated that "module" sounds surprisingly like "committee." Loretta Caudle, LWV-Deer Park, stated that a committee ends; a module self-destructs. Madeleine Appel, LWV-Houston, would like to try an experiment, but asked if there would be sustained action with only one-shot projects. Materka said that the narration, if listened to carefully, does not suggest throwing out all of the present structure, but offers alternatives in addition to units. Anderson said that we still need comments and input from interested members. Penny Beaumont, LWV-Brazos County, added that there is need for consideration of working women.

LWV-Ohio Resolution

Hannah Richman, LWV-Abilene, called attention to the flyer passed out by her group entitled "Please Prevent Profligate Program Proliferation." She stated that she was overwhelmed and enchanted with League two years ago when she joined, and that is still overwhelmed but less enchanted. She feels that, to League's detriment, priorities are shifting without grass roots participation, and asked delegates to take "P's" to national Convention and support LWV-Ohio's resolution.

Announcements

Delegates to National Convention were asked to meet at the head table for 5 to 10 minutes before luncheon to consider travel arrangements, etc.

CI/VS

Director Beth Brown expressed the feeling that, with the new designation combining Citizen Information with Voters Service, national is suggesting a broader look at traditional voters service activities sharing our program issues with our communities. We need to say to them, "We think certain issues are important; come see if you do also." We need to identify those, share League techniques, help communities look at identifying issues, and look at them from all sides. They may not know how; we have the reputation for being objective with a non-judgmental approach. She suggested that delegates and observers go home and think about how they can enlarge their Citizens Information/Voters Service work in their own communities.

Announcement

President Anderson gave locations of the planned Program Direction and Development/Finance sessions.

The business of the Council was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Other Activities March 31

After lunch a sight and sound drama, "Diana C., Diana T." was presented by Director Clark. Where the League money goes was graphically shown through the adventures of Administration of Justice Director, Diana Clark and executive secretary Diana Tilley. Mrs. Clark was ably assisted by a chorus composed of Barbara Materka, Eleanor Sutherland, and Lucy Polter of Dallas.

Other Activities March 31 (Continued)

Helen Duckworth of LMV-Victoria, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS The League of Women Voters of Galveston has provided the Fourteenth Presidents' Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas abundant hospitality and entertainment in a unique and beautiful setting, and
WHEREAS Franka Correia and Pat Nishimura and their committee have attended pleasantly to our every creature comfort even to providing a glimpse of sunshine on the Gulf, and
WHEREAS the friendly city of Galveston has extended to us such overwhelming hospitality,
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that delegates and observers assembled at The Flagship do express their sincere appreciation to the City of Galveston, our speaker, Gilbert Carmichael, The American National Insurance Company Choir, The Flagship and its staff, and most especially to the entire League of Women Voters of Galveston.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Heaberlin, Secretary

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ADDENDA TO MAY 19, 1976 PLENARY MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2. COUNCIL MINUTES. The March 30-31 Minutes of the Fourteenth Biennial Council were approved with the following corrections:
- P. 1, Rules and Agenda, Line 5, after "discussions.", insert, "She noted small changes in the proposed budget and agenda."
 - P. 2, Roll Call of Local Leagues, the last sentence should read, "Deer Park, Provisional LWV-Eastern Bell County, and Lamar County representatives arrived late."
 - P. 3, Other Activities March 30, the last sentence should read, "Galveston League members, Sandy Batey, Jan Coggeshall, and Vera Dever, presented suffragette vignettes."
 - P. 4, third subject heading should read, "Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Support."
 - P. 7, LWV-Ohio Resolution, correct spelling is Hannah Rickman.

July 8, 1976

Mrs. Helen Hunter
[REDACTED]

Dear Helen:

Your schedule and ours is such that we have done what you suggest: contact a state board member locally and try for the 30th of August.

Both Barbara Materka and Diana Clark will be able to assist in the leadership development workshop for the Dallas board and off-board members. We are pleased that the date we could all agree on originally was open to them.

Of course, we are sorry that you will not be able to do the training, but the statistics are against our being able to bring about such agreement over another date!

Have a great trip and a good summer.

Best regards,

Mrs. H. L. Sutherland
President



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

SUITE 109

• 1212 GUADALUPE

• AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

June 10, 1976

Eleanor Sutherland, President
League of Women Voters of Dallas
[REDACTED]

Call Diana

Dear Eleanor:

I have been trying to figure a way I can fit your dates for board training into my schedule and I'm sorry to say they just don't fit.

I have another commitment for August 30 and the week of Sept. 13 is state board meeting. I can get someone else to direct the Leadership Development Workshop on Aug. 30 if you wish to keep that date. Of course, the week of Sept 13 is not possible for any state board person.

I'm so glad you have opted to have the Leadership Development Training. I think you will find it very helpful. Jan Wilbur and I are going to direct another session for Houston next week. They had it last year and thought it worthwhile.

Thanks for all the information, budget, bylaws, etc. If another trainer comes to Dallas I'll see that she gets them. If you would like to set another date, preferably later, I'd love to come. Just let me know.

Cordially,

Helen
Helen Hunter

LMV of Texas
June 1976
I. D. 3.
Administration
Board-Local

YOUR BOARD PORTFOLIO SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

PRESIDENT

To be kept in notebook:

In League
Local Bylaws
Local Policy Guide
Board Organization Chart
Checklist for Local Board Members
Local Board List
Membership List
Committee List
Local, State, National Program
Local League Calendar for the year
Local Budget
Local Treasurer's Reports
Local Minutes

State Bylaws
State Board List
State Committee List
Local League Presidents of Texas List
State Planning Calendar
State Budget
State Board Report (last issue)

National Bylaws
National Board List
National Committee List
National Budget
National Board Report (last issue)

For your portfolio:

President's Counselor
State Policy Guide
TEF Handbook

To be kept available:

Fun-da-Mentals (or appropriate pages)
League Lingo
Suggested Style Sheet
Publications Catalogues
State Program Booklet
Documents
State Board Reports (at least one year)
National Board Reports (at least one year)
VOTERS--Local, State, National

LWV of Texas
June 1976
I.D.3.
Administration
Board-Local

YOUR BOARD PORTFOLIO SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

PROGRAM VICE-PRESIDENT

To be kept in notebook:

In League
Local Bylaws
Local Policy Guide
Board Organization Chart
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For your portfolio:

Guide to Local League Calendar Planning--LWV/T
Taking Action - Guidelines for Local Leagues--LWV/T
Local Program Directory--LWV/T
State Program - 1976-77
Documents: Background on National League Program, LWVUS
TEF Handbook

To be kept available:

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LWV-T Organization Guidelines
How to Get and Keep Members, LWVUS #215
Unit Organization Chairman's Handbook, LWV-T

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For your portfolio:

Tips on Reaching the Public, LWVUS
How to Build a Sight and Sound Image, LWVUS
Getting Into Print, LWVUS #484
Breaking Into Broadcasting, LWVUS #586

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SECRETARY

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For your portfolio:

Standard Local League Bylaws
Standard Bylaws for Provisional Leagues--LIV-T
Roberts Rules of Order
Sample Minutes

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TREASURER

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For your portfolio:

Ledger-de-Main, LWVUS
Sales Tax Report Form
Local League Treasurer's Calendar, 1976-77, LWV-T

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FINANCE CHAIR

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For your portfolio:

Fundraising? Who, Me? - LHWUS #441
Guidelines for State and Local Use of Tax-Deductible Money, LHWUS #361
TEF Handbook

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For your portfolio:

Report From the Hill, LHVUS
Action Alerts, LHVUS
Legislative Newsletter, LHV-T
Your Elected Officials
Austin Report
Congressional Records
House and Senate Journals
When You Write to Washington, LHVUS

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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For your portfolio:

How to Get and Keep Members, LWVUS
You've Been Intrigued by the League, LWVUS #322
Facts About the League of Women Voters, LWVUS
Dues Notices
Membership Transfer Cards
Membership Cards

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UNIT ORGANIZATION CHAIR

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Unit Organization Chairman's Handbook, LWV-T
Discussion Leaders' Guide

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PROGRAM CHAIR

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PUBLICATIONS CHAIR

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VOTER EDITOR

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For your portfolio:

- Tips on Publishing, LHW-T
- Suggested Style Sheet, LHW-T
- File of VOTERS from other Local Leagues

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CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE

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For your portfolio:

Voters Service Handbook, LWVUS #330
The Thin, Fine Line, LWV-T
TEF Handbook

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DO YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE NEW RULES FOR DEPUTY REGISTRARS?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO SUGGEST?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!!

A public hearing will be held to receive comments on proposed rules involving various aspects of the appointment, instruction, and activities of Volunteer Deputy Registrars. These rules were published in the May 25 issue of the Texas Register.

DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 1976

TIME: 10 in the morning

PLACE: Lieutenant Governor's Committee Room
East Wing of the State Capitol

Individuals who cannot attend, but wish to make recommendations, should write to Richard Graber, Elections Division, Secretary of State, P.O. Box 12887, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711, before the hearing.

Local Leagues that have comments to make should contact Fumi Sugihara, Voting Rights Chair, 1813 Shadowwood Drive, College Station, TX 77840, immediately.

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Administration
President's Letter
THIS IS NOT GOING ON DP:

Dear LL Presidents,

There's a new look in the Austin State Office. Joann Lovelace is the new executive secretary, and Theresa (Sissy) Potetz is her assistant. Diana Tilley had been wanting to resign--and when she found the perfect replacement--she did.

Joann has been a Leaguer in Jefferson City, MO., Lansing, MI., Augusta, GA., and for the last three years in Austin. Her husband is Director of Research at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT. Their daughter is 7, and their son is 11. Joann was secretary in the History & Poli Sci. Departments when they lived in Wisconsin. It seems that her political interest is not new.

Sissy is from Liberty, Texas, and is the roommate of former assistant secretary, Shelley Friend. She is a Junior nursing student at University of Texas at Austin. She formerly attended Blinn College in Brenham.

