

League of Women Voters of Texas

612 NORTH 18TH STREET • WACO, TEXAS

MINUTES

State Board Meeting
Carrousel Motor Inn, Waco, Texas
October 13, 14, 15, and 16, 1964

FIRST SESSION - Thursday, October 15

Following committee meetings Tuesday and Wednesday the State Board convened for its first session at 8:45 a.m. The following members were present:

Mrs. Charles Anderson
Mrs. W. D. Baden
Mrs. D. A. Ballard
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. James H. Brock
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
Mrs. Robert Casperson
Mrs. Raymond Freedman

Mrs. William Joor, II
Mrs. C. M. Linehan
Mrs. Francis B. May
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. T. A. Pollard
Mrs. E. S. Prashner
Mrs. Samuel Ziegler

Mrs. W. F. Merritt, Jr. and Mrs. John B. Faulkner (members of the Budget Committee) and Mrs. Frank Rourk, Executive Secretary of the League of Women Voters of Texas were present.

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown presided; she announced that A Handbook for Texas Voters published by the Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Texas and the Texas Government Almanac and Business Guide for 1964 are available. The State Office has received three copies of the Report of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education.

(Republican Party publication)
Minutes - Corrections to minutes of the June Board Meeting were as follows:

- page 1 - add Mrs. W. D. Baden's name to list of those present.
Appointment: add the sentence "Mrs. May was assigned the portfolio of second item of the State Current Agenda."
- page 2 - Convention Site Report, second line: delete "two years" and add "conventions."
- page 4 - paragraph 3, line 2: change "a Field Service visit" to "State Board Training."
- page 7 - Legislative, line 1: delete the word "original" and add "probably returning to the 59th Legislature" after the word "sponsors."
line 4: delete Abraham Kazen's name.
- page 8 - Area Workshops change the first line to read "How to carry through program in the local League."

The President declared the minutes of the June Board Meeting approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Baden reported that, to date, the financial results of the Area Conferences were:

Total expenses	\$907.58	
Receipts.....	446.97	
Balance.....	(460.61)	
Travel equalization (to be deducted from Convention Reserve)	114.72	
	(\$345.89)	deficit

Three Leagues have not yet reported to State Office.

The Board granted permission to send the final installment (\$5000) of the Texas pledge to National.

Mrs. Baden reported that cash on hand as of September 30, 1964 was \$5,388.30; complete report on file.

Board Reorganization Mrs. Brock moved we accept with regret the resignation of Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr. to be effective at the close of the Fall Board meeting. Mrs. Casperson seconded; the motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Joor moved that Mrs. Pettis be appointed 2nd Vice-President to serve through Presidents' Council Meeting in March. Seconded; CARRIED.

Mrs. Brown asked for suggested names for State Board Directors. Those suggested:

- Mrs. Richard Brown, Dallas
- Mrs. E. S. Brownscombe, Dallas
- Mrs. Emmie Craddock, San Marcos
- Mrs. F. L. Duckworth, Victoria
- Mrs. Henry Fox, San Antonio
- Mrs. Edward Fritz, Dallas
- Mrs. Ed. Harte, Corpus Christi
- Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth, Fort Worth

The following were suggested for consideration in 1966 by the Nominating Committee:

- Mrs. W. F. Merritt, Jr., Brownsville
- Mrs. Carl Schwind, Irving
- Mrs. Joseph Selman, Tyler
- Mrs. Darwin Winick, Dickinson

Budget Mrs. Ballard presented the proposed budget. She suggested that our bylaws be changed in order that the Budget Committee could meet after the suggested pledge to National is received from the National Budget Committee. The Board agreed that a list of the suggested local League pledges would be included with the proposed budget in the Post-Board mailing. The proposed budget included \$1800 (salary and expenses) for a Field Service Staff Specialist. The total budget would be \$30,000, with a pledge to National of \$11,360.

Finance Mrs. Ziegler will send the "Finance History of LWV of Texas" in the Post-Board mailing. The supplement of local finance drives was helpful in the budget discussion; the Board concurred that it should be a yearly compilation.

The Finance Chairman will ask the local Leagues now for a final report of their 1963-64 Finance Campaigns, because the delay until the Annual report at the first of the year is confusing.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a. m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Faulkner and Mrs. Braunagel were not present.

Expanded Field Service Mrs. Joor reviewed the report of the Expanded Field Service Committee. The Committee recommended a Field Service Staff Specialist to be paid a salary of \$100 per month and allowed expenses of \$100 per month for the period January 1, 1965 to April 1, 1965. During the experimental year 1965-66 the salary will be \$1000 and expense allotment \$800.00. Her duties:

- 1) follow up on requests for new Leagues
- 2) help with organization of new Leagues
 - a. as main consultant, or
 - b. as assistant to Board personnel
- 3) explore non-League areas
- 4) help Field Service personnel where needed
 - a. ailing Leagues
 - b. special problem situations in local Leagues
 - c. in personal emergencies of Field Service personnel
- 5) assist Field Service vice-President in training consultants
- 6) report regularly to State Office - (during the experimental period report weekly).

→ *No attempt was made to specify # of hrs per mo., believing that accomplishment should be the goal.*
The policies set for Field Service Staff Specialist are:

1. attend all State Board Meetings and Field Service Committee meetings; State workshops; State Councils; State Conventions
2. use facilities of State Office when needed.

Mrs. Joor moved that the Field Service Staff Specialist be authorized by State Board as finally recommended by the Committee. Mrs. Linehan seconded. The vote was 12 for, 1 abstaining, 2 against; the motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Joor moved that Mrs. M. S. Braunagel be employed as Field Service Staff Specialist as of January 1, 1965. Mrs. May seconded. CARRIED.

The Expanded Field Service Report will be included in the Post-Board mailing.

Mrs. Ballard moved that the State Board accept the proposed Budget which resulted from the morning session discussion. Mrs. Ziegler seconded; CARRIED.

Mrs. Merritt left the Board meeting and Mrs. Braunagel returned.

Budget-Finance Meetings - Mrs. Ziegler reported that last year's Budget Committee had recommended small Budget-Finance meetings for the purpose of helping the local Board member and Budget Committee members to realize the value of planning. After discussion it was decided to hold the meetings, as there had been none since 1956, but to recommend to future State Boards that area or regional meetings not be planned so close together.

Mrs. Ziegler presented detailed plans for the one-day (10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) meetings. The plan was approved by the Board with leaders of meetings to be worked out by the Committee.

Presidents' Council Mrs. Prashner reported that Mr. John Keith of the Regional Plan Association has accepted an invitation to speak at the evening meeting of the Presidents' Council, Tuesday, March 23, 1965. Three more people will be asked to form the panel, one from each of the following groups and asked in the order named:

Academic: Dr. James Crocklin, Southwestern State College
Dr. J. M. Claunch, Southern Methodist University
Dr. Gerald Vaughn, A. & M. University

Business: Claude Barrett, Houston Chamber of Commerce
Erik Jonsson, Mayor of Dallas
E. B. Germany, Lone Star Steel

Civic: Hank Avery, President Texas Municipal League
Tom Sealy, President, Texas Research League
Dick Morehead, Austin Reporter for Dallas Morning News

Governor Connally will be asked the first week of November to speak at the dinner meeting Thursday March 25th; if he is unavailable, Mrs. Robert J. Stuart will be asked.

Public Relations - Mrs. Brock reported that not all of the local Leagues had sent lists of Opinion-Makers to the State Office. Mrs. Brown will explain the use of these lists in her Post-Board letter; Mrs. Brock will remind the Leagues that they are still needed.

The Board instructed the Public Relations Committee to make the Texas supplement to Tips on Reaching the Public the same size as the National publication and to direct the material toward more specific examples of how-to. The publication will be ready for the January Post-Board mailing.

Voter Mrs. Casperson reported that the November Voter will carry four pictures of the Area Conferences and the Water Pollution Board consensus. The February Voter will be a Pre-Council Voter. The deadline for the material will be January 29, 1965. This Voter will carry a picture of Governor Connally (if he accepts the Council invitation), an agenda for the Council meeting, the Council speakers, and a report on the results of the Selection and Tenure of Appellate Judges study.

Publications Mrs. Anderson will include a paragraph in the Post-Board Report on suggestions for using the Program Flip Chart and Voters Key. She also will send the local Leagues suggestions on setting up local subscription services.

Voters Service Mrs. Prashner reported that 150,000 Voters Guides have been delivered. Other than those to the local Leagues, copies have gone to Members-at-Large, service men who have requested them, and bulk mailings to Bryan, El Paso and Seguin. She will have instructions in the Post-Board Report for Poll Tax Collection and Federal Registration. Announcement of the use of the League in the election return reports for ABC-TV will be in the Texas Voter.

Membership Mrs. Freedman said that the "Memo from Mimi" had been well received and will be continued. The State membership flyer will be held for a time; information on use of the National flyer is not available as yet. Mrs. Freedman will remind local Leagues to send in names of prospective members-at-large. The Texas Voter will carry a box, if space is available, to tell the individual of membership-at-large.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. for dinner.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Mrs. Freedman asked the leaders of the Area Conferences to give brief reports. The meetings were generally successful although Galveston had many leave early due to the approaching hurricane and Lubbock had difficulty with the question of Consensus.

Conclusions:

1. That the Leagues be divided on a basis of area the local League serves.
2. That the conferences be planned far enough in advance that the State Board has time to approve all material.

A compilation of the individual evaluations from the Area Conferences will be made.

Field Service

San Angelo Mrs. Brock will visit the San Angelo group Tuesday, October 20, 1964; the community has been informed of the status of the present League. Mrs. Brock will make clear to the group that if the League is to continue in San Angelo it will have to meet Recognition Standards for local Leagues.

Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Linehan will meet with them regularly to see that the objectives are accomplished.

Clear Creek Area Mrs. Linehan reported that the Field Service Committee found it impossible to organize a League at this time on the basis of the area suggested. The area encompasses two counties, has no one incorporated town large enough to support a League. The area is surrounded by organized local Leagues (Baytown, Dickinson, Houston, La Marque, Pasadena, and Texas City). The Committee recommended:

1. Mrs. Brown write to Mrs. Kamrath, Mrs. Mares, and Mrs. Perryman thanking them for their efforts and asking for the list of interested women.
2. A meeting of the Board of the Leagues in the area with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Linehan to explore possibilities for the whole area.
3. A meeting of the interested women of Clear Creek with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Linehan.