We are delighted to have these excellent and dedicated staff members in the State Office

More Board Shuffling. Diana Tilley, better known as Diana T., has come on board as publications director and office coordinator. (We decided we couldn't function without her.) Barbara Nobles will be taking over the legislative directorship. This slot has been vacant for several months, so there is much to be done and we are grateful to Barbara for taking on the big task of being head lobbyist for LHV-T.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROGRAM?

In the Special Attention Category:

Administration of Justice--Diana Clark is busily working on materials for the next phase of the AJ study -- and writing testimony for the Task Force on Crime and It's Control. According to Nancy Douglas of Houston, who presented the testimony June 11, six proposals were considered for presentation to the Texas Legislature by the T/F:

- a. Denying probation or suspension of sentences to persons using firearms during the commission of a felony offense
- b. Adding extra five years in prison for persons convicted of assaults while carrying firearms
- c. Granting the state the right of limited appeal in criminal cases
- d. Correcting abuses in the bail system
- e. Permitting oral confessions
- f. Allowing wiretapping under certain limited conditions.

The Tarrant County Task Force is hard at work in developing materials for the complex juvenile justice study.

Saturday I will be meeting with a group from other statewide women's organizations (BPW, Texas Nurses Association, Women's Equity Action League, NOW, and Texas Womens Political Caucus) identifying common issues and legislative concerns in the criminal justice area.

Property Tax Reform action strategy was formulated by a group at a regional workshop Wednesday (the 23rd of June) under the direction of Jan Wilbur. Detailed plans were made for the balance of the year. Expect a position paper on PTR in August. Jan asked for the name of your PTR Specialist by June 21st. However, if you missed the deadline, I'm sure she will still be happy to receive the names.

In the Working Hard with Other Groups Category:

Air: Becky Moon reports that she is delighted with the Hearing Examiner's report to the TAC Board: that..."it is the burden of the applicant to demonstrate that the emissions will not be injurious to humans. The evidence with regard to the health aspects associated with any particular level of vinyl chloride in the atmosphere is missing. Because the applicant (Tenneco) has failed to demonstrate that the proposed facility will satisfy the requirements of all eight contested issues, I propose an order which would deny the permit of the applicant."
According to Attorney Terence O'Rourke: "Victory is sweet."

According to Houston Post environmental writer, Harold Scarlett, it was a "legal coup for the League of Women Voters."

The Texas Air Control Board will act on the recommendation July 23rd. Becky is attending an Environmental Quality LHV-US committee meeting June 24-26.

Energy: I received the word too late to include in the last letter, but Laura Keever has been appointed to the LHV-US Energy committee. We are very pleased she has been selected for this important committee. She will be attending a committee meeting in Washington next week. She and Liz Davies, HR director, are collaborating on a utility rates backgrounder.

ERA: According to coordinator Barbara Vackar, Texans for ERA remains visible, organized and has announced plans to continue as a functioning force through June, 1977. There is the likelihood of another highly organized effort to rescind Texas' ratification of ERA during the next legislative session. Texans for ERA plan to act as a state-wide distribution center for dissemination of all existing materials, as well as films, tapes, speakers' kits, and other materials available from ERAmerica.

We have just received a copy of Impact ERA, Limitations and Possibilities, described as the definitive work on the subject of the ERA by the California Commission on the Status of Women. It is available for \$4.95 from Les Femmes Publishing, 231 Adrian Rd., Millbrae, CA 94030.

Water: Bobette Higgins attended the recent meeting of the Texas Environmental Coalition. Lucinda Headrick will be working closely with the coalition on the water bond amendment campaign.

THE STATUS OF GRANTS AND CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

The national office tells us we will be receiving more information on the Safe Drinking Water grant soon. El Paso and Tarrant County were invited to participate in a solid waste grant, so the national office and EPA decided that another state in the region should be asked to implement the 203 Planning grant. (Tarrant County, by the way, opted not to participate in the solid waste project.)

ABC: We have signed the contract with the American Broadcasting Company for election night reporting in November. Bunnie Sawin of Bay Area, will serve as coordinator again.

The grant proposal, "The Criminal Justice System in Texas: How Well Does It Work?", prepared by Carole Shlipak, was considered earlier this month by the Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy. Carole is on vacation, but I talked with Jim Veninga, director of TCH, today and he said the Committee suggested reworking the proposal in certain areas and resubmitting in September.

The LHV of Houston is becoming the "Grantingest League of the Nation". They have received notification of three grants recently for:

- Environmental resource planning symposium next May.
- \$2500 From Shell for a Get Out the Vote Drive which will be launched in Sept.
- HEW funding for workshops on integration, aimed at parents/children/teachers moving into integrated school situations in the fall.

Their Get Out the Vote Drive plans include:

- the free distribution of 2,000 posters to libraries, shopping centers, grocery chains, gas stations, and quick-stop stores: "It's Your Country...VOTE November 2"
- the free distribution of 10,000 metal tags imprinted with the slogan, "It's Your Country...VOTE"
- the free distribution of 20,000 flyers containing the same slogan on the front with voter information on the back
- the production of television and radio blurbs, bearing the campaign slogan
- the scheduling of League speakers before as many community groups as possible to encourage Houstonians to go to the polls and vote.

The Houston League is to be commended for their enthusiasm and drive. We wish them success!

VARIOUS AND SUNDRY

The response to leadership development training has been heartening. If you would like training, but have not requested it yet, please let Jane Peterman know as soon as possible. A specialized area training conference is planned for the Gulf Coast area August 31st. Hope to see many of you there.

Urgent You wouldn't believe how many boxes it takes to store 100,000 copies of the publication "Register and Vote in Texas". There are 23 boxes filled with this publication in the middle room of the office (soon to become the legislative office). Although Tarrant County, Dallas, Garland, Galveston, Orange Area, and San Marcos have ordered 1,000 copies or more--we still have many, many more. It is a 2-color, 3-fold question and answer format, "What if I move?", "What if I change my name?" 3¢ or \$19.50/1000. It will not go out of date until the laws are changed. Surely you need these before your September registration drives. There is a special order form in the last state board report.

Looking Ahead

...Hope you are planning to fully participate in the national petition effort for the presidential debates. Four million signatures are needed by September 13th.

Have you sent in the...

- Human Resources questionnaire?
- Citizen Information/Voters Service evaluation on handling Voter Guide material?
- the name of your PTR specialist?

To the Guide to LL Calendar Planning add:

Aug.: "State Program 1976-77" publication (background and history)

Sept: AJ Facts and Issues

Have a good summer.

Peace,

Betty A.

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President's Counselor
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INCOME

A. Support from local Leagues: \$3 PMP, plus 18% of defined income= approx. \$35,000, minus 3% for pledges paid with TEF monies	\$ 33,950
B. Members-at-large dues: 30 @ \$15	450
C. Publications: DPM, St. Ord., Leg. NL, other	5,700
D. Interest on savings	215
E. Contributions	
1. Member--cash	250
2. Member--in-kind-ness	500
3. Non-member--cash	1,416
4. Non-member--in-kind-ness	400
F. Election Night Reporting	2,000
G. Anticipated cash reserve (including accrual)	0
H. Convention '77: 200 registrations @ \$25	5,000
I. LWV-TEF reimbursement	
1. Overhead--grants administration	120
2. General administration	
a. Office overhead: 1/4 state office cost	4,975
b. Trustees meetings: 1/4 state board meeting cost	1,200

GRAND TOTAL INCOME \$ 56,176

EXPENDITURES

A. State Office Operating Costs	
1. Equipment maintenance, maintenance contracts	\$ 720
2. General Supplies	1,810
3. Postage	2,400
4. Telephone	750
5. Insurance and Bonding	230
6. Fixed costs	
a. Rent and utilities	2,700
b. Salaries	9,550
c. Payroll taxes (7.5% of salaries)	717
7. Audit and tax report	300
8. New equipment (including accrual)	500
Subtotal	\$ 19,677
B. Board and Administrative costs	
1. President	
a. Travel	\$ 775
b. Per diem	200
c. Secretarial assistant (in Lubbock)	0
d. Telephone	250
e. Representation	250
2. Treasurer	100
3. Board	
a. Tools and materials	400
b. State board meetings	4,800
c. Administration	200

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4. Administrative committees		
a. Development		\$ 200
b. Public Relations		175
c. Budget		150
d. Nominating Committee		150
e. Ad Hoc Financial Support		250
Subtotal		\$ 7,900
C. Services to local Leagues		
1. Organization		
a. Services to current local Leagues:		
board training, state board visits to LLs		\$ 2,100
b. Services to provisional & pre-provisional Leagues		1,075
c. Services to members-at-large		315
2. Presidents mailing		875
3. Local program supervision		25
4. Membership		150
Subtotal		\$ 4,540
D. Convention, Council		
1. State convention '77, all costs		\$ 5,000
2. National council '77, delegates expenses		800
Subtotal		\$ 5,800
E. National services		
1. Pledge		\$ 8,654
2. Member-at-large PMP, 30 @ \$4.50		135
Subtotal		\$ 8,789
F. VOTER		
		\$ 1,600
Subtotal		\$ 1,600
G. Publications, production and distribution costs		
1. Duplicate President's Mailing (DPM): 100 @ \$15		\$ 1,500
2. Standing Orders: 200 @ \$7		1,400
3. Legislative Newsletters: 100 @ \$5		500
Subtotal		\$ 3,400

LWV-T BUDGET Cont'd.

H. Position support activities	
1. Program supervision	\$ 25
2. State program action	
a. Public School Finance (PSF) Property Tax Reform (PTR)	125
b. Land Use (LU)	125
c. Financing State Government	125
d. Administration of Justice (AJ)	200
e. Human Resources (HR)	125
i. Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)	
ii. Housing	
iii. Revenue Sharing	
iv. Welfare	
v. Education	
f. Environmental Quality (EQ)	
i. Air	50
ii. Energy	75
iii. Water and Solid Waste	100
iv. Transportation	50
g. Voting Rights (VR)	50
h. State-Local Relations (S/LR)	0
i. Modernizing State Government (MSG)	15
j. Texas Constitutional Revision	0
3. National program action	
a. International Relations (IR)	30
b. Representative Government (RG)	40
c. Campaign Finance	0
4. Legislative office	
a. Telephone	500
b. Director's expense (incl. supplies, postage)	500
c. Secretary	<u>1,935</u>
Subtotal	\$ 4,070
I. Professional assistance	\$ 400
Subtotal	\$ 400
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$56,176

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June 1976
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Administration
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LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICES

<u>League</u>	<u>Accepted 1976-77</u>
Abilene	\$ 340
Amarillo	770
Austin	1,770
Bay Area	700
Baytown	555
Beaumont	315
Brazos County	750
Brownsville	310
Corpus Christi	1,015
Dallas	4,335
Deer Park	300
Denton	810
*Eastern Bell Co.	300
Edinburg-McAllen	320
El Paso	965
*Gainesville	300
Galveston	1,600'
Garland	394
Harlingen	300
Houston	5,500
*Huntsville	300
Irving	1,380
Lamar Co.	480
*Longview	200
Lubbock	350
*Marshall-Harrison Co.	200
Midland	535
Odessa	300
Orange Area	300
Pasadena	300
Pearland	300
Plano	300
Richardson	540
San Antonio Area	1,500
San Marcos	420
Sherman	635
Tarrant Co.	2,270
Tyler	335
Victoria	600
Maco Area	510
Wichita Falls	500
	<u>\$34,954</u>

*Provisional

Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert)
Texas VOTER Editor
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June 1976
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TEXAS VOTER

Extra time devoted during the past several months to evaluation and content planning of the Texas VOTER really paid off at the May state board meeting as we looked at the forthcoming League year.

We will be producing four Texas VOTERs next year, to be circulated in September, December, March, and June. It's the content, however, about which I am enthused.

(1) Each issue will contain at least two full pages of program material. Plans for the September issue include articles on Program Priorities, Property Tax Reform, Water, Land Use, Administration of Justice, Voting Rights, and our Financing State Government consensus;

(2) A new "Show and Tell" column will be instituted for which we invite your input. Please send us your League's success stories, share with other Leagues your innovative approaches to old problems, and include pictures you've taken of your members in action--at rallies, registering voters, presenting testimony, on look-see tours, etc. I'd like to include at least one picture in each issue and will start an album of those not published, for display at workshops, conventions, and councils. Helen Hunter, our Organization Vice-President, will be coordinating the data for this column, so send your material to her at 8930 Beechnut, Apt. #3, Houston, Texas 77036;

(3) A TEF news column, similar to that published in the May '76 VOTER, containing news of TEF-funded projects throughout the state will be continued;

(4) A state planning calendar will be included, and;

(5) A state board activities article will appear to keep you informed of "where board members have been to get to where the League is going."

Since League summers are times of planning as well as resting, and since I will not be publishing a VOTER until the fall, I am preparing a Bulletin Editors' Bulletin (for mailing in July) on such catchy topics as, "How to Make a Good Impression" and "Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Sex-Neutral Language," among others.

'Til then, have a happy summer.

TO: 11 Presidents
(and 2nd vice to AJ Chair)

State of Texas
June 1976
Program
Administration of Justice

N.B. This statement was prepared by AJ Director, Diana Clark and presented on behalf of the state League by Nancy Douglas, Chair of the Houston League AJ committee, to the Speaker's Taskforce on Crime and Its control, which has been holding hearings around the state. (Not very well publicized hearings, unfortunately).

June 14, 1976

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Nancy Douglas representing the League of Women Voters of Texas. Our membership of nearly 4000 persons in 41 areas and communities around the state has recently completed the first phase of a two-year study of criminal justice in Texas. Although we are not yet ready to comment (favorably or otherwise) on proposals regarding electronic surveillance, parole law revisions, oral confessions or denial of probation for certain classes of crimes, we would like you to be aware of some other aspects of the criminal justice system in Texas which we believe need attention by the legislature.

We believe a pre-trial release system--a system quite successful in parts of the state where it has been fully implemented--should be a statewide system with uniform minimum guidelines for eligibility set by the legislature.

We believe the legislature should revise the present bail system to allow counties to collect bond fees which would be returned to the defendant when the terms of the bond are complied with. Such a system, together with lower cash bond possibilities, may reduce the need for what seems to us to be a form of preventive detention in the proposal for denial of bail to those arrested when out on bail for a previous alleged felony offense.

We believe legislative guidelines should be established for more uniform statewide bail amounts for similar classes of offenses and offenders. Such a measure would be one step in unifying what at present in Texas, is anything but a uniform system of criminal justice.

We believe another step in unification of the criminal justice process would be the establishment of a statewide public defender system. While the present system of assigned counsel for indigents is probably adequate in some areas, the costs of such an assigned system in some counties are rising dramatically. It is not too soon to begin substantive discussions and investigations of the feasibility of a statewide defender program to provide uniformly competent counsel for indigents in every part of the state. Not coincidentally, such a system could provide both counsel and investigative functions more on a par with district attorneys and their staffs. Basic costs should be state funded, with supplemental county or district funding depending upon case load.

We believe the legislature should expand citation or summons in lieu of arrest statutes for additional classes of misdemeanors; making such a procedure part of state law rather than discretionary in a few jurisdictions.

We believe that the state, as well as local communities have a stake in rehabilitative programs for youthful and/or first offenders. We would like to see state-mandated allowances for pre-trial diversion programs before formal charges are filed, subject to local community supervisory and rehabilitative resources.

Finally, we believe that the state should provide aid to victims of certain violent crimes under specific standards for eligibility. We also support restitution by the offender to the victim whenever feasible. However, we would not like restitution as an absolute requirement in each and every case as a condition of probation or mitigation of sentence, believing that too-strictly-drawn restitution requirements might be counterproductive in returning the offender to a useful law-abiding life.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

For further explanation or clarification please contact:

Diana Clark
Director, Administration of Justice Study
League of Women Voters of Texas
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LHW of Texas
June 25, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing
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Program-Vertical
Environmental Quality
Air

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Becky Moon, Air Quality Chair, LHW-T
RE: Tenneco Bounces Back After Our "Legal Coup"

In the June 12 Houston Post, Harold Scarlett reported, "The finding, based on testimony at the April 24 Tenneco public hearing, represented a legal coup for the League of Women Voters."

Recall that the League had asked for the hearing and opposed the permit, contending that the air board staff had not adequately considered possible cumulative health hazards from rapidly expanding polyvinyl chloride and vinyl chloride production along the Ship Channel.

The Hearing Examiner in a report to the members of the Texas Air Control Board recommended that the Board deny a permit to Tenneco Chemicals for an estimated \$18 million expansion of its polyvinyl chloride plant in Deer Park. Evidence presented at the April 24 hearing did not support the issuance of this construction permit.

The next chapter in our Mary Hartman style experience begins with a tremendous blow...

Although Tenneco rejected an opportunity at the end of the April 24 hearing to continue the hearing at a later date...

Today I received notice that Tenneco had requested and received a POST-HEARING CONFERENCE on June 24! TWO DAYS NOTICE!

Besides which: there is no rule in the Procedural Rules governing public hearings that provide for POST-HEARING CONFERENCES.

I assume that the Hearing Examiner, under tremendous pressure from industry, decided it was worth a try. You may wonder why the PANIC ...

1. We have just completed paying a \$1,000 legal fee for services rendered up to April 24.
2. If the Texas Air Control Board decides to hold another hearing it will mean choosing between continuing this fight with the 10th largest corporation in the nation without a lawyer or withdrawing as a "party."

If we withdraw as a party the Texas Air Control Board will probably issue the construction permit with no further ado.

A thought to ponder: If we could get this case to a Federal Court, victory would be ours.

A financial reality: A case in the Federal Court would cost a minimum of \$8,000.

Where is justice for the little people?



LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of TEXAS

SUITE 109 • 1212 GUADALUPE • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

June 21, 1976

Dear Eleanor:

I think I'll start the summer right and get a quick note off to you before Don and I leave for our two-month stay in Wisconsin to tell you and the Dallas board how much I appreciate your volunteering to nominate me for another term on state board. I really think, now that Don is retired, that I want to take a sabbatical for a time from any active League roles. It would certainly be unfair to League to agree to continue then dash off on some trip or another--so I'm opting out for a while. I've written Betty A. and the nominating committee also about my decision.

In addition to giving up my state board job, I've decided to transfer my League membership to the Plano League, now that they have survived their provisional status and are a full-fledged League. I'll not be especially active, however, for a year or two, but I think living here makes the change almost mandatory. I'll appreciate it if you will inform the Dallas membership chairperson as I don't want you to waste lots of postage reminding me about dues.

I've really enjoyed my six years in the Dallas League--I've formed some lasting friendships and all in all have found it very gratifying. You and the entire board have been so supportive, but I do think that now is the time for some changes for me.

Thank you again for offering to re-nominate me. I'll look forward to seeing you again in the fall as we get geared up for the January legislative session.

Fondly,

June 3, 1976

Mrs. John Hunter
Vice President, Organization
League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, Suite 109
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Helen:

The Dallas board discussed some of the options for training in the material I picked up at State Council, some of the discussion taking place in the May meeting, during the time I was at national convention. The result of that meeting was that they wanted no training and would opt for a series of fall workshops with area Leagues on CR, Organization and certain aspects of handling program. Their reasons were not clear to me, so I asked Diana Clark and Barbara Materka to join with the old and new Dallas board on May 17, and briefly explain the importance of Leadership Development.

With that in mind, I reintroduced the subject of board training at the June board and I now have two dates to offer: August 30 or any day of your choice during the week of September 13. The main reason for the later dates was resumption of school. We intend, if possible, to have a short agenda during July 7 board meeting and then follow it up with our own brainstorming session. We had a full board attendance and the importance of being on hand for the full session was reiterated.

Enclosed is a preliminary organization chart which everyone seems to be comfortable with. As you can see, there are holes to be filled, but I am plugging away at it.