After a lengthy discussion of the request, the Board accepted the Committee recommendations.

Bell County Mrs. Braunagel reported on the disheartening experiences of the Bell County organizational meeting. There was no Provisional League formed in Bell County as only 19 paid dues and a Board of only 5 was elected. After the Presidential Elections, Mrs. Braunagel will answer a request for a meeting in Belton and explore further attempts at organization in Bell County.

El Paso Mrs. Linehan reported a visit to El Paso; 35 women were present at a coffee to ask questions about the League. ~~They were told~~ that they would need 75 members to become a Provisional League and have to have a Provisional status for

The Bd decided

2 years; they would need a membership of 125 to obtain recognition as a local League.

Mrs. Ballard moved that we proceed with the organization of a League in El Paso. Mrs. Anderson seconded; CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

SECOND SESSION - Friday, October 16

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Mrs. Frank Rourk was also present; Mrs. Brown presided.

State-Local Relations Mrs. Pettis reported that the committee on State-Local Relations suggested the following questions as guides toward consensus on the item:

1. Should the League of Women Voters of Texas work toward a local government article in the Texas Constitution? If so, what provisions should it contain?
(discussion questions to follow)
2. What kinds of local government structure would allow sufficient flexibility to provide adequate and efficient services?
3. If county government structure is to be changed what administrative functions should the county be responsible for?
4. What procedures do you recommend for fiscal practices, management and planning for local government units?

Each question would be followed by suggested discussion questions; a list of reference material would also accompany the questions. The reference material is already in the files of the local Leagues. The Board gave its approval of the questions.

Texas Constitutional Revision - The committee on Texas Constitutional Revision will up-date the Texas Constitutional Review. Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Pollard will work on the booklet as a whole. Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Nolle and Mrs. Murphree will re-write the three chapters that need complete revision. Mrs. Brock will work on the cover for the booklet and the Briefcase, coordinating the two. Texas Constitutional Review will be ready for approval at the January Board meeting. Briefcase should be ready for January distribution; Mrs. Anderson will have it printed.

Mrs. Casperson will explore the possibility of Senator Blanchard introducing a bill for Constitutional Revision and also ask for his suggestion for someone to sponsor it in the House of Representatives.

The Committee will contact Senator Kazen about the possibility of introducing an amendment to the bill that passed the 58th Legislature; the bill gave authorization for making the Texas Statues machine retrievable. The amendment would do the same for the Texas Constitution.

Selection and Tenure Mrs. May reported the successful mock jury trial held in Brownsville. She also reported the problem of the San Antonio chairman with articles for the newspaper on Selection and Tenure of Appellate Judges. The articles gave only one side and therefore could not be published.

Election Laws -Mrs. Nolle reported that it is possible that the following bills will be introduced in the 59th Legislature:

- Voter Registration
- Poll Tax Repeal Amendment
- Liberalizing Residence Amendment
- X-marking Ballot

Legislative contact will be made with the Legislators who sponsored the bills in the previous session to find out what they are planning.

Mrs. Prashner will take over this portfolio; she will mention the availability of the Handbook for Texas Voters in her Post-Board Report.

Local Program Mrs. Braunagel reported the Indiana book "How To ---Choose, Research, and Present" will go out in the Post-Board mailing with a cover letter explaining that the supplement will come later to be stapled to it. She will start an inventory on the subject of Schools immediately.

National Program The Committee submitted the following wording for the consensus on the Water Pollution Control Board:

"The League of Women Voters of Texas believes that the Texas Water Pollution Control Board is a step toward effective coordination of water pollution control effort. The League will support measures to strengthen the Board through

- 1) adequate legislative appropriation
- 2) adequate organizational structure
- 3) building citizen understanding of enforcement procedures."

26 Leagues met the September 15th deadline, 4 regretted, and 4 were not heard from.

Mrs. Prashner moved we accept the wording as presented for the consensus. Mrs. Joor seconded; CARRIED. The consensus will be in the November Voter.

The Board granted permission for Mrs. Joor to have reprints of the two Newspaper articles from the Houston Post which summarize Governor Connally's plans for the Texas Water Survey included in the Post-Board mailing.

Legislative - Mrs. Nolle requested that copies of the Legislative Outlook and Legislative and Program Action, used in the Area Conferences be made available to local Leagues. These will go out with a cover letter in the Post-Board mailing.

Mrs. Pettis moved that we authorize the use of an answering service with listing in the directory for the Legislative Chairman for the Legislative Session. Seconded by Mrs. Brock; CARRIED.

Mrs. Nolle will send the local Leagues questions and tips for interviewing with the Legislative Opinion Report which is to be returned to the State Office by December 15.

National Municipal League - Mrs. Brock moved that we send two delegates to the National Municipal League Conference in San Francisco. Mrs. Ziegler seconded; CARRIED.

Mrs. Joor moved that Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Casperson be named as the delegates. Seconded by Mrs. Prashner; CARRIED.

Mrs. Pettis moved that Mrs. May be named as an alternate. Seconded by Mrs. Ballard. CARRIED.

Bylaws - The National Board Report contained a request for suggested changes in the Bylaws. Mrs. Pollard requested that the Board members re-read both State and National Bylaws and make suggestions by January Board Meeting.

January Board Meeting - Mrs. Brown reminded the Board that the January Board Meeting will be in Austin at the Driskill Hotel, January 12 to 14, 1965.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Lucia Pollard

Mrs. T. A. Pollard, Secretary.

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MINUTES

State Board Meeting
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WEDNESDAY June 17, 1964

Meetings were held from 1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 7:30 to 1:00 A.M. of the following State Board Committees: Publications, Selection and Tenure, National Program, Public Relations, Voters Service, Election Laws, Legislative, State and Local Relations, Voter, Texas Constitutional Revision, Finance, Local Program, Membership and Units, Field Service, and Presidents' Council.

THURSDAY, June 18, 1964

The State Board was called to order at 9:00 A. M. by Mrs. Maurice Brown, president, at the Carrousel Motor Inn, Waco, following committee meetings held Wednesday afternoon and evening. The following members were present:

Mrs. Charles Anderson
Mrs. D. A. Ballard
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. James H. Brock
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
Mrs. Robert Casperson
Mrs. Raymond Freedman

Mrs. William Joor, II
Mrs. C. M. Linehan
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. T. A. Pollard
Mrs. E. S. Prashner
Mrs. Samuel Ziegler

Mrs. Wilson Nolle was absent, visiting her mother in New Hampshire.

The President reported that Mrs. George Boller was recuperating satisfactorily from her recent heart attack.

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Appointment: Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Francis B. May be appointed to the State Board. Seconded and carried. Mrs. May joined the meeting. *Mrs. May was assigned the portfolio of CA II*

Minutes - Pre-Convention Corrections to the minutes of the Pre-Convention State Board meeting were as follows:

- p. 1 List of Board Members: Mrs. Duncan MacLaren's name was added to the attendance list.
- p. 4 Field Service line 6: change "Belton" to "Temple"

The President declared the Pre-Convention State Board minutes approved as corrected.

Minutes - Convention: Corrections to the Ninth Biennial Convention Minutes were as follows:

- p. 3 Local League Pledges, line 1 change "delegation" to "Delegate"
- p. 8 paragraph 1, line 12 and 13: "fundamental principle to serve today" should read "fundamental principle for today"
- p.10 Announcement, line 3: delete "attendance at the National Convention" add "proposed National Program"

- p. 13 paragraph 1, line 7: correct spelling "Brockhauser" to "Brockhausen"
last line: insert "before" after "consensus"
- p. 14 paragraph 3, line 4: correct spelling "Lowell" to Lowe..

The President declared the Convention Minutes approved as corrected.

Minutes - Post-Convention: Corrections to the Post-Convention Minutes were as follows:

- p. 1 Board Organization: Third committee "Legislative" is also serving as "Election Laws"
- p. 2 Evaluation of Convention: Fifth suggestion add the sentence
"There is a need to explain the kinds of caucus."
- p. 5 Voter, paragraph 2, line 1: change "Mrs. Casperson plans for the
November Voter to be" to "Mrs. Casperson suggested the November
Voter might be"
- p. 7 Voter Registration, paragraph 1: change "Legislative Committee" to
"Election Laws Committee (CR II)"
- paragraph 2, line 1: change "Her Committee" to
"Legislative Committee"
- p. 8 Calendar, line 7: change "Waco" to "Austin"
- Convention

The President declared the minutes of the Post/Board Meeting approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Baden reported cash on hand as of June 10, 1964 was \$10,253.14. Her quarterly report for Board members was placed on file. Mrs. Baden moved that we send the National Board \$5075.00 of our \$10,075.00 pledge for fiscal 1964. The motion was seconded and carried. She reported that \$31.50 had been received from National for travel equalization to the National Convention.

Nominating Committee The President asked for Board nominations for the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Braunagel suggested someone serving on Field Service serve; she, therefore nominated Mrs. C.M. Linehan. Mrs. Murphree nominated Mrs. Irving Pettis. Mrs. Brock moved the nominations cease and the nominees be elected by acclamation. Seconded; CARRIED.

Convention Site Report Mrs. Braunagel reported that the committee felt that the location should be central this year since it had not been in the last two years. She therefore moved that Fort Worth be the Convention site in 1966. Seconded; CARRIED. "Thank-you" notes will be written to all Leagues offering Convention sites.

Mrs. Brown appointed Mrs. Freedman Convention Chairman.

Budget Mrs. Ballard requested Field Service Consultants make an evaluation of pledges from the individual local Leagues for which they are responsible. This evaluation will be made on a knowledge of the League and a formula suggested on page 2 in "Report from Pittsburgh" from Mrs. Brown..

Mrs. Brown pointed out that National Services will be increased this year, and she proposed that we increase the 1965 pledge to meet National Board's request; if we expect local Leagues to meet our State requests, we can do no less.

The Budget Chairman and Finance Chairman were asked to have plans ready by the October Board Meeting for face-to-face meetings with local Leagues to help them to understand what services they are receiving for their money to State and National, and to help them with their Finance drives and their Budget planning.