In the program area, Lucy Polter is starting her first term as program v.p., just having finished two years as Treasurer, and a former director for School Decentralization. Bea Sutherland, HR, and Betty Canham, IR/RG have another year in their terms. Betty had served as Unit Organization director earlier. Rita Aldana and Edwina Adams are new, both having served as unit leaders and active on resource committees. Kathy Winston is elected for a one year term, filling an unexpired term. Excellent on the AJ in Dallas committee and considerable help to Diana C more recently. Pearl Wincorn and Glenda Matzke were reappointed in their slots. Glenda is very young and an excellent member of the board. Carried AJ in an off-board position during her child's early years and has continued to be very attentive, especially in action follow-up. Pearl W., of course, has been excellent and stimulating in all she does. Her EQ series of meetings were held in order to review LL consensus in light of current happenings. They were not well attended, but this may have been a coordinating job with unit leaders where most contact is made with members, and it simply did not energize enough of them. My original idea for the series was to try to find a new following in EQ and to bring on action.

The Organization department under Joyce Lockley clips along nicely. Margaret Melvin was an appointee last year and I requested her reappointment this year. She is a meticulous worker (and she is responding to Diana T. on the seemingly high count of incorrect addresses). The Dallas League some years ago established a membership treasurer slot, off-board, and she is not only doing that, but working up good membership ideas. Lillian Cooper was reappointed as well. Our search for a publications director continues. Many, many people are returning to work or heavily committed to work on the recent desegregation plans for Dallas schools.

June 3, 1976

Ruth Kee, our new treasurer, is a long-standing Leaguer, with unit leader and much committee work in her background. She has also been a teacher in Dallas public and private schools.

Missy Vanderbilt, Community Relations Vice President, is young and enthusiastic. She was reelected after a one-year term in which she took on TCR Action Committee campaign and then turned to the public relations chair (at which time she had been nominated, and the move seemed very logical as a training ground). Her component of the organization chart is looking very good, except for VOTER editor. We have had the same editor for so long that I must not be ready or willing to believe she wants "out." Linda Wassenich is a former unit leader and a former board member as director of the first year of County Government. A job and an imminent birth later and she is ready to come back on the board. Jeanne Clinchy has been doing an excellent job with Voter Service, but had been a finance chair in Baltimore, and volunteered to take it on for the final year of her term. Carolyn Norgaard is a former unit leader and also a former board member in Irving, is also young and enthusiastic. (Of course, we're all young and enthusiastic! Some are just a bit moreso.)

Our total membership is 530. We are on anniversary dues and it is almost impossible to answer #3 with an accurate count.

Our dues are \$15.00, plus optional subscription service at \$3.00. We need much help and advice as to how to handle subscription service monies paid in all year round with dues. We have reached about 200 to 220. The fluctuation is due to the dues structure, I am sure.

The adopted budget is also enclosed; our current policy sheet and the bylaws are attached, as well. (Note to SO: policy sheet and bylaws are in our current directory, so I will not forward those.)

Currently, we are providing DPMs from National to our three vice presidents and publications director. We depend on each of them to share pertinent materials in the board. One DPM from State goes to Program Vice President and this year we opted to order 10 State Standing Orders. One problem with last year's publications director was her reluctance to mail these out immediately if they did not arrive to coincide with our board meeting or some general meeting where most of the board were to be. With less of them, they will be shared among the board portfolios.

Our pledge, as it is budgeted is shown in the adopted budget. We have not discussed alternatives to deal with the increased PMP. We have always paid on a quarterly basis. I am also enclosing a 4th quarterly budget analysis from last year. Our national PMP figure was 497. Again, the anniversary dues system has been a factor in figuring the grace period for members.

Problems we have encountered are mostly solvable if we settle down to them. I am sure there must be a better way to cope with the legislative letters on action alerts. Many of them have come through when locally we are overworked or burned out. That's nothing new to you, though, I am sure. We need better structure in how to carry out action at all three levels, encouraging individual program people to delegate that responsibility, and then making sure they do is probably the best summation. I get so concerned with the shortcomings I have that I'll have to postpone any success stories!

Virginia shared your note to her on May 17. We wished it could have been the whole League and all her many friends spread to the rest of the world, but we knew the spirit was with us. She is very dedicated and important to all of us. I hope you have a wonderful trip, and that I'll hear from you soon about our training.

Cordially,

Eleanor Sutherland



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

SUITE 109

• 1212 GUADALUPE

• AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

April 24, 1976

Eleanor Sutherland, President
League of Women Voters of Dallas

Dear Eleanor:

I've been waiting to hear from my daughter before answering your letter. I've heard, but still don't know anything definite. She will get her masters in May, but they have decided to stay in Madison this summer and will be home for a visit--sometime. So right now I don't have any definite plans or dates on my calendar except July 4, 5, & 6. Dates for Sept. state board have not been set yet. My calendar usually doesn't fill up too far in advance so set a date and I'm sure it will be OK.

Just what type of training do you want? Do you want the Leadership Development Workshop? The state board workshop in Denton was 3 days. National set up a "squeezed" agenda for 5 hours. This is what Diana did in Houston last fall. They thought it very effective. This agenda includes leadership styles, working as a group, setting priorities and planning action strategy. You may want to talk to Diana about it.

If you decide on this type of workshop I would suggest that you insist that those board members attending plan on the full 5 hours. The only criticism of the Houston workshop (and this came from their board members) was that members came late & others started leaving early. They did not get the full benefit of the training & were very distracting to others.

If you would prefer something different let me know. Do give me a 1st and 2nd choice on dates. I'm sure there will be no problem.

I'm looking forward to working with the Dallas board. It will be like coming home.

Cordially,

Helen
Helen Hunter

cc: Anderson, Peterman, SO

Area meeting -

Area wide workshops as the need arises Com/Rel /org /Prog-

We have scheduled local Training

April 24, 1978

Elmwood Sutherland, President
League of Women Voters of Dallas
6200 Maple
Dallas, Texas 75235

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Cordially,

Heleen Hunter

cc: Anderson, Peterson, So

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LWV of Texas
March 1976

BOARD TRAINING AND CONSULTANT ASSIGNMENTS, 1976-1977

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>TRAINER</u>	<u>CONSULTANT</u>
ABILENE	Beth Brown (Mrs. Warren A.) [REDACTED]	Beth Brown
AMARILLO	→ Betty Anderson (Mrs. John A.) [REDACTED]	Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester) [REDACTED]
AUSTIN	Helen Hunter (Mrs. John) [REDACTED]	Helen Hunter
BAY AREA	Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert M.) [REDACTED]	Jan Moore
BAYTOWN	→ Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin D.) [REDACTED]	Jane Peterman
BEAUMONT	Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert M.) [REDACTED]	Jan Moore
BRAZOS CO.	Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald) [REDACTED]	Barbara Nobles
BROWNSVILLE	Elizabeth Davies (Mrs. Stanley) [REDACTED]	Elizabeth Davies
CORPUS CHRISTI	Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas) [REDACTED]	Fumi Sugihara
DALLAS	→ Helen Hunter (Mrs. John) [REDACTED] Houston 77036 (713) 772-5095	Helen Hunter & Barbara Headrick local -
DEER PARK	Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert M.) [REDACTED]	Jan Wilbur
DENTON	Lucinda Headrick (Mrs. Curtis) [REDACTED]	Lucinda Headrick

Board Training and Consultant Assignments, 1976-1977

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E. BELL CO. PROV.	Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas) [REDACTED]	Helen Hunter (Mrs. John) 8102 Bellaire Blvd., Apt. 1523 Houston [REDACTED] Adviser-Kathy Leabo (Mrs. C.J.) [REDACTED]
EDINBURG-McALLEN	Elizabeth Davies (Mrs. Stanley) [REDACTED]	Elizabeth Davies
EL PASO	Betty Anderson (Mrs. John A.) [REDACTED]	Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas) 1813 Shadowwood, College Station 77840 (713) 693-5653
GAINESVILLE PROV.	Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester) [REDACTED]	Helen Hunter (Mrs. John) [REDACTED] Adviser-Marty Kissinger (Mrs. T.A.) [REDACTED]
GALVESTON	Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin D.) [REDACTED]	Jane Peterman
GARLAND	Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop) [REDACTED]	Diana Clark
HARLINGEN	Elizabeth Davies (Mrs. Stanley) [REDACTED]	Elizabeth Davies
HOUSTON	Barbara Materka (Mrs. William) [REDACTED]	Barbara Materka
HUNTSVILLE PROV.	Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert O.) [REDACTED]	Helen Hunter (Mrs. John) [REDACTED] Adviser-Sue Taylor (Mrs. Harry) [REDACTED]
IRVING	Beth Brown (Mrs. Warren A.) [REDACTED]	Beth Brown
LAMAR CO.	Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester) [REDACTED]	Peggy Farmer

Board Training and Consultant Assignments, 1976-77

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LONGVIEW PROV.

Helen Hunter (Mrs. John)

Adviser-Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin)

LUBBOCK

Betty Anderson (Mrs. John A.)

Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester)

MARSHALL/HARRISON
CO. PROV.

Helen Hunter (Mrs. John)

Adviser-Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester)

MIDLAND

Beth Brown (Mrs. Warren A.)

Beth Brown

ODESSA

Betty Anderson (Mrs. John A.)

Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester)

ORANGE AREA

Helen Hunter (Mrs. John)

Helen Hunter

PASADENA

Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert O.)

Jan Wilbur

PEARLAND AREA

Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert M.)

Jan Moore

PLANO

Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop)

Diana Clark

RICHARDSON

Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop)

Diana Clark

SAN ANTONIO AREA

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)

Barbara Nobles

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Board Training and Consultant Assignments, 1976-1977

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SHERMAN	Barbara Materka (Mrs. William) [REDACTED]	Barbara Materka
TARRANT CO.	Lucinda Headrick (Mrs. Curtis) [REDACTED]	Lucinda Headrick
TYLER	Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop) [REDACTED]	Diana Clark
VICTORIA	Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas) [REDACTED]	Fumi Sugihara
WACO AREA	Lucinda Headrick (Mrs. Curtis) [REDACTED]	Lucinda Headrick
WICHITA FALLS	Lucinda Headrick (Mrs. Curtis) [REDACTED]	Lucinda Headrick
Units-at-large HUNT CO.	Barbara Materka (Mrs. William) [REDACTED]	

LWV of Texas
March 1976

TO: Provisional and Local League Presidents
FROM: Jane Peterman, Leadership Development
RE: Board Training and Consultant Assignments

Enclosed are the 1976-77 board training and consultant assignments, request forms, and other related information.

This year we are offering three types of board training:

1. Nuts and Bolts--(basic, one to one plus total board training; especially recommended for new board members)
2. Leadership Development--(for continuing boards; may include defining the Problem, identifying the goal, priority setting, strategy planning, or leadership management)
3. Area specialized training in: citizen information/voters service
finance
membership
program areas
public relations

(this can be provided only where several Leagues can meet together and share some of the costs)

Only one trainer is assigned to each local League, but she may ask nearby state board members to assist with the training. If a satisfactory time cannot be worked out with your trainer, please advise me, and I will try to arrange for someone else to fulfill your request.

It is advisable for every local League to have annual board training by a state board designated trainer. Please discuss with your board and decide which type training you desire. By using components of the three types, your League may design training to satisfy your particular schedule, situation, and needs. You will have to describe this in your Request to the trainer. Send your request for training as soon as possible. Area specialized training will be placed on the Calendar Planning Guide if the request is received by May 10 for coordination at the state board meeting May 18-20.

The consultant is the same as the trainer for most local Leagues. The consultant's role is to give the local League sustained attention during the year to to serve as it's advisor. The consultant receives one of the three copies of your minutes that you sent to the state office each month, and copies of other materials you send. She reads all of these and your VOTER with care (provisionals--be sure your adviser is on your VOTER mailing list) and is always aware of your League's activities. She is prepared to advise you or to direct you to the proper person if she is not a specialist in the area in which you need help. A consultant is the liaison between the local League and the state board. Feel free to contact her with any question or problem. She wants to help.

Enclosures: Board Training and Consultant Assignments, 1976-77
Request for Local Board Training
Information Needed by Trainer
Suggested Schedule for Two Day Board Training
Blank for sending new board list
Order form for state DPM
Order form for state standing orders
Evaluation sheet on workshop

INFORMATION NEEDED BY TRAINERS

It will help if you have this information ready for the trainers ahead of time.

1. A complete list of your board members with their portfolios.
Please indicate which are new, which have served on the board previously but who have new portfolios this year, and those who are continuing with portfolios which they had last year, noting approximately how long each one has had the portfolio.
2. A copy of your board organization chart (See President's Counselor, page 11.)
3. Your total membership, with the number who have renewed for the year.
4. The amount of your dues. Does it include subscription service? If so, how much has been budgeted for this service?
5. Or do you have a voluntary local subscription service? How many subscribers?
6. A copy of your adopted budget for the current year.
7. A copy of your current policy sheet.
8. A copy of your bylaws.
9. Information on the leadership material you receive:
How many NATIONAL Duplicate President's mailings?
How many STATE Duplicate President's mailings?
How many STATE standing orders?
10. The amount of your pledge this year for state and national services.
How and when do you plan to pay it? (Quarterly, in one payment, or?)
How much has been paid to date?
On how many members is your national PMP based?
11. Problems which you have encountered, and success stories.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR TWO DAY BOARD TRAINING

Conducted by State Board Representative

President 1 hour
Vice Presidents 1/2 hour each
(or vice presidents together, then meeting with vice presidents and
president--could be over lunch)
Individual Portfolios 1/2 to 1 hour
Total Board 1 to 2 hours

Board meeting, if possible.

Wind up conference with president.

Order may be changed, of course. Nights may be utilized. A half-hour for individual portfolios may be sufficient for some, however, if the president or any chairman feels that special attention should be given to a specific portfolio more time may be scheduled.

Some sessions may be combined--such as all program chairmen, or membership and units, PR people--however, it is preferable to have a meeting with each board member individually to discuss her plans for the year, without her vice president.

It is best if the conference can begin with the president, followed by time with the vice presidents, and end with the total board meeting together for business and training--followed by the final talk with the president.

Note: It is advisable for every local League to have annual board training by a state board designated trainer.

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(Leadership Style)

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The Problem reworded: During the next Legislative session there will be efforts to rescind the E.R.A. Your Legislator heads a group in favor of recission. There are several groups in the community in favor of the recission. The community appears to be divided. Your members and board members appear to be divided.

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What stance should your League take? You must decide how active you will be in opposing the recission efforts.

Your leadership style is "telling": You identify a problem, consider alternative solutions, choose one of them, and then tell your followers what they are to do. You may or may not consider what you believe the group members will think or feel about the decision, but they clearly do not participate directly in the decision-making. Coercion may or may not be used or implied.

JANUARY 29, 1976

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES
STATE PRESIDENTS, WITH A COPY FOR EACH LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT
LOCAL PRESIDENTS - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO

FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO

RE: RESOLUTION TO BE PROPOSED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, MAY 1976, CONCERNING
THE FUTURE OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE STATE BOARD OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO IS PLEASED AND PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LEAGUE AND THINKS THE GROWTH OF THE LEAGUE'S REPUTATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND CLOUT IN RECENT YEARS IS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. WE COMMEND THE NATIONAL BOARD AND STAFF FOR COMPETENT HANDLING OF PROGRAM, ACTION, VOTERS SERVICE AND ORGANIZATION MATTERS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THESE ACHIEVEMENTS. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE PARTICIPATED AND TO SHARE IN THE REFLECTED GLORY OF GAINS MADE BY LEAGUERS AT ALL LEVELS AND IN EVERY STATE.

WE SEE THE LEAGUE AS A STRONG, UNIQUE, CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATION, INCREASINGLY SKILLED, SOPHISTICATED, ARTICULATE AND EFFECTIVE. WE SEE ALSO THE UNCEASING NEED FOR LEAGUERS AND LEAGUE WORK NEARLY EVERYWHERE WE LOOK, EVERY CORNER WE TURN. BUT WE SEE ALSO, WITH PAINFUL CLARITY AND GREAT CONCERN, THE PROBLEM WE ALL FACE, SIMPLY STATED, OF HAVING TOO MUCH TO DO AND NOT ENOUGH INVOLVED MEMBERS, TIME OR MONEY TO DO THE KIND OF JOB THAT WE WANT TO DO AND WHICH NEEDS TO BE DONE.

LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE LONG TALKED, WRITTEN, COMPLAINED ABOUT AND LIVED WITH THIS PROBLEM, ITS MANY CAUSES AND VARIOUS EFFECTS, BUT WE NOW NEED TO DEAL WITH IT. WE MUST ACCEPT THE FACT THAT EVEN THIS ORGANIZATION HAS LIMITS AND CANNOT GO ON TRYING TO STICK LEAGUE THUMBS INTO ALL THE HOLES IN ALL THE DIKES.

WHILE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE NEED AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEAGUE INPUT AND IMPACT AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT ARE EXPANDING AND WILL BE CHALLENGING, WE CONTENT THE LEAGUE CANNOT MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS ANYWHERE IF WE CONTINUE TO SCATTERSHOT.

WE THINK IT IS IMPERATIVE TO TAKE TIME NOW TO STUDY OURSELVES, TO ANALYZE OUR ORGANIZATION, ITS GOALS, ITS STRUCTURE, ITS MODUS OPERENDI, CRITICALLY, CONSTRUCTIVELY, CREATIVELY. WE SHOULD USE THIS STUDY TO DECIDE TOGETHER WHERE WE WANT TO GO IN THE NEXT TEN, TWENTY, TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, WHAT WE BEST CONTRIBUTE TO GOVERNMENT IN THIS TIME, HOW WE CAN BEST ORGANIZE AND MANAGE OUR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL APPARATUS TO ENABLE US TO PLAY THE MOST NECESSARY AND VITAL ROLE POSSIBLE WITH OPTIMUM MEMBER SUPPORT, PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

WE RECOMMEND THAT EVERY LEAGUE SEND TO CONVENTION DELEGATES PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION (IN DRAFT FORM) THAT WILL BE OFFERED BY JOAN LAWRENCE, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO:

RESOLVED THAT A COMMITTEE OF LOCAL AND STATE LEAGUE PRESIDENTS BE APPOINTED TO PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEMS OF PROGRAM PROLIFERATION, OVERLOADED VOLUNTEERS, EFFECTIVE ACTION, AND THE THREATENED EROSION OF OUR GRASS-ROOTS BASE. THIS MATERIAL WOULD BE USED BY STATE AND LOCAL LEAGUES IN ANY WAY THEY CHOOSE, WITH A RESPONSE DUE TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE BY MARCH, 1977 IN PREPARATION FOR A NATIONAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND REPORT TO LOCAL AND STATE LEAGUES. ACTION THEREAFTER WOULD BE LEFT TO THOSE LEAGUES WHICH CONCLUDE THAT PROGRAM AND/OR BYLAW CHANGES ARE NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1978.

THIS LETTER AND THE RESOLUTION RESULT FROM CONCERNS WE IN OHIO THINK MOST LEAGUERS SHARE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO --

1. THE PROLIFERATING PROGRAM AND ITS VORACIOUS DEMANDS

AT ALL LEVELS THE PROGRAM IS INCREASING SO THAT JUST THE HANDLING OF IT (TRYING TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED AND CURRENT, COMMITTEES CHAIRED AND STAFFED, BOARD MEETINGS LONG ENOUGH FOR ALL REPORTS, ENOUGH UNIT MEETINGS IN THE YEAR, ETC., ETC.) TAKES AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, TIME AND ENERGY THAN IMPLEMENTATION AND ACTION.