Convention Surplus The auditor, Cameron M. Talbert, Jr., recommended that the League set aside a fund to be used to take care of pre-convention expenses and emergencies connected with conventions.

A discussion of a separate convention fund followed. Prepayment of registration fees, with time limit on cancellation and refund, was suggested.

Several uses for the convention surplus were suggested:

1. Establish account for a convention fund
2. Send two delegates to National Municipal League Conference in San Francisco
3. Give travel equalization to Area Conferences

A decision on the use of this surplus will be made at the October State Board Meeting.

Area Workshops Mrs. Freedman moved that we have area workshops this year. Seconded.

Discussion followed as to whether the State Board and the local Leagues were spreading themselves too thin and trying to cover too much. Several proposals for workshop timing, content, areas, material were made.

Mrs. Anderson moved to amend the motion to read that we have area workshops this Fall planned as overnight sessions. Seconded; CARRIED. The original motion was then voted on and CARRIED.

Mrs. Brown appointed a committee to make plans for these workshops and present them at the Board meeting on Friday, June 19:

Mrs. Freedman, Chairman
Mrs. Brock
Mrs. Linehan

Mrs. Braunagel will be in charge of physical arrangements for the workshops.

The meeting recessed at 12:20 for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:40 P. M. Mrs. Donald Beck, Executive Secretary of the League of Women Voters of Texas, was present. Mrs. Brown presided.

Field Service Mrs. Linehan reported that the Field Service Committee had met the night before and since most of the Board had been present there would be only brief reports given at this time.

Galveston Mrs. Braunagel will visit the Galveston League in July and they will have Board Training in the Fall.

Amarillo Amarillo has 36 members now; their finance drive is almost finished. They have a calendar made for the coming year; they are planning 2 membership meetings a month.

San Angelo Mrs. Brock will definitely make contact with San Angelo in August; things do not look well at present.

Beaumont and South Jefferson County These Leagues have not been visited. Mrs. Linehan will talk with the off-Board Consultant about them when she is in Houston. They will be visited in July.

San Antonio San Antonio had a local Board Training session and will not have a ~~Field Service~~ visit until Fall.

Bell County *St. B. Training* This group is not ready yet to be organized as a Provisional League.

Policy Sheet The Board reviewed the June 1963 Policy Sheet.

Field Service Mrs. Joor moved that the first sentence of the second paragraph under Field Service be changed to read: "Every local League should have Board training and Orientation annually given by a Field Service Consultant who is, preferably, a member of another League." Seconded. CARRIED; 8 for and 6 against.

The State Budget Mrs. Anderson moved that the clause "unless they be attending Convention or Council as a local League Delegate" be added to the fifth paragraph of the Bud get section. Seconded; CARRIED.

Board Meetings Mrs. Murphree moved the last sentence of the first paragraph under Board Meetings be changed to read: "The written reports of Board members to be included in the pre-Board meeting mailing shall be in the State Office at the time designated by the President." Seconded; CARRIED.

The committee recommended that the sentence "They shall have the responsibility of planning the Agenda for each Board meeting." be added to the third paragraph under Board Meetings. The recommendation died for lack of a motion.

Board and Committee Meeting Expenses Mrs. Pettis moved that travel mileage allowance be changed from "6¢ per mile" to "8¢ per mile" and that the meals allowance of "\$4.00 per day" be changed to "\$4.50 per day," to go into effect April 1, 1965. Seconded. CARRIED with one opposing vote.

Mrs. Linehan moved that the sentence "Single room rate shall be paid for those traveling alone on official League business." be added to the Hotel section. Seconded; CARRIED.

Mrs. Linehan moved that the sentence "Expenses for out-of-state meetings shall be paid at the above rates, except that \$7.00 per day shall be allowed for meals." be added to the section. Seconded; CARRIED.

Board Member Files Mrs. Linehan moved that "Field Service reports shall be destroyed at the end of each League year, except for those in the files of the Field Service Vice President and in the State Office. The Consultant's file on a specific League shall be kept intact for 2 years." be added to the section. Seconded; CARRIED.

Parliamentarian Mrs. Linehan moved that the words "by the President" be inserted after the word appointed in the section. Seconded; CARRIED.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Policy Sheet as amended be adopted; The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

Finance Mrs. Ziegler reported that 22 finance chairmen have reported on their drives.

The Finance History of the Local Leagues (5 year) will go in the September Standing Order mailing. She hopes to build up the Finance picture with a write-up of the Lubbock member who is in the National Hall of Fame, with little meetings of Finance and the Budget, and with Voter fill-ins.

She will prepare a list of National Firms contributing in Texas for the local Leagues to use.

Membership Mrs. Freedman presented a membership flyer for the local Leagues to use. After discussion it was decided that this would be an excellent tool to introduce at Presidents' Council in the Spring.

Mrs. Pettis moved that the State Membership Chairman be given permission to send memos directly to the local Membership Chairmen with carbon copies to the local Presidents. Seconded; CARRIED.

The Membership Chairman will start a lending Library of skit scripts, probably using an off-Board member to handle it.

Mrs. Freedman will write a letter to the 60 interested women in El Paso inviting them to be members-at-large. A decision on organizing a League in El Paso will wait for the committee report on Field Staff.

Evaluation of new Field Service Approach The use of more Board members on Field Service has on the whole been successful; there are a few things that can be improved. Face-to-face training of Field Service personnel seems to be a necessity.

Mrs. Brown turned the meeting over to the Vice President in charge of Program, Mrs. Harold Murphree.

Local Program Mrs. Braunagel reported this portfolio is just being organized. A list of current agendas of the local Leagues will be compiled immediately. A start on an inventory of subjects covered in depth by local Leagues will be made; probably the first subjects will be schools and forms of city government.

Mrs. Casperson moved that the Local Program Chairman be authorized to order copies of "How To -- Choose, Research, and Present" (published by the Indiana League of Women Voters) in quantity needed and prepare a supplement to go in them. Seconded; CARRIED

Mrs. Murphree moved that the Local Program Chairman subscribe to "Civic Review" (\$5) from the National Municipal League. Seconded; CARRIED.

National Program Mrs. Joor reported that an article has been written on the Water Pollution Control Board to go in the July Texas VOTER.

A discussion of the Dallas VOTER article on the Water Pollution consensus was discussed. The National Program Chairman was instructed to write a letter to the Dallas League in answer to their letter stating that they did not plan to study the Water Pollution Control Board nor reach a consensus. The letter was to point out:

1. They have an obligation to inform their members on the subject.
2. Many Leagues have scheduled summer meetings and these meetings have been successful.
3. Notice that this study was planned and material would be sent to the local

Leagues was in the January Board Report.

4. Wording in the Dallas VOTER article was not objective.

The Post-Board mailing will include an article on the Water Pollution Control Board and a memo to the Chairmen for National Item I (Development of Human Resources) suggesting planning for the year.

Mrs. Joor was instructed to write to the Victoria and San Antonio Leagues to ascertain if there is an interest in a joint meeting to discuss their mutual river-basin problems.

The pages in the National Convention Workbook which summarize the past two years' work will be reproduced for those local Leagues which did not have a delegate at National Convention.

The State delegates to National Convention explained that evaluation sheets had been sent to the National Board on the National Convention. After some discussion the State Board decided this was all that was necessary and the letters to State Board members from the delegates would be confidential. *reports*

State-Local Relations Mrs. Anderson moved that we not support HJR8 (amendment concerning Conservation and Reclamation). Seconded; CARRIED.

Local Leagues may take a stand on a Special District item if:

1. They have had a local item on their current agenda and come to consensus.
2. They ask permission of State Board.
3. A State Board member works with them on the subject.

Mrs. Pettis will write a memo to be included in the Post-Board mailing explaining this.

The State-Local Relations Committee recommended that the May issue of Comment with the article "Texas Urban Governments: Some Recent Developments" be sent to local League Presidents and State Board members.

Selection and Tenure Mrs. May reported that there was an article in the May Texas VOTER on Selection and Tenure of Appellate Judges and there will also be articles in the July and September issues.

A copy of the State Bar Bulletin containing article entitled "Lawyers, Laymen Call for Unified Court System with Modern Operational Methods" with a cover letter will go out in the Post-Board mailing.

Mrs. May stated that a determined effort has been made to give both sides of the issue and since the pros are more vocal than the cons this has been difficult; some available material will not be sent to the local Leagues because it has been impossible to balance it with material from the opposing side.

Mrs. May received permission to duplicate four articles from the "Texas Observer"; written respectively by Judge W. St. John Garwood,, Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert, Prof. Charles Alan Wright, and Prof. Ernest Goldstein. These will be sent to the local Leagues with a cover letter.

The consensus statements and the study questions will be sent out in August.

Texas Constitutional Revision Mrs. Ballard reported that the TCR "Digest" is ready to go to the Texas Constitutional Revision Committee for approval.

The Board gave approval for the committee to send copies of the present Texas Constitutional Review booklet to various friends of the League for suggestions (changes, additions, etc.). Such men as Dr. J. William Davis of Texas Technological College and Dr. J. M. Claunch of Southern Methodist University were suggested.

A new version of "Briefcase" was discussed and will be ready for approval at the October Board meeting.

The Post-Board letter will inform the local Leagues that we are working on a bill to be introduced in this legislature working toward Constitutional Revision. The bill sets up a 12-man committee:

3	"	"	"	Speaker
3	"	"	"	Lieut. Governor
3	"	"	"	Supreme Court

The bill is being typed to go to Lieut. Governor Preston Smith. It had to be re-written in order to include designation of the Texas Research League to do the research.

Approval of the Board was given to write Governor Connally and commend him on his statements to the 1964 Governors' Conference.

Election Laws Mrs. Murphree reported for Mrs. Nolle that the Election Laws "Digest" will be ready for mailing in the Post-Board mailing.

Legislative The Legislative committee will contact the original sponsors of the Permanent Personal Registration Bill to see if there is any intention of introducing a new bill at this session. (Representatives: Travis Peeler, Corpus Christi and Robert Eckhart, Houston; Senators Abraham Kazen, Laredo and Franklin Spears, San Antonio).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P. M.

FRIDAY, June 19, 1964

The meeting was reconvened at 8:45 A. M. All members were present except Mrs. Nolle. Mrs. Donald Beck and Mrs. Frank Rourk were also present. Mrs. Brown presided.

Expanded Field Service The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of adding a paid Field Staff member.

Advantages: Always be available for training of Field personnel
Investigate all requests for new Leagues
Sustained attention to "trouble spots"
Organize new Leagues, particularly in "white spots"

Disadvantages: Additional cost of salary and expenses
An alternative would be to give this assignment to a Board member.

Mrs. Linehan moved that we initiate a plan to have a paid Field Staff person. Seconded; CARRIED; 11 for, 3 opposed, 1 abstained.

Mrs. Brown appointed a committee to bring a tentative plan to the October Board meeting:
Mrs. Joor, Chairman
Mrs. Ziegler
Mrs. Pollard

Area Workshops How to ~~organize and operate~~ ^{carry through program in the} a local League.

Tentative schedule:

First day -	11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon	Registration
	12:00 noon to 1:00 P. M.	Lunch
	1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P. M.	Organization - appoint committee chairmen, organize committees, plan calendar for year.
	3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P. M.	Unit discussion
	7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P. M.	Dinner
	8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P. M.	Consensus

Second day - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Action

Tentative set-ups for Area Workshops are:

<u>Board personnel</u>		<u>Location</u>
Mrs. Murphree	Mrs. Pollard	Victoria
Mrs. Brown	Mrs. Braunagel	Temple
Mrs. Brock	Mrs. Casperson	Richardson
Mrs. Linehan	Mrs. Pettis	Galveston
Mrs. Freedman	Mrs. Ziegler	Lubbock

There was a discussion of the subject matter to be used. It was agreed that a program item would be more meaningful than a hypothetical subject; therefore a subject from State-Local Relations will be chosen.

VOTER Mrs. Casperson reported that the July VOTER was at the printers and would be mailed right away. A request had been included that any Leaguer visiting the World's Fair during Women Voters Week September 13-19 let the State Office know before hand.

The September VOTER will carry an article on Selection and Tenure of Appellate Judges. Mrs. Brown's letter will call attention to the deadline on the Water Pollution Control Board consensus. It will also remind the Leagues of Women Voters Week. The group picture of the State Board with an article on the services rendered will be in this issue.

The November VOTER will have a short pre-legislative article. The President's letter will give Council dates, report on the results of the Water Pollution Control Board consensus, and mention Budget making.

Voter Service Mrs. Prashner will have an order blank for the Fall Voters Guides in the Post-Board mailing. There will be answers from the candidates from all political parties on the State Ballot (Democratic, Republican, Conservative and Constitution) in the Guide. The Voters Service Committee will decide whether the amendments will be presented in the Voters Guide as "pros and cons" or as "an explanation....what each amendment will do if passed..."

Each League will receive a copy of "Three Constitutional Amendments Analyzed" by the Texas Legislative Council with a cover letter explaining that this analysis is as objective as anything the League could do.

Mrs. Ballard moved that the Voters Service Chairman send Voters Service material to non-League areas, both to the candidates and to the newspapers. Seconded; CARRIED.

The Voters Guides should be available by the end of September. They will include a map of Texas with a membership form to be returned to the State Office for those interested in membership.

Presidents' Council - Tentative schedule

March 23, 1965	Afternoon session:	Presidents' workshop Program presentation Legislative briefing
	Evening	Dinner.... National Municipal League speaker with panel to comment on talk
March 24	7:30 A. M.	Legislative breakfast
	Morning session	Visit Legislature
	12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Tour State buildings
	1:00 - 2:00 P.M.	Lunch at Texas Employment Commission cafeteria
	Afternoon	Divide into small groups and visit the Senators in their offices
		Visit the Governor's mansion
	Evening	Dinner - Mrs. Lyndon Johnson will be asked to speak and will be made an honorary member-at-large. (If Mrs. Johnson cannot accept, Governor Connally or Mrs. Robert J. Stuart will be asked)
March 25	7:45 A. M.	Presidents' breakfast
	9:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Program direction Budgets Legislative Action Caravan to Colorado (Some time during this period there will be a short break for Brunch)

Public Relations Mrs. Brock will try to have by November 1st a supplement to the National publication "Tips on Reaching the Public", encouraging the local Leagues to use this publication. This supplement will be in four sections:

1. a. What is Public Relations?
b. What are you selling?
2. a. Two heads are better than one.
b. Start with the member....each member.
3. a. Tools to use... press, TV, radio.
b. Speak-up (Speaker's Bureau).
4. a. Best defense is good offense.
b. Antidotes for the antis.

Mrs. Brock will write to the manager of the Texas Pavilion at the World's Fair and arrange publicity during Women Voters Week (September 13-19) and particularly on September 17th, League of Women Voters Day at the Fair; Mrs. Ballard will be at the Fair on that day. Mrs. Brock will also write to "What's My Line" and try to get the State President on the program.

Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Prashner will collaborate on a Post-Board report. They will encourage the local Leagues for best public relations:

- to use new ideas at their county Fairs
- to use the red-white-and blue National Voter
- to use the State Voters Guides

They will also request the local Leagues to send State Office an up-to-date list of the opinion-makers in their communities.

Publications Mrs. Anderson will get out a monthly publications report which will show what the individual Leagues are receiving in the way of publications.

She had the dummy for the new program Flip Chart. The material to go in it must be in to her by August 1st and the chart will be ready for mailing to the Leagues September 1st.

The new publications catalog will be ready for mailing in the October Post-Board mailing. She requested that each Board member check the particular section covered by her portfolio and make comments to her not later than August 1st.

Mrs. Anderson's Post-Board report will inform the Leagues when the new catalog will be available.

Post-Board Report Each member reviewed the item she expected to furnish for the Post-Board Report; the deadline for the reports and memos will be June 26th. Mrs. Brown was requested to tell the Leagues in her letter of the plan to expand Field Service and the planned Area Conferences.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Lucia Pollard

Mrs. T. A. Pollard, Secretary

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MINUTES

Post-Convention State Board Meeting
Corpus Christi, Texas
March 19 and 20, 1964

FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 19

Following the Ninth Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas and the special work sessions held by the Vice-Presidents, the state Board met for its first session at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Maurice H. Brown presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. W. D. Baden
Mrs. D. A. Ballard
Mrs. James H. Brock
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
Mrs. Robert E. Casperson
Mrs. Raymond Freedman

Mrs. William E. Joor, II
Mrs. C. M. Linehan
Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. T. A. Pollard
Mrs. E. S. Prashner

Mrs. Colin Macdonald, former Board member, was present for this session, and was also available for individual conferences until Friday noon. Mrs. Brown called the meeting to order.

Appointments: Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, Mrs. Irving Pettis, and Mrs. Samuel E. Ziegler be appointed to the state Board. The motion was seconded and carried. These members then joined the meeting.

Mrs. Brown welcomed all members of the Board.

Board Organization: The Vice-Presidents have the following major areas of responsibility:

First Vice-President . . .	Mrs. Linehan	Field Service
Second Vice-President . .	Mrs. Murphree	Program Coordinator
Third Vice-President . . .	Mrs. Casperson	Public Relations

Mrs. Brown named the following standing committees:

State-Local Relations	Mrs. Pettis, chairman Mrs. Braunagel Mrs. Freedman
Texas Constitutional Revision	Mrs. Ballard, chairman Mrs. Brock Mrs. Pollard
Legislative Elections Laws	Mrs. Nolle, chairman Mrs. Anderson Mrs. Prashner
National Program	Mrs. Joor, chairman Mrs. Baden Mrs. Ziegler

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Voters Service	Mrs. Prashner, chairman Mrs. Ballard Mrs. Ziegler
Public Relations	Mrs. Brock, chairman Mrs. Braunagel Mrs. Joor
Membership & Units	Mrs. Freedman, chairman Mrs. Anderson Mrs. Pettis
Finance	Mrs. Ziegler, chairman Mrs. Baden Mrs. Nolle
Publications	Mrs. Anderson, chairman Mrs. Ballard Mrs. Freedman
Local Program	Mrs. Braunagel, chairman Mrs. Brock Mrs. Pollard
Voter	Mrs. Casperson, chairman Mrs. Joor Mrs. Prashner

Evaluation of Convention The Board concurred that there was excellent participation at the Convention and that there was much prior preparation by the delegates; the Convention was successful.

Suggestions to be considered for the next convention:

Recognize the local League Presidents in some way.

Provide free time for delegates to exchange ideas and discuss problems with each other or with state Board members.

Label delegations in such a way that everyone can recognize their home location.

Provide bulletin board at entrance to Convention Hall for posting information and notices.

Include in Convention Kits tips on how to caucus. (List room numbers of caucus groups on bulletin board.)

Eliminate luncheon with speaker; probably free time could be used more advantageously.

Since afternoon session on program discussions dragged switch little meetings to the afternoon and program discussions to morning.

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Board Orientation Mrs. Macdonald stressed that each Board member is now a representative of all Leagues of Texas and it is her responsibility to stay informed by reading local League Voters and reports. In order for the Board to function efficiently and smoothly it is the responsibility of each member to keep all others informed on her activities. This means copies of every letter to State Office, to each member of her committee, and to the vice-president in charge of that area, and an added copy to State Board member of local League in case local League correspondence.

In preparation for state Board meetings, it is each individual's responsibility to:

- (1) Get written report in to State Office by pre-Board mailing deadline
- (2) Make prior request for time needed on agenda
- (3) Read all reports before Board meeting.

(Mrs. Macdonald's complete orientation report is on file in State Office.)

The Board adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 20

After attending committee meetings on Friday morning, state Board members reconvened at 1:30 p.m. at the Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi. All members were present; Mrs. Anderson had to leave at 3 p.m. Mrs. Donald Beck, Executive Secretary of the League of Women Voters of Texas was also present. Mrs. Brown presided.

Post-Convention Letter to local Leagues Mrs. Brown set April 3 as the deadline for items from the state Board members for the post-Board mailing. The mailing will go out about April 10.