THE USE OF UMBRELLAS TO COVER A MULTITUDE OF REALLY SEPARATE AND DIFFERENT PROGRAM ITEMS IS BOTH A DELUSION AND A SNARE, BLINDING US TO THE ACTUAL EXTENT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO TALK ABOUT MANAGEMENT AND PRIORITIES -- WE MUST BEGIN WITH THE SELECTION PROCESS. EVERY LEADER, FROM UNIT CHAIRMAN TO PRESIDENT, KNOWS WELL THE PLAGUES OF OUR PROGRAM AND YET, AS CONVENTION DELEGATES, RESPONSIBLE FOR CHOOSING THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THAT PROGRAM, WE IGNORE THE REALITIES OF TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY AND CONSISTENTLY ADOPT NEW PROGRAM AND READOPT THE OLD. WE MUST EXERCISE ENLIGHTENED, GREATER SELF-CONTROL. BOARD MUST EXERCISE GREATER LEADERSHIP IN HELPING DELEGATES SET REALISTIC GOALS. THE NATIONAL BOARD HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. ONLY AT THAT LEVEL ARE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HIRE A LARGE STAFF AND THIS CREATES A PRIVILEGED AND NON-TYPICAL OPERATION IN STARK CONTRAST TO MOST STATE BOARDS WHICH CONSIDER THEMSELVES LUCKY TO HAVE CLERICAL HELP, AND TO LOCAL BOARDS MANY OF WHICH CONSIDER THEMSELVES LUCKY TO HAVE RELIABLE MIMEOGRAPHS.

2. THE HARRIED AND VANISHING VOLUNTEER

THOSE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL CITIZENS WHO GIVE UNTOLD HOURS TO THE ORGANIZATION AND THEIR COMMUNITIES, STATES, AND NATION, HAVE LIMITS. THE LEAGUE WEARS OUT 'OLD' VOLUNTEERS AND IS HAVING INCREASING DIFFICULTY FINDING 'NEW' VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE THEIR PLACE. EXPERIENCED MEMBERS TOO OFTEN QUIT IN EXHAUSTION, DECIDE TO FIND A PAYING JOB (OFTEN LESS WORK), OR BECOME INACTIVE. THE AMOUNT AND COMPLEXITY OF PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE TYPING, MIMEOGRAPHING, TELEPHONING AND FOOT RUNNING THAT GO WITH IT ARE BURDENSOME TO ALL BUT THE MOST HARDY.

3. EFFECTIVENESS

OUR EFFECTIVENESS IS CONTINGENT UPON MEMBER KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF LEAGUE PROGRAM AND ACTION. BUT WE ARE ON PERILOUSLY THIN ICE -- ICE FURTHER WEAKENED AS THE LOAD GETS HEAVIER. THE AVERAGE MEMBERS, AND LEADERS ALIKE, HAVE TROUBLE REMEMBERING MUCH EVEN ABOUT LOCAL PROGRAM ITEMS; AND THE STATE AND NATIONAL AGENDA ARE GETTING TOO LONG AND COMPLEX EVEN FOR ROTE RECITATION, MUCH LESS DETAILED ENUNCIATION OF LEAGUE POSITIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS AND PROPOSALS. LEADERS MAY HAVE A GENERAL GRASP OF OVERALL PROGRAM AND OPERATION, BUT ALL TOO OFTEN DO NOT HAVE THE TIME, OUTSIDE OF THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES, TO GIVE MUCH THOUGHT TO TOTAL LEAGUE OPERATION AND DIRECTION. SO LEAGUE WORK AND ACTION ARE UNDERTAKEN ON AN INCREASINGLY THIN VENEER OF SUPERFICIAL KNOWLEDGE. WE MAY CONTINUE TO FOOL THE PUBLIC, BUT WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO FOOL OURSELVES.

4. DIRECTIONS AND DECISIONS

WE BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A SHIFT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE LEAGUE, HAPPENING WITHOUT RECOGNITION OF THE CHANGE BECAUSE TOO MANY MEMBERS ARE TOO BUSY TRYING TO KEEP HEADS ABOVE WATER TO WONDER OR WORRY ABOUT CONTROL OF THE TILLER. WE BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR ALL LEVELS OF LEAGUE TO REEXAMINE THE OVERALL GOALS OF THIS MULTI-LEVEL ORGANIZATION AND DECIDE WHAT WE WANT THE NATURE OF THE LEAGUE TO BE, AND THEN DETERMINE WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE. IF THERE IS NO THOUGHT ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OUTLINED IN THIS MEMO OR RESPONSES TO THEM, WE FEAR THE WITHERING OF THE GRASS-ROOTS NATURE OF THE LEAGUE AND THE DECLINE OF BOTH LOCAL AND STATE LEAGUES. THE LOOK AT LEAGUE FINANCING WAS A GOOD BEGINNING AND OPENS THE WAY FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT OURSELVES.

IN CONCLUSION -- THE OHIO BOARD SOLICITS YOUR COMMENTS AND CRITICISMS. WE WOULD LIKE THE NATIONAL BOARD TO ADVISE US WHEN WILL BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME TO SUBMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE CONVENTION.

WE ARE ENCLOSING ENOUGH COPIES TO STATE LEAGUE PRESIDENTS FOR EACH OF THEIR LOCAL LEAGUES, SHOULD THEY BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO SEND.

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

1975 STATE CONVENTION

April 15, 1975

Caucus
10:30

WE'RE SUCKERS FOR KIDS

SO WHAT DO WE WANT?

We propose a study on Services to Children and Youth, focusing on the juvenile justice system the first year, under our state Human Resources program item.

CAUCUS THESDAY EVENING with members of the San Antonio, Waco, and Tarrant County delegations.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN TEXAS:

- 1971 80% of felonies are committed by adults who committed crimes as juveniles
- 1972 56,000 reported cases of juveniles appearing in juvenile court
- 1973 A child died in Artesia Hall, an unlicensed home for delinquent children
- 1974 4000 child abuse cases confirmed, many more expected but unreported
- 1975 19 bills have been introduced this year regarding licensing of child care facilities; about 125 bills on children's services are under consideration

WHY SHOULD STATE LEAGUE BE INVOLVED?

- LWV/Texas endorsed Child Care '76, a national campaign to celebrate the bicentennial by positive efforts to improve services to children
- at the state level children's services are not coordinated
- active HR committees increase membership
- Children need a lobby too!!!

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CAUCUS TUESDAY, April 15th for all delegates interested in the Adoption of Administration of Justice as a State Study Item. Time and room will be announced later. DALLAS DELEGATION to the LWV/Texas Convention.

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BEAUTIFUL LOIS--you can find her
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION
APRIL 22, 1975

(Information reproduced here was prepared by the League of Women Voters of Texas.)

AMENDMENT No. 1--S.J.R. No. 3

(Revising and consolidating provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and programs and providing for a maximum state contribution to state systems of 10 percent of the aggregate compensation paid to individuals.)

BACKGROUND: The proposed Section 67 of Article 16 consolidates all constitutional provisions relating to state and local retirement systems into one section, and it lifts the ceiling on state contributions to state funds from a current 6% to a maximum of 10%. This provision applies to persons covered under Employees Retirement System of Texas, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Judicial Retirement System, and other local funds pertaining to cities and counties. It allows emergency benefits recently granted retired persons to continue. It allows persons working at different times under two or more state funds to receive fractional benefits from each. The investment powers of each board of directors is broadened yet subject to control by legislature. Funds must be based on sound actuarial principals.

ARGUMENTS:

FOR:

1. Consolidating provisions leads to clarity in the law.
2. A larger share by the state helps offer relief for inflation.
3. More persons can be protected by creation of soundly funded pensions.

AGAINST:

1. Cost of state government must be reduced to halt inflation and protect further devaluation of pension funds.
2. Broader investment authority could result in speculation.

AMENDMENT No. 2--H.J.R. No. 6

(Setting the salaries of members of the legislature at \$600 per month and setting a per diem of \$30 during legislative sessions and a mileage allowance at the same rate provided by law for state employees.)

BACKGROUND: The proposed Section 24 Article III changes 3 limits established by Texas voters in 1960. The changes are 1. A legislative salary increase from \$4,800 to \$7200 per year. 2. A per diem allowance increase of \$40 for each day is regular and special sessions as opposed to a current \$12 for the first 120 days in regular session and 30 days in each special session. 3. A mileage increase from 10¢ to the same rate as prescribed by law for state employees (16¢ per mile.)

ARGUMENTS:

FOR:

1. Increasing government and standing and special interim committees leave legislators little time for private business. The current salary established 15 yrs. ago is inadequate today.
2. Raising the salary to a more realistic level would be an incentive for persons without other income to serve in the legislature.
3. The changes in per diem and mileage are consistent with inflation and the cost of maintaining two homes during each session.

AGAINST:

1. This leads to increased costs of government.
2. The constitution envisions a legislator as a part time employee; therefore he should not receive a full time wage.
3. High campaign costs eliminate many from public office; so extra salary is no help.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
CONVENTION VOTER

April 17, '75

ACTION NEEDED

School finance reform needs a big push. The Education Committees of both the House and the Senate have held hearings on the issues involved in school finance reform (rather than the individual bills) and have referred the matter to subcommittee. While the subcommittee deliberates-slowly-almost daily, reports are coming out of our "dwindling surplus" and the "frightening cost" of school finance reform (all the proposals exceed the surplus.) The subcommittee members need to hear from us.

The state league will communicate the following to all subcommittee members and urges you to communicate similarly particularly if it's your legislator.

"The LWV/Texas is outraged by news reports that the Legislature may not deal with school finance reform this session.

"The League, meeting in convention in El Paso, believes that it is imperative that the Legislature act to equalize the burden of property taxes and to assure that the allocation of monies for the school children of Texas is fair and equitable.

"If it should become necessary, the LWV/T would support raising revenue through a state supervised property tax, a state corporate profits tax, a state income tax, or any combination of these.

"Reform is long overdue and the responsibility is on the Legislature which must not shirk its duty."