Field Service Mrs. Linehan reported that the Field Service Committee met for training and assignments. She recommended that every person doing field service have training before going to the local Leagues. The state has been divided into two parts: Mrs. Ziegler will be responsible for the northern group and Mrs. Braunagel for the southern. The field assignments will be:

Northern Group
(Mrs. Ziegler)

	League	Individual assigned
West:	Abilene	Brock
	Amarillo	Casperson
	Lubbock	Linehan
	Midland	Casperson
	Odessa	Casperson
	San Angelo	Brock
Central:	Corsicana	Ziegler
	Dallas	Linehan
	Denton	Freedman
	Fort Worth	Schwind
	Irving	Ziegler
	Longview	Freedman
	Richardson	Ziegler
	Tyler	Freedman
	Waco	Ziegler

Southern Group
(Mrs. Braunagel)

	League	Individual assigned
South Central:	Austin	Prashner
	Corpus Christi	Murphree
	San Antonio	Linehan
	San Marcos	Braunagel
	Temple	Braunagel
	Victoria	Murphree
Valley:	Brownsville	Pollard
	Edinburg	Pollard
	Harlingen	Pollard
Gulf:	Baytown	Perryman
	Beaumont	Kamrath
	Dickinson	Mendell
	Freeport	Pollard
	Galveston	Braunagel
	Houston	Linehan
	Lake Jackson	Pollard
	La Marque	Mendell
	Pasadena	Murphree
	South Jefferson County	Kamrath
	Texas City	Mendell

Board approval was given for Mrs. Linehan to approach, Mrs. J. D. Perryman, Mrs. Karl Kamrath, Mrs. David Mendell, and Mrs. Carl Schwind as off-Board personnel to help in field service. Mrs. Braunagel will ask Mrs. Blanche Saunders to help in Temple.

Voters Service Mrs. Prashner reported that the Tyler League will have a mat made (for \$52) for the use of the newspapers in that area to reproduce the April Voter's Guide. She was instructed to look into the possibility of duplicate mats for use of newspapers over the state--particularly in non-League areas--for the November Guide. Board gave approval for the November Guide which will include pros and cons on three amendments to the State Constitution. Mrs. Prashner was instructed to send President Johnson a State Voter's Guide and to suggest to the San Marcos League that they send him a local Guide since he will be voting in Hays County.

Publications Mrs. Anderson will send Board members instructions to follow for efficiency in having material edited and published, including kind of paper to use, deadlines and time to allow for editing, printing, and mimeographing.

Public Relations Mrs. Brock will remind local Leagues to use Voters Service Posters in a memo to be included in the post-Board mailing.

A press release will accompany Voter's Guides to local Leagues in April. The Public Relations Committee recommended a supplement to the National League publication "Tips on Reaching the Public" for local Public Relation chairmen with practical suggestions for their use. This could include an example of a press release, the Texas approach to a public relations problem, and other suggestions.

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Mrs. Casperson moved we give the Public Relations Chairman permission to prepare a supplement to National's "Tips on Reaching the Public". Seconded and carried.

A request to the local Leagues to give State Office a list of opinion-makers in their area (with notes of important information as to stand, opposition, etc. on each individual) will go in the June post-Board mailing.

Voter Mrs. Casperson gave out forms and requested a biographical sketch on individual Board members to be returned by March 21. She then presented the plans for the Post-Convention Voter (April). The front page will include convention pictures, State Program as adopted, articles on awards of recognition, and recognition of San Marcos as a new League. The inside and back pages will carry the adopted budget, roll call of legislators on voting important to the League, announcement of state Board delegates to National Convention, new appointments to state Board, and Board assignments.

Mrs. Casperson ^{suggested} plans for the November Voter ^{might} to be a repeat of the spotlight of local League Voter of last year.

Mrs. Murphree requested that each Voter carry an article on "peripheral information"--current happenings related to League program.

The Board members were requested to send filler material to be used in small spaces between articles.

Membership Mrs. Freedman reported the Membership and Units committee wishes some time at Presidents' Council (not a whole workshop). A membership memo will be in the July mailing to remind the local Leagues of a membership drive. Membership is to be a year-round project. She will get suggestions to the Leagues as how to use:

- (1) New members
- (2) Placement cards
- (3) Orientation meetings
- (4) Skits-permission to use and copies of the skits used at convention and others will be made available.

The Committee will study the member-at-large problem and attempt to find ways of giving her better service and of interesting more potential members.

Budget Mrs. Brown appointed Mrs. Ballard as budget chairman, and asked for recommendations for the two non-Board members of the Budget Committee. The following names were presented:

Mrs. William Walter, Denton
Mrs. W. F. Merritt, Brownsville
Mrs. Charles E. Jones, Jr., Odessa
Mrs. George Heather, Lubbock
Mrs. Joseph Cragin, Dallas

Mrs. Nolle moved the President be empowered to contact off-Board members, in the order designated, for the Budget Committee. Seconded and carried.

National Convention

Book Stall Mrs. Linehan reported that a book stall was planned for display at the National Convention. National Board has stated that the number of publications may not exceed ten in variety, and of each variety not more than 25 are to be sold.

The varieties chosen:

Facts and Issues
Who Me? Repeal the Poll Tax?
Voter's Key to 1964
Stamps, "Let's Stick for Permanent Voter Registration"
Speak for the League...and How
Auto stickers: "Repeal Poll Tax"
Prospecting for Gold in Texas
Membership Workshop - Swapshop
Who Me? Go to a Precinct Meeting?

Publications will go on two boards in an interesting arrangement and be permanently affixed. Suggestions were made to make this easy to ship and set-up. Mrs. Nolle moved we authorize Mrs. Linehan to complete a Texas display for National Convention. Seconded and carried.

Delegates Mrs. Baden reported there will be a surplus in the League's account at the close of the fiscal year, March 31; this could be used to send one more delegate to the National Convention. Mrs. Brock moved that, if there is a surplus in the account, we send three delegates to the National Convention. Seconded. The motion carried, with one dissenting vote.

Mrs. Casperson moved that Mrs. Murphree be the second delegate to the National Convention. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Joor be the third delegate. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Linehan be the alternate delegate. Seconded and carried.

Site Selection Committee Mrs. Brown appointed a committee (Mrs. Braunagel, chairman, Mrs. Casperson, and Mrs. Joor) to make recommendation at the June Board meeting for a site for the State Convention in 1966.

State Program

State-Local Relations Mrs. Pettis reported that the State-Local Relations Committee does not recommend that the wording of the State-Local Relations item as adopted by the Convention be changed. Mrs. Pettis moved that the state Board retain the wording of the Current Agenda as adopted by the Convention. Seconded and carried. In discussing the motion it was felt that there was no "ground swell" by the delegates to change the wording and that the suggested change was not just an editorial change.

Mrs. Murphree plans to include an explanation of the plans for work on the State-Local Relations item in the April post-Board letter. Plans are to prepare material consisting of three pamphlets as Facts & Issues:

1. The County that is
2. The County that can be
3. The County that can never be (under present State Constitution)

The third pamphlet would be directed toward consensus.

Mrs. Murphree moved that the State-Local Relations Committee be given the authority to use off-Board members in preparing material. Seconded and carried.

Selection and Tenure Mrs. Murphree moved that the work on the Selection and Tenure of Appellate Judges be handled by an off-Board committee supervised by the program vice-president. Seconded and carried.

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An available bibliography will be sent to the local Leagues as soon as it can be checked to be certain that both sides are included: this will probably be mailed in June.

A series of articles on the subject will be prepared for the Texas Voter.

The Board approved Mrs. Nolle and Mrs. George Boller (off-Board) to represent the League at the April 16-18th meeting of the Conference on Judicial Selection and Tenure in Austin.

The local Leagues will receive reprints of published material (both pro and con); this material is to be selected by the committee. A one-page outline and questions for consensus will be included with the material; a reply deadline of December 15th was set.

Texas Constitutional Revision Mrs. Ballard reported that there will be a one-page up-dating of the "Digest" immediately. The Texas Constituional Review will also be up-dated.

The Texas Constituional Revision Committee suggests that non-Board members be used to up-date sections of Texas Constitutional Revision. The Board concurred with the Committee that the revision should not contain League opinion because that would limit its use. Mrs. Ballard was instructed to find someone (preferably a League member) to do the up-dating and to report to the June Board meeting.

As a beginning toward a Constitutional Convention, Dr. J. William Davis (Convention Speaker) is contacting Mr. Alvin Burger, Executive Director of Texas Research League, to learn whether they will undertake the research. The League of Women Voters will work to obtain the necessary money (a grant of spproximately \$100,000 will be needed.)

The Board agreed that articles on how Michigan obtained a Constitutional Convention should go in the Texas Voter.

Mrs. Murphree moved that the Legislative Chairman proceed with plans to help the local Leagues develop rapport with their legislators. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 20

The evening session convened at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Brown presiding. All members were present except Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Beck was also present.

Voter Registration Mrs. Nolle reported the ^{El Paso League} Legislative Committee plans to ask the local Leagues to report on the confusion at the polls caused by the two types of voter registration, and report to her after May 2nd Primaries. In her request she will suggest several things for the local Leagues to observe. The request will be in the April post-Board mailing. (C.R.T.)

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~~Her Committee~~ will have suggestions to go in the June mailing for getting acquainted with prospective legislators.

Mrs. Brock moved that the state Board publish a 1964-66 State Program Flip Chart. Seconded and carried. Two thousand are to be ready by September 1, 1964.

Water Pollution Mrs. Joor reported that a report from the Water Pollution Control Board will be in the April post-Board mailing. She read the questions to be sent the local Leagues for consensus.

1. Do we approve the organization and structure of the Water Board?
2. Does the Water Board have adequate enforcement policies?
3. Is the method of financing suitable?
4. Does the Water Board meet the criteria of the League's national position on water resources?

Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board give approval for the questions for consensus on Water Pollution Control Board study. Seconded and carried.

Second Round National Program-Making A discussion of the National Board's new proposal of program structure was held. Mrs. Pettis moved that we accept the program structures as presented by the National Board. Seconded. The motion carried with two negative votes.

There was a lengthy discussion of the National Board's proposed Item I, Equality of Opportunity, based on the criteria:

1. What can we accomplish nationally with item?
2. What can we do as a League in the community with this item?
3. Is there some area in which we would be more effective?

Mrs. Ballard moved that we accept the National Current Agenda as proposed except that we re-title the first item. Seconded. The vote was 7 for, 7 against; the chair ruled the motion lost.

Mrs. Joor moved that we substitute for the Equality of Opportunity item an item on Federal-State relations. Seconded. The motion lost: 7 against, and 6 for.