Keep those cards and letters moving!! Let the Legislature know that the "pink ladies" are not the only ones who can generate an avalanche of letters.

Subcommittee members in the House:

Hermen Adams (chairperson), Tom Massey, Ruben Torres, Wilhelmina Delco, and Hamp Atkinson

Subcommittee members in the Senate:

Oscar Mauzy (chairperson), A.M. Aiken Jr, Grant Jones, Tati Santiesteban, and Pete Snelson

San Marcos League would like any info on Health Care studies from other Leagues. This will be our Local Program for next year. Thank you.

Frances Emery

If you haven't received a copy of the Legislative Newsletter since you arrived at Convention, please get a copy at the podium.

NOTICE: ACTION ALERT on page 7

Those room numbers for storing your bags are: 801

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When you check out ask for the key to the room most convient for you, put your bags in it, lock the door, and return the key to the desk as quickly as possible. Thank you.

We loved having you and the time went all too quickly. Please return again and soon.

Hasta la Vista

FUTUREPRINTS: SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS
TEXAS STATE CONVENTION, EL PASO
APRIL 15, 1975

THE SURVEY, ITS PURPOSE, AND RESPONSE:

Futureprints is a brief Delphi survey, and was sent to all delegates to the Texas State Convention. Delphi surveys are most frequently used to poll expert opinion on the probability, timing, and implications of forecast trends and events. Usually, two or more rounds are completed by the expert panels in order to narrow and sharpen areas of disagreement and to highlight the levels of confidence the panel shares in areas of consensus agreement.

But the Delphi technique has also been found useful in exploring attitudes about a wide range of future possibilities among citizens at large. It was for this reason, and to stimulate thinking about the future generally, for which the present survey was made.

A total of 55 questionnaires were returned. Two arrived too late to be tabulated, and one was returned blank, with no comments. This high response rate compares with rates of 8% to 20% encountered in similar mail surveys run earlier among groups other than the LWV. The completeness and thoughtfulness of responses was also of exceptionally high quality, compared with earlier surveys.

Note: There was one misprint in the questionnaire, which occurred during its adaptation for use at the Texas Convention. Question number 1 under With What Consequences? should have read TEXAS GOVT INCREASES TAXES AND SERVICES.

1. Texas Government furnishes more services and raises taxes:

Responses: 4% thought almost impossible, 46% possible,
23% virtually certain, and 27% unlikely.

Will people pay taxes to work? I think they will pay up to 100% without rebelling. . . . State government could not keep up the services. They'd give them back to the Feds. . . . We'll need to strengthen State LWV efforts. . . . The world would end if Texas increased taxation that much. . . . Would mean more monitoring for the LWV. We'd give priority to modernizing state government and making it more accountable. . . . (Response to misprint: WORLD ENDS; "ends what?")

2. Men Reassert Dominance as Feminist Moves Splits over Abortion question:

Responses: 48% thought this unlikely, and 34% almost impossible,
only 16% thought it possible.

LWV membership drives now directed toward male members of community. . . . I think the feminist movement is too broad to be ruined by abortion issue. . . . I simply don't think women will allow this to occur now that they've tasted freedom. . . . The split would more likely happen over the ERA. . . . It would be close to status quo. . . . Men have not lost dominance. . . . Back to the good old days, Ouch.

3. Urban Political Terrorism has effectively destroyed government:

Responses: 50% thought unlikely, 24% almost impossible, although 24% thought possible, and 2% certain.

No welfare, high internal defense budget. . . . Government would probably have its powers usurped by citizen vigilantes. . . . LWV is too rational to cope with irrationalities of terrorists. Those who understood would be involved. . . . LWV would lobby for gun control legislation. . . . Curfews and identification cards for passage. . . . Police state. . . . Unit meetings will be classed as subversive. . . . Totalitarian government. . . . Tough on nice men and ladies groups.

4. Arab Investment in the US is nationalized:

Responses: 10% thought this virtually certain, 50% possible, and 33% unlikely.

New government department "Nationalized Business Administration". . . . Would be first step to nationalizing all foreign and then domestic investments. . . . Will be at height of isolation period. . . . U.S. retaliates at last for decades of political and economic atrocities.

5. Participation in Voluntary Activities Drops to Half of Present Levels:

Responses: 37% thought possible, 35% unlikely, and 20% certain.

LWV crippled but still operating. National will have to curtail services and cut expenses. . . . End of LWV; we are shrinking now because of lack of women who don't work. . . . LWV could become paying non-participating members hiring staff to do their thinking and acting in their name, much like other citizen lobbies of today. . . . LWV has one of two choices: 1. Become group of paid political professionals, or 2. Go out of existence. . . . Government will do more and more of what volunteerism does now. . . . Watchdogs of government are subsidized by government and are abysmal failure.

6. U.S. Adopts Food Distribution Tax to Send Food to Underdeveloped Countries:

Responses: 46% thought possible, 35% unlikely, 13% almost impossible, and only 6% virtually certain.

Because of serious world problems, our government must tighten belt and help others. . . . More work for LWV to monitor. . . . Will be briefly attempted and will fail to produce results, then TRIAGE with a vengeance. . . . LWV tries to explain to us citizens why we feed others. . . . LWV lobbies to make it a progressive tax. . . . We're not charitable enough.

7. Continuing Education Results in Multiple Careers being the Rule:

Responses: 73% thought this virtually certain, and 23% possible.

Much more sophisticated and better informed electorate. . . . Candidates experienced in fields other than just politics. . . . Multiple careers arise from necessity not education. . . . Women will have less time for LWV, due to multiple roles and continuous education. . . . Women will drift in and out of LWV.

8. Government licenses births; black market in permits flourishes:

Responses: 36% thought this possible; 30 % almost impossible;
20% unlikely, and 14% virtually certain.

Government unable to administer; lawsuits abound. . . . LWV embroiled in controversy. . . . If this happened, it would give excessive and dangerous power to the government. . . . LWV's monitoring would become a fascinating job! "Big Brother" checking. . . . Chaos! LWV: Women with a cause! Look out government! Cabinet level Genetic Control Department. . . . Terrifying government control over private lives. . . . Impossible to regulate. . . . This will be used to solve a problem resulting from years of refusal to deal with the problem while it was still manageable.

9. Families Forbidden to Move as Reaction to High Divorce Rate:

Responses: 72% thought this almost impossible, 26% unlikely.

LWV dominated by Mothers of children 5-15, who seek redress of this regulation. . . . Hopefully the LWV will not endorse government planning for its own sake. . . . Some LWV boards might serve two full years without a vacancy. . . . Large minority will "do a flit" at 2 AM. . . . If divorce happens on the move, it will happen anyway.

10. U.S. Adopts Guaranteed Annual Income Plan:

Responses: 56% thought this virtually certain, 40% possible.

Seems terribly necessary, but would extend bureaucratic mess in government. . . . Taxes increase. . . . Socialism. . . . More bureaucracy. . . . People more passive and submissive. . . . Government broke. . . . Everyone will have a file at State level. . . . With birth control and population growing older, we may not be able to afford such.

*How will this
affect LWV?
Action Techniques*

WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN (PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS ANSWERING):

	1980	1990	2000	After 2000
TEXAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES & TAXES	4	35	38	23
MEN REASSERT DOMINANCE	34	37	8	20
URBAN POLITICAL TERRORISM	12	21	27	39
ARAB INVESTMENT IN US NATIONALIZED	25	32	27	16
VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION DROPS	32	37	15	15
US FOOD DISTRIBUTION TAX	9	28	46	17
CONTINUING EDUCATION & MULTIPLE CAREERS	24	49	18	8
GOVERNMENT LICENSES BIRTHS	2	2	24	71
FAMILIES FORBIDDEN TO MOVE	--	--	16	84
U.S. ADOPTS GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME	26	53	10	10

FUTUREPRINTS

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Other Predictions:

1. Texas will be divided into several states by 1985.
2. Increasing isolationism in US
3. Care and supportive services for young and old as nuclear family cannot meet needs of individuals. We will become more interdependent as greater conservation requirements are apparent.
4. Medical technology will increase life span, resulting in great increase in active 70-90 year olds.
5. LWW will become international.
6. There will be a return to religion. Faith will be one of main sustaining forces. TV will be censored, and more programs of a wholesome family type of entertainment will be on.
7. Cities under bubbles---noxious pollutants cover rest of the earth.
8. Intelligent life is discovered!
9. More and more individuals will withdraw into their own world--non-involvement will increase.
10. Increase in mental illness and disability.
11. Private transportation outlawed.
12. Nationalization of basic needs industries: oil, food, transit, etc.
13. Government will grow further from people's control, while growing in control over our lives.
14. A standardization of all drinking water, adding chemicals and subtracting chemicals--water control: a handy weapon for control of masses.
15. Innovative ways to change decay in inner cities.
16. Environmental warfare.
17. Unlimited energy--breakthrough in nuclear fusion.
18. Children raised by the state.
19. Absolute loss of faith in technology to solve world problems.
20. The ultimate change before the Year 2000 with present trend in governmental affairs is REVOLUTION.

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1977 STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION

When: April 19-21, 1977

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Three workshops on innovative management of program, membership, and public relations

"Satire on the '70s" by Pat Greenwald & Co.

An afternoon tour of Fort Worth Museums

Tuesday morning tour of historic Northside Fort Worth

Monday Earlybirds Reception

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Box lunch	4.00
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double (2persons)	32.00
(3persons)	36.00
(4persons)	40.00

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Visitors are non-League members. Full-time visitors pay the same registration fee as full-time observers; visitors attending individual session pay \$3.00 per session. Visitors are welcome at any events connected with the convention, but have no voice in the business of the convention.