Mrs. Murphree moved that we substitute A Study of Election Laws and Procedures for the first item on National Current Agenda. Seconded. The motion carried with three negative votes.

Continuing Responsibilities Mrs. Brock moved that the Loyalty-Security item be retained as a Continuing Responsibility. Seconded. The motion lost.

Presidents' Council Mrs. Prashner gave a brief committee report on this subject and then moved that the Presidents' Council meeting be held on March 23-25, 1965 at the Driskill Hotel in Austin. Seconded and carried.

Calendar Board members announced deadlines for work of their committees; from this information Mrs. Brown will prepare the year's calendar, and have it in the April post-Board mailing.

The state Board meetings for the League year are:

June	17-19	Waco
October	13-15	Waco
January	12-14	Waco- <i>austin</i>
March	22-26	Austin (President's Council)

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lucia Pollard
Mrs. T. A. Pollard, Secretary

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MINUTES
Ninth Biennial Convention
Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas
March 17 - 19, 1964

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Sunday evening preceding Convention, members of the state Board were guests of the Corpus Christi Board at a buffet supper in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Burney.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

The Board met in the Driscoll Hotel for its pre-Convention meeting from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

During the evening Board members met incoming delegates at an informal "open house" on the mezzanine of the hotel.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 17

From 8:30 to 1 p.m. delegates and observers registered at the registration desks on the mezzanine. Corpus Christi hostesses offered hospitality and information. Exhibits and publications were displayed in the corridor leading to the convention hall. A sandwich bar was open on the mezzanine from 10:30 to 12:30.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 17 - FIRST CONVENTION SESSION

Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, president, called the first session of the ninth biennial Convention to order at 1 p.m. The president presided.

Mrs. William Liles, president of the Corpus Christi League, and the Honorable James Barnard, M.D., mayor of Corpus Christi, welcomed delegates, observers, and guests to the Convention and the city.

Organization of Convention Mrs. Brown announced the following appointments:

Parliamentarian	Mrs. Rufus Bell
Credentials Chairman	Mrs. Dale Williams
Elections Chairman	Mrs. Eugene Coffey
Resolutions Chairman	Mrs. Charles Gregg
Timekeeper	Mrs. W. D. Baden

The secretary, Mrs. Carl Schwind, announced one change in the published Convention agenda - Mrs. Duncan MacLaren presiding at Tuesday's dinner meeting in place of Mrs. William Joor. She then moved the adoption of the corrected Convention agenda. Seconded. CARRIED.

The secretary referred delegates to their copies of Proposed Convention Rules, then read and explained the following proposed amendment under Voting Procedure:

At any time when a count of votes is necessary or at the discretion of the chairman, a previously appointed teller at each table shall take the vote at her table by show of hands and make a written report of the result of the vote, the report to be signed by the teller and delivered to the chairman of tellers.

Mrs. Schwind moved the adoption of the amended Proposed Convention Rules. Seconded. CARRIED.

Introductions The President introduced to the Convention Mrs. William Morgan of Norman, Oklahoma, director of the League of Women Voters of the United States, and guest of the Texas League. Mrs. Brown next introduced the members of the state Board.

Report of the Secretary The secretary, Mrs. Schwind, announced that the minutes of the Eighth Biennial Convention held in Edinburg in 1962 had been approved by the state Board at the September 1962 Board meeting and were on file in the state office. The president stated that she would, if the Convention permitted, appoint the next state Board as the approval committee for the minutes of the Ninth Biennial Convention. There was no objection.

Preliminary Credentials Report Mrs. Willaims, Credentials chairman, gave the following report to the secretary to be announced: state Board members, 14; parliamentarian, 1; delegates, 166; observers, 4; visitors, 3; press, 1; local League Convention committee, 30; special guests, 3. TOTAL - 222.

Call of Roll by Leagues As the secretary called the roll of the Leagues, the delegations rose and were applauded. Special recognition and congratulations was given the San Marcos delegation by the president and the Convention since the League had been granted local League status in February. Thirty-four Leagues responded to the roll call. Longview was not represented.

President's Report Mrs. Brown in a stirring opening address titled "A Creation of Confidence" gave the Convention a graphic word picture of the League today and issued a simple and direct challenge to delegates to make the League of Women Voters an organization that makes things happen. She set forth five goals and suggested means to accomplish them. The goals: 1) to create confidence rather than suspicion, 2) to spread the work of the League to every corner of Texas, 3) "to rededicate ourselves to the principles not only of the League but of this country," 4) to strive every day, individually and as an organization to carry out more fully the purpose of the League, and 5) to assume responsibility for improving the present moment in which we live. The means and tools are available to the League, she said, and listed a number. These must be used by present leaders to develop dedicated, well-prepared participating members.

Budget Presentation The Budget committee chairman, Mrs. Schwind, introduced committee members; Mrs. Baden, Mrs. Linehan, and Mrs. Brown (ex-officio) of the state Board, and off-Board members Mrs. D. A. Ballard of Lake Jackson and Mrs. Walter Lewis of Houston.

Opening the presentation of the 1964-65 budget with a definition of budget making as financial planning and therefore every member's business as program making is, Mrs. Schwind noted improvement in the sharing of responsibility for such planning. The League won't reach fullest opportunity to put its purpose into effective action till members take part in program and financial planning with equal enthusiasm and dedication, she continued. The reasons for presenting the corrected version of the Proposed Budget were briefly reviewed. Referring delegates to the copy in Work Book Part I, Mrs. Schwind explained what the committee and the state Board believed the proposals in each section of the budget would accomplish in maintaining and developing League services. Put together the proposals create a profile of the League as the planners believe it should be in 1964-65. Mrs. Schwind then drew in words a composite profile of 35 local Leagues in Texas using information from their budgets. She concluded her report with the hope that the "Do It Yourself" Kit prepared by the committee for local

League use had proved to be a helpful tool to dig budget making out of the dark corner in which it has too often remained in hiding.

Local League Pledges As the roll of Leagues was called, a ^{delegate} delegation from each of the 34 represented responded with a pledge for state and national services. Mrs. Schwind announced Longview's pledge which had been given by telephone. The total, including two gifts added to pledges, came to \$26,065, \$1,080 less than the figure budgeted as income from local League support. Mrs. Schwind then asked delegates for suggestions for dealing with the deficit. A delegate from Odessa recommended reducing the Texas pledge to the national League budget by \$300 which would still make it \$700 more than was pledged in 1963-64. A Freeport delegate asked if mailing the TEXAS VOTER in bulk to local Leagues would save money for the state budget. Mrs. Ramey of Houston suggested that local League assumption of the responsibility for housing Field Service consultants might reduce the Field Service costs. Hearing no further suggestions, Mrs. Schwind said the Budget committee would work to revise the proposed budget and would bring a final report to the Thursday morning session.

Nominating Committee Report Mrs. Horton W. Smith, chairman, presented the Nominating committee's report which named the following candidates:

President	Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, Waco
First Vice-President	Mrs. C. M. Linehan, Midland
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Harold Murphree, Dickinson
Third Vice-President	Mrs. Robert Casperson, Lubbock
Secretary	Mrs. T. A. Pollard, Houston
Treasurer	Mrs. W. D. Baden, Waco
Directors	Mrs. William E. Joor, Houston
	Mrs. Wilson Nolle, Austin
	Mrs. E. S. Prashner, San Antonio
	Mrs. Raymond Freedman, Dallas
	Mrs. D. A. Ballard, Lake Jackson
	Mrs. James Brock, Odessa
Nominating Committee Chairman	Mrs. Gerald Ashford, San Antonio
" "	Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes, Houston
" " Members	Mrs. George C. Boller, Galveston

The president asked if there were further nominations for officers, directors, or Nominating Committee. There were none. The president then announced that delegates would cast their votes on the voting machine in the corridor, before or after Convention sessions.

At 2:45 p.m. Mrs. Brown declared the Convention recessed for half an hour.

At 3:15 p.m. Mrs. Brown reconvened the first Convention session.

Proposed Bylaws Changes Mrs. M. S. Braunagel presided during the discussion of the proposed bylaws change which would move state Convention to odd-numbered years. She referred delegates to the specific proposals, all on the same subject, made by the Irving, Houston, and Fort Worth Leagues. She pointed out that the state Board had voted to recommend the Irving proposal in slightly amended form, as follows:

Article VIII. Convention

Sec. 1. Place, Date, Call, and Notification

A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1967...and that all sections dependent upon Article VIII be amended to be consistent with the proposed change.

Mrs. Braunagel reported that the state Board had voted not to recommend the Houston and Fort Worth proposals on the same subject or the Fort Worth proposed change in Article V, Sec. 1. She informed delegates that rules for debate would hold during the ensuing discussion. Arguments pro and con were presented alternately. Proponents spoke of a need for dividing program making between odd and even years to allow better distribution of program discussion, consensus, and program making as well as more time for consideration of consensus questions. The change would render work on action items more effective since one biennium could conceivably include adoption, study, consensus, and action. Interesting prospective members in the League would be easier if the business of program making, which is difficult for guests to grasp, were not concentrated in several meetings during the fall of odd-numbered years. Opponents spoke of the human complications that would result if officers and directors changed during the legislative session. The cost of a third state wide meeting for a separate Legislative Day was argued as a disadvantage. The change could jeopardize the League's legislative program.

At the conclusion of the discussion on the proposed bylaws change Mrs. Brown reminded delegates that the League bylaws require a two thirds vote to carry such a change. She suggested delegates consider the use of the caucus before the proposal came to a vote Wednesday morning.

Treasurer's Report The treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Baden, referred delegates to her report in Work Book Part II. She announced changes in the record of pledges paid, bringing that record up to date. The president stated that the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

Report of Program Committee Mrs. Murphree presided while members of the Program committee made their reports to the Convention. In her introduction Mrs. Murphree noted the discipline the League shows in making decisions and the fact that the League has selected basic bread and butter issues. As a result of the League habit of evaluation members were in process of considering changes in method, reflected in proposals for bylaws changes. Mrs. Murphree continued with an explanation of the changes in the Preamble recommended by the state Board.

Proposed Current Agenda: Mrs. Pettis presented the proposed current agenda:

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS: Study of the problems involved in coordinated planning for development, financing, and administration of governmental services in Texas.

Mrs. Pettis gave the delegates background information from Gerald Vaughn's pamphlet "As Our Cities Grow" to highlight some of the problems looming ahead for Texas government, problems whose solution may lie in the area of coordinated planning. She reminded delegates that the whole concept of comprehensive planning is still unfamiliar. Man's power to alter nature is awesome. She pointed out advantages to Texas of state and regional planning agencies. At present, Texas, with 21 metropolitan areas, has no such planning agencies. A part of the proposed study would determine how Texas has taken advantage of federal offers of aid in this field. Mrs. Pettis then discussed the county as the lowest level of state government. She quoted from an Arnold Foundation monograph which states that Texas has never really determined the function of the county. The League could consider the role and function of county government.

Proposed Continuing Responsibilities - Texas Constitutional Revision: Mrs. Linehan presented the proposed Continuing Responsibility as follows:

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Support of measures to promote revision of the Texas Constitution.

Mrs. Linehan reported that 30 Leagues sending program recommendations to the state Board asked that this item be retained and be kept active. They asked for increased effort to promote revision. Referring to the simplified wording, she spoke of the advantage of concise statements and reminded delegates that areas of consensus are documented and in the League records. Any League publication on the subject would include full explanations, she continued. Mrs. Linehan said that the League has learned of the use of private funds to carry on constitutional study and research in other states and asked if this might not be a subject for the League to explore considering that it is unlikely the Legislature would appropriate an adequate amount. The League has generated some interest in revision and should continue, using a variety of means. New techniques are needed. "Current Review" will be ready in January 1965; the "Digest" publication should be available in June. The League will present statements on the subject of constitutional revision to the party platform committees.

Election Laws and Voter Registration: Mrs. Nolle presented the proposed Continuing Responsibility as follows:

ELECTION LAWS: Support of improved procedures for voter registration and the conduct of elections.

Mrs. Nolle explained the combining of the two former and related Continuing Responsibilities into one strong item. Any action the League might take would, of course, be based on specific positions documented in the official record. She recommended that the League expand efforts to explain why changes are needed. She asked if each League could begin recording and reporting problems arising from the voting process. The "Report of the President's Commission on Registration and Voting Administration" underlines the need for action, she concluded.

Mrs. Brown reminded the Convention at the conclusion of reports by the Program committee that no action and no discussion would be allowed at this time. Questions for clarification of the proposed Preamble and Program items would be accepted and answered by Mrs. Murphree. Several delegates asked questions about the omission of a statement of nonpartisanship from the proposed Preamble. One inquired what effect the proposed change in Convention date would have on choice of program. Another asked if consensus on county home rule would be possible as a result of the proposed study of the role of the county in current agenda.

Mrs. Murphree called attention to the statement of position on State-Local Relations: Special Districts, copies of which had been placed at delegates' places.

Not-Recommended Program Items Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig, Baytown, moved consideration of the following as a Current Agenda second item: "The study necessary to arrive at a decision as to whether or not the League shall actively work for the proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution - 'Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex' - as the method to void the Texas laws discriminating against women." Seconded. Mrs. Rosenzweig answered questions as to what laws discriminate against women and what workload she proposed. The president's call for a voice vote brought a response that was not clear. She then called for a written tally. FOR 75. AGAINST, 113. Motion was declared LOST.

Mrs. Herbert M. Stanley, Jr., of Midland moved consideration of the following non-recommended item for Current Agenda: "Education: A study of the role of the state government in public education in Texas." Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Gay Burnett of Austin moved consideration of the following non-recommended item for Current Agenda: "To study and promote conservation and development of water resources in Texas." Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Francis May of Austin moved consideration of the following non-recommended item for Current Agenda: "Study of the Constitutional provisions governing the selection and tenure of appellate judges in Texas." Seconded. FOR 79. AGAINST, 74. The president declared the motion had CARRIED.

The president explained the need to consider State-Local Relations as a non-recommended Continuing Responsibility so that the consensus would not be lost if the item should not be adopted as Current Agenda. Mrs. George Boller of Galveston moved consideration of the following: "Support of measures which curtail the proliferation of and provide supervision for single purpose special districts." Seconded. CARRIED. Questions for clarification were asked. Mrs. Boller explained that the consensus sheet which had just been received provided the justification for her proposed wording of the non-recommended Continuing Responsibility.

Mrs. Gerald Ashford of San Antonio moved consideration of the following non-recommended item as a Continuing Responsibility: "Support of workable constitutional provisions for county home rule." seconded. LOST.

New Finance Publication Mrs. Brown announced that Mrs. Linehan had a surprise for the Convention. Mrs. Linehan then displayed and introduced the new finance publication, "Prospecting for Gold in Texas." Order blanks would be available Wednesday afternoon, she said.

After announcements had been made regarding the evening program, the president adjourned the first Convention session at 5:40 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 17

A reception for Mrs. William Morgan, national Board member, was held in the Petroleum Club from 7 to 8 p.m. The state president, Mrs. Brown, and the vice presidents, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Murphree, and Mrs. MacLaren, greeted delegates and guests with Mrs. Morgan. Mrs. MacLaren presided at the dinner and meeting following the reception. Guests first joined in silent prayer. After dinner Mrs. Joor presented Mrs. Morgan, public relations director on the national Board, who spoke on "Antidotes for the Antis and More Effective Public Relations."

Mrs. Morgan began by referring to Mrs. Brown's question earlier in the day about the League watching things happen or making things happen. She proceeded to evaluate the present climate for the League in the southwest and projected the role of the League in this environment, making many perceptive and constructive suggestions for a strong public relations program to counteract the destructive work of the "antis." Following her address Mrs. Morgan answered questions and discussed problems that were presented to her for comment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 18 - SECOND CONVENTION SESSION

Mrs. Brown convened the second session at 9:05 a.m.

Announcement was made that copies of the speeches given on Tuesday by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Morgan would be sent to the Leagues in the post-Convention mailing.

Credentials Report The secretary read the second credentials report; state Board members, 14; parliamentarian, 1; delegates, 183; observers, 5; visitors, 9; press, 1; local Convention committee, 30; special guests, 3; Local Leagues represented, 34. TOTAL ATTENDANCE - 246.

Tellers Appointed The president appointed the following tellers; Mesdames Scott McCaskey, Blackburn, Mitchell, Cook, and Gary.

Discussion and Action on Bylaws Changes Mrs. Braunagel presided during discussion of proposed changes in the bylaws. She offered a preliminary motion to take care of date and to eliminate unnecessary words in the proposal to change Convention date. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the bylaws revision, if adopted, shall go into effect in the odd-numbered years and that all sections dependent on Article VIII be amended to be consistent with the proposed change. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Braunagel moved the adoption of the following changed bylaw:

Article VIII. Convention

Sec. 1 Place, Date, Call, and Notification

A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1967

The motion was seconded.

In the ensuing debate of the proposed change proponents argued that the change in Convention date would benefit members, would make program easier to schedule and develop, and would return Council to its original purpose instead of making it equal to Convention. It was further argued that the change would make it easier to involve members in activities.... Council attendance and legislative breakfast... by moving Council to smaller League communities and by encouraging local Leagues to hold such breakfasts in their own districts. Local legislative days would have possibilities of greater impact on Legislators and communities while involving many more League members than can come to Austin for Council. The heavy load for local League presidents - annual meeting plus state and national Conventions all within a short period of time - was also put forth as a good reason for the change.

Opponents spoke of the advantage to new members of attending Council in a legislative year, of the disadvantages the state legislative chairman would find in the handling of her portfolio, and of the confusion and difficulties that would result in the change of state office and state officers during the legislative session. It was stated that using the argument, as one proponent had, that the majority of state Leagues hold state Conventions in the odd-numbered years, was meaningless and that the Texas League must decide the issue on its merits.

At the close of debate Mrs. Turner, Convention chairman, explained the method of taking a written tally as adopted in the Convention rules. The president called for the vote which was taken by written tally. FOR, 63. AGAINST, 131. Total voting equalled 194. The president declared the motion LOST.

The president announced that five Little Meetings on program would meet at 10:15 a.m. with the following leaders:

	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Resource</u>
A.	Mrs. Macdonald	Mrs. Nolle
B.	Mrs. Prashner	Mrs. Pettis
C.	Mrs. Casperson	Mrs. Joor
D.	Mrs. Braunagel	Mrs. Linehan
E.	Mrs. MacLaren	Mrs. Murphree

Mrs. Brown adjourned the second Convention session at 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 18

Mrs. Brown presided at the luncheon meeting held in the Flamingo Room of the Driscoll Hotel. She opened the meeting with silent prayer. After lunch Mrs. Casperson introduced the League's distinguished guest, Dr. J. William Davis, professor and head of the Department of Government at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Dr. Davis addressed the luncheon meeting on "Some Problems of State Government." The speaker began by commenting that too many people approach solutions to the problems of state government with generalizations, without adequate factual information. He summarized the changes in rural and urban areas of the state within recent years, noting that the 1960 census is already out of date. Dr. Davis stated that in Texas many changes in administrative organization have been made on the basis of 19th century theory and principle with helpful but inadequate results. Revision of the Constitution is fundamental to other needed changes; the Constitution can not serve as a body of fundamental principle to serve today. In addition, restrictive interpretation by the courts of amendments and of the nature of the Constitution has limited the effectiveness of the document. Speaking of municipal problems, Dr. Davis said he believes the state should provide guidance and aid to cities. The Texas Constitution has long discriminated against urban centers; a new approach to state-local relations is needed. In some respects representation is fundamental to all other problems. He concluded by saying that there are no automatic or dogmatic answers. The best we can do is to seek the most practical answers. Value judgments are required, judgments based on concepts of government.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 18 - THIRD CONVENTION SESSION

Mrs. Brown reconvened the Convention at 2:15 p.m.

Discussion of Proposed Program Mrs. Murphree presided over the discussion of the Preamble, four items for Current Agenda, and three items for Continuing Responsibilities.

Preamble Mrs. Brock, Odessa, announced she planned to propose an amendment to the Preamble. Mrs. Ashford, San Antonio, expressed opposition to the Preamble as presented. She felt it opened areas of misunderstanding of the League's nonpartisanship. Mrs. Selman, Tyler stated she would also propose an amendment. A delegate from Texas City favored the new wording. Mrs. Gause, Texas City, reminded delegates that a statement of League policy appears on publications.