Registration

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Sue O'Kelley
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Fort Worth, Texas 76133

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my refund for the
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There will be a daily Convention VOTER. Any League wishing to support a specific item may wish to reach other delegates through the VOTER. Copy should not exceed a half page, single spaced. Material for the first issue should be sent by April 12 to the Convention VOTER editor:

Marty Kissinger
913 Green River Trail
Fort Worth, Texas 76103

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Diana Tilley
2209 Sunny Slope Drive
Austin, Texas 78703



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOUSTON

March 30, 1977

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

The Houston League will be coming to convention pushing the adoption of two new study items: accountability in education and a review and evaluation of existing state laws and regulations dealing with children and families with an emphasis the first year on foster care.

We recognize the burden that two new study items impose in terms of money, peoplepower, and time. We also realize that study expansion has already been suggested in the areas of administration of justice and groundwater. However, our general membership was so strongly supportive of both these items that we felt the convention delegates should have the opportunity to consider their adoption.

The Houston League's Child Care Committee and Education Committees have each agreed to provide the nucleus of the study task forces if the items are adopted and the State Board would like their help.

We will be holding caucuses at 10 PM Tuesday evening and look forward to seeing your delegates then.

We are enclosing brief statements describing the scope of each proposed study.

Sincerely,

Madeleine

Madeleine Appel, President

Brenda

Brenda Gehan, President-Elect

Joye

Joye Sterrett, Child Care

Judy

Kathy

Judy Swift and Kathy Eichberg, Education

purpose: to study the potential and limitations of accountability in the public education systems in Texas with a view towards establishing criteria in this area.

Accountability is a system of shared responsibility which includes an examination of the roles of superintendents , board members, administrators, teachers, school staff, state legislators and possibly parents and taxpayers. We propose a two year study to examine presently existing and proposed methods of accountability to analyze their feasibility, strengths and weaknesses. We'll study who should be held accountable to whom, for what and how. With this information, Leagues in Texas should be able to come to consensus on acceptable criteria for accountability.

- Accountability acknowledges the public's right to know what actions have been taken in the schools it supports and how effective these have been.

- Accountability when applied to education means holding the persons involved responsible for certain specified results.

- Competency examinations, evaluation of teachers, the setting of specified goals are common components of some accountability systems.

- The tying of financial aid to performance is a less common and more controversial aspect of some accountability programs.

- The congressional education committee in its recent report to the Texas Legislature has proposed pre and post testing for all grades, year round school for students not achieving specific goals and withdrawal of financial support to districts not complying. Does the League want this for its state's policy?

The Houston League's education committees will be willing to serve as the resource task force for this study.

Purpose: To study and evaluate existing state laws and regulations regarding children, with a first-year emphasis on foster care.

Explanation: Initially the study would evaluate foster care as it is carried out in Texas today. Studies have shown that foster care is not a temporary condition for most children. Rather, once "settled in" to foster care, most of these children spend years in most instances their remaining years to maturity, away from their natural home environment.

The study could answer the following questions:

Is the state's foster care system adequate?

Should the state establish by statute a fixed-time period within which the court and the child placement agency must reach a decision either to return the child to his parents or to terminate parental rights?

Should subsidies be awarded for caseworker to negotiate adoption for children into long-term care?

Should subsidies be provided families who could not otherwise afford to adopt, especially handicapped children with their added medical expenses; poor families; and for adopting several children into one family?

Should money be appropriated for homes for non-delinquent or pre-delinquent children for a Villages type of living area? What consideration should be given to their work needs?

Of course, many other questions could be asked and researched depending on the convention's direction.

State Convention

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LUBBOCK

To: State Board and Local League Presidents
From: League of Women Voters of Lubbock
Re: Proposed State Natural Resources Position

The League of Women Voters of Lubbock proposes that the third section of the Natural Resources position dealing with Water be revised to read:

development of adequate water supplies should be achieved by ecologically and financially sound means, and as a result of a long-range water plan for Texas

It is our feeling that the present wording which states "development of adequate water supplies should be achieved from within the state" is unnecessarily restrictive and short-sighted. It precludes our being able to consider any possible instance in which a water supply project might be financially and ecologically sound but in which the source of the supply is from out-of-state. In such a case which, of course, must first meet the criteria of ecological and financial soundness, we see no reason for blanket opposition. Our present position closes the door on consideration of such projects.

We notice that the proposed State Program includes a focus on "Study of groundwater protection." We assume that this wording means protection groundwater quantity as well as quality. Living as we do in an area of diminishing groundwater, we are well aware of the need for water conservation. At the same time, we are also aware that the belief in the inevitability of water importation is very strong in our area. I must point out that it is extremely difficult to communicate our concern for water conservation to persons who support water importation when they know the League's position.

The change in wording we propose would not automatically indicate support for water importation, but it would indicate more strongly our concern for ecological and financial soundness.

Linda McGowan, President

STATE CONVENTION

League of Women Voters of Tarrant County, Texas

January 28, 1977

Eleanor Sutherland, President
League of Women Voters of Dallas

Dear Ms. Sutherland:

We have had inquiries from several local Leagues regarding an expanded explanation of the separation of the Juvenile Justice item from the Administration of Justice. We feel it is important to give you further background on our reasoning, in hopes that your delegates will join us in supporting this item for adoption at State Convention.

The overall item, as adopted in El Paso, did not narrow the study of Juvenile Justice. It quickly became apparent to the resource committee that we must set limits on what we would do as there was no way to cover it all within the time-frame given us. Thus, "Apprehension to Disposition."

Through our study we have become aware of the fact that the laws concerning the public protection of children were non-existent, archaic, and/or harmful in the early 1900's. Laws permitted children to be handled by people well intentioned but untrained and unqualified. The result was often serious neglect, mistreatment, and sometimes actual abuse of children. This was true in all areas of public protection of children, court procedures being just one of them.

Our focus for the next two years will entail discovering: What programs exist for the prevention and treatment of predelinquent and delinquent children and for children in need of supervision? Who runs these programs? Where do they get their funding? Etc.

Such a study could, should, would result (two years hence) in the need to study foster care, adoption laws, institutional care laws, and so forth. The League has had no voice in this state regarding laws which protect children. We have been unable to testify at legislative hearings, lobby for bills and/or appropriations regarding children.

If the League believes that the welfare of ALL children (normal, mentally or physically handicapped, or delinquent) is of prime importance to our society, then it is high time we get about the job of studying the laws which do or do not protect these children.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Forney
(Mrs. Franklin Forney)
President, LWV Tarrant County

cc: LL Presidents
State Board



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOUSTON

March 7, 1977

Dear *Eleanor*:

The Child Care Committee of the League of Women Voters of Houston urges that the Texas State League program be expanded to encompass broader coverage of matters affecting children.

Our current programs relate only indirectly to children and only in the following area: supportive services for welfare recipients including health care, child care, family planning and legal aid.

We propose a new study to review and evaluate existing state laws and regulations dealing with children and families, and the exploration of possible new areas for legislation.

Initially, the study would emphasize foster care problems and possible solutions. We believe that the foster care system is not working as it should. Studies have shown foster care is not a temporary condition for most children. Many children, once in foster care, spend their years to maturity in a non-permanent home situation.

Children are our "Human Resources". What more appropriate study could we undertake in Human Resources than the evaluation of governmental action affecting them?

We ask for your support of this proposed program item.

Sincerely,

Joye Sterrett

Child Care Committee
LWV-Houston

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February 28, 1977



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOUSTON

Dear Leaguer,

The Houston League of Women Voters is coming to the state convention this April with plans to propose that the State League study accountability in education. The education committees of the Houston league are presently studying the issue of accountability in our public schools. Concurrently, the Texas state legislature's Subcommittee on Educational Goals is studying this issue. Thirty states now have accountability legislation. It is clearly the wave of the future in education.

The Houston League plans to propose a study of the potential and limitations of accountability in the public school systems in Texas with a view towards establishing criteria in this area. Accountability is a system of shared responsibility which includes an examination of the roles of superintendents, board members, teachers, school staff, state legislators, and possibly parents and taxpayers. Accountability acknowledges the public's right to know what actions have been taken in the schools and how effective these have been. Competency examinations, evaluation of teachers, and the setting of specific goals are common components of accountability systems. The tying of financial aid to performance is a less common aspect. The Texas legislature's education committee in its recent report has proposed pre and post testing for all grades, year around school for students not achieving specific goals, and withdrawal of financial support to districts not complying. Does the League want this for its state policy?

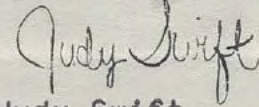
Because the Texas State League at present has no position on this issue from which we can act, we would like to see this item adopted as a study item at the convention this April. We propose a two year study to examine presently existing and proposed methods of accountability to analyze their strenghts and weaknesses. We'll study who should be held accountable to whom, for what, and how. With this information Leagues in Texas could be able to come to consensus on acceptable criteria for accountability. The Houston League feels strongly about having input into such a complex and controversial issue and accordingly, would be willing to serve as the resource task force for this study.

We hope that your league will share our concern about this upcoming item in the legislature. We have been told that it is unlikely that comprehensive legislation on accountability will be passed in this congressional session. This gives us an excellent opportunity to study the item now in its formative stages and be ready to have

input at the state level at a time when it can best be implemented on this legislation.

Please help us to assess the feasibility for adoption of this item at the convention by notifying us as to your leave's feelings about this proposal. We are seeking a co-sponsor for the item at the convention and would welcome your league's support in this capacity. If you do not wish to co-sponsor, would you support us at the convention? We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Judy Swift". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Judy" and last name "Swift" clearly distinguishable.

Judy Swift
Education Comm. Chrm.

TO: Dallas Delegates to LWVT Convention

March 29, 1977

FROM: Leagues of Houston, Lubbock and Tarrant County--via Eleanor Sutherland

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LWV of Houston: (1) Proposes a plan that the State League study accountability in education. This would be a study of the potential and limitations of accountability in the public school systems in Texas with a view towards establishing criteria in this area. Accountability is a system of shared responsibility which includes an examination of the roles of superintendents, board members, teachers, school staff, state legislators, and possibly parents and taxpayers. Accountability acknowledges the public's right to know what actions have been taken in the schools and how effective these have been.

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(Copies of the full text of these proposals are in the President's File. The above represents the essence of each proposal.)