Current Agenda: State-Local Relations Mrs. Nitchie of Houston spoke in favor of the proposed item because she favored finishing work that had been started two years previously, because of the close relationship of the item to constitutional revision, and because the subject had not been tackled by the PTA, AAUW, B and PW, or other organizations. Mrs. Clark, San Antonio, expressed her support of the item because goals leading to consensus in constitutional revision areas had not been reached. Another delegate favored the proposed item because she did not wish to waste time and effort already spent without bringing the study to fruition. Mrs. Fritz of Dallas said she believed the proposal was, in effect, a new study. Mrs. Gause, Texas City, called attention to the importance of timing and stressed the point that now is the time to continue with state-local relations. Mrs. Ashford of San Antonio recommended adopting the proposed study for the first year and dropping the second year study of planning which, in her opinion is a big, new item. She favored completing the unfinished job on county government. Mrs. Murphree explained that the Outlook for Work could be changed. Mrs. Smith of Austin liked the item which has exciting possibilities but disapproved of the wording. A delegate from

Corpus Christi suggested deleting the word "problems." Mrs. Henderson of Dallas said there is merit in focusing on specific problems to hold members interest. Mrs. Mottweiler of San Antonio suggested a change in wording to: A study of State-Local Relations with emphasis on a) powers of the county and b) official planning agencies.

Non-Recommended Current Agenda: Education Mrs. Harckham of Dallas called attention to the deplorable situation of education in Texas as set forth in an information sheet in delegates' hands. A Midland delegate stated that there are pockets of good education in a wasteland of poor education in Texas. Education is the largest item in the state budget. A well educated labor pool is needed, she added. One Corpus Christi delegate stated that educating Texans well is one of the best ways to preserve democracy. Another from Corpus Christi asked why the quality of education should depend on where one lives and what could be done about it. A Houston delegate asked proponents of the education item to say where they would begin the study and what scope they foresaw. In answer, a Dallas delegate recommended doing a Know Your Schools survey at the state level. She believed the outlook would be good for positive action. Mrs. Young of San Antonio wondered if the delegates wished to add the League's voice to the rising cacaphony of sound on the subject of education. Mrs. Stanley of Midland was positive that education would have the biggest attraction for members old and new. Mrs. Rosenzweig of Baytown supported the education item but wanted only one item on Current Agenda. Mrs. Henderson of Dallas pointed out that the proposed item was based on two League principles (one on representative government and one on free education). She recommended that the Leagues work through Boards of Education at both state and local levels. Organizations that speak loudly for education do not operate like the League and can not do the necessary job, she concluded. Mrs. Brock, Odessa, said she felt the Know Your Schools survey should be done locally. She preferred the state-local relations item at this time. A Brownsville delegate felt two items could not be handled now and favored state-local relations. A Richardson delegate who favored the education item claimed that the League could still irrelevant voices by demonstrating with a state study that local authorities' hands are tied. Mrs. Henley of Midland agreed with this statement and added that not only is education a most timely issue but the problems are far greater than a single League could cover in a local study.

Non-Recommended Current Agenda: Water Resources Mrs. Burnett of Austin urged delegates to consider the life-and-death nature of the water crisis in America, referring to information in Secretary Stewart Udall's book, "The Quiet Crisis." Mrs. May of Austin inquired how this subject would be better as a state item rather than a national item. A Texas City delegate replied that a state study would make it possible to support measures in the Texas Legislature. Mrs. Ashford of San Antonio stated it would be possible to combine in the state-local relations item as a first year study of county government with water resources (special districts) as the outlook for the second year's work. Mrs. Burnett concluded her recapitulation of arguments for the water resources item by stating that experts claim the waters of the Rio Grande and Colorado rivers will be exhausted by 1980.

Non-Recommended Current Agenda: Selection and Tenure of Judges Mrs. May of Austin said that the subject of the judiciary is really part of the League's Continuing Responsibility on Texas Constitutional Revision. However, because the particular study she was proposing had not previously been covered in detail, the League must first consider it as a Current Agenda item. In its favor, she argued, were the facts that the subject was specific, the study, short and very timely. The State Bar Association was stirring; proposals might be expected from it. She reminded delegates

that the League's judiciary study made several years ago remained unfinished. These factors combined to make this a perfect League item for the year ahead. Mrs. Edwards of Corpus Christi pointed out that the necessity of judges running for office creates a continuing problem. If judges were appointed, politics would not be removed but would become hidden, she believed. Mrs. Boller of Galveston believed there is no perfect way to select judges. Adopting this item would give League members a chance to study several systems. She favored the item as a good method of rounding out earlier study. Mrs. Nitchie of Houston, commenting first that under the present system Texas elects good politicians, not judges, said she would favor selection and tenure of judges as a second item. Mrs. Lowe of Austin made two points in support of the item: first, that the study would not entail expense for the League and, second, that judges have profound effect on citizens' lives. Mrs. Henderson, Dallas, said she was interested in going back to the unfinished business (no consensus) on jury service. She would like to see the proposal under discussion adopted as a second item with state-local relations. A delegate from Brownsville wondered if the scope could be widened to include judicial redistricting. Mrs. May of Austin said she was interested in studying the Missouri plan.

Continuing Responsibilities: Texas Constitutional Revision Mrs. Gause of Texas City thought this item needed stimulus. Mrs. Barron of Houston suggested that if the League is interested in the county, articles in the Constitution covering counties could be reviewed. She favored updating this Continuing Responsibility and making it active. Mrs. Smith of Austin suggested that the state Board should plan a public relations approach to constitutional revision, rather than a program approach. The Board should plan for excitement, plan to create excitement. Mrs. Fugger of Galveston voiced agreement with Mrs. Smith's ideas. Mrs. Kamrath of Houston added she thought the League should find out how this subject can be "fun."

Continuing Responsibilities: Election Laws Mrs. Murphree asked delegates to say how they thought League members could observe and report on the confusion at the polls anticipated because of the dual system of registration. Mrs. Henderson of Dallas asked if Leagues could offer the services of members as poll watchers. Persons working for the news media are permitted, so the Leagues could interview them, at least. Mrs. Murphree suggested that representatives of local Leagues talk with election officials. Mrs. Henderson, Dallas, asked if questionnaires could be given to officials. Mrs. Murphree answered yes. Mrs. Wyse of Corpus Christi suggested that individual members volunteer to be poll watchers.

In a few moments remaining before the close of the session, Mrs. Murphree invited final statements or questions on any of the proposed program items. On the subject of state-local relations a Dallas delegate voiced concern with the wording of the item which could be interpreted to include school districts, soil conservation districts, and the like. Mrs. Baggett of Lubbock and Mrs. Clark of San Antonio both announced their intentions of proposing a rewording of the item Friday morning. Mrs. Nitchie of Houston recommended to delegates that they adopt the state-local relations item as Current Agenda. Mrs. Barron of Houston raised a question about the limitations that would be placed on the state-local relations subject if it were adopted as a Continuing Responsibility. Mrs. Murphree explained and interpreted the consensus just published.

Announcement Mrs. Brown announced that she wished to meet with local League delegates to national Convention and representatives from Leagues not sending delegates for a discussion of attendance at the national Convention. The meeting would be held in the Rincon Room following the Variety Show.

The president adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 18

Because of bad weather the scheduled boat trip with supper aboard was cancelled and a guided bus tour of Corpus Christi substituted. The box supper was served in the Horizon Room of the Driscoll Hotel. A Variety Show was presented from 8:30 to 9:30 in the West Ballroom of the hotel. Mrs. Charles Linehan presided. Four skits demonstrating the talents and ingenuity of League members entertained Convention delegates and guests. They were as follows: The Saga of Cindy Lou, Lake Jackson League; My Fair Lady, Houston League; 40 Years of a Great Idea, Corpus Christi League, and The League - Past, Present, and Future, by the Brownsville League. The program concluded with the presentation by Mrs. Colin Macdonald of membership awards to the Baytown, Dickinson, and Richardson Leagues for their outstanding net gains in membership during 1963-1964 in response to the challenge issued by the state president, Mrs. Brown, at Presidents' Council in March 1963.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 19 - FINAL CONVENTION SESSION

The president called the Convention in session at 9 a.m. The president presided.

Tellers Mrs. Brown announced names of the tellers as follows: Mesdames Mitchell, Kurzner, Saunders, Hamilton, Priour and Johnson - all of the Corpus Christi League.

Call to National Convention Mrs. Morgan of the national Board issued a call to Texas Leagues to send representatives to the national Convention to be held in Pittsburgh April 20 through 25. Miss Barbara Stuhler was serving as national Convention chairman. She spoke of anticipated highlights such as the addresses to be given by Barbara Ward and Secretary Willard Wirtz. She recommended that delegates to the Pittsburgh Convention read some of Barbara Ward's articles before coming. Mrs. Little, the League's UN observer, would be "at home" to delegates. Her final suggestion was to bring pocket money so that other Leagues' publications could be purchased from the tempting displays at the Book Stall.

Report of the Elections Chairman Mrs. Horton Smith, Nominating committee chairman, presented the report of the Elections committee for Mrs. Eugene Coffey, chairman. A total of 146 votes was cast. Candidates received votes as follows: President, Mrs. Maurice Brown, 145; First Vice President, Mrs. Charles Linehan, 143; Second Vice President, Mrs. Harold Murphree, 146; Third Vice President, Mrs. Robert Casperson, 145; Secretary, Mrs. T. A. Pollard, 146; Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Baden, 143. For Directors, Mrs. William Joor, 142; Mrs. Wilson Nolle, 136; Mrs. E. S. Prashner, 142; Mrs. Raymond Freedman, 133; Mrs. D. A. Ballard 132; Mrs. James Brock, 140. For Nominating Committee: Chairman, Mrs. Gerald Ashford, 142; Members, Mrs. Eugene Hughes, 140; and Mrs. George Boller, 143.

Mrs. Brown declared that the proposed candidates had all been duly elected.

Final Credentials Report The secretary read the following final report of the Credentials committee: state Board, 14; parliamentarian, 1; delegates, 180; observers, 8; visitors, 12; press, 1; local Convention committee, 14; special guest, 1. Local Leagues represented, 34. TOTAL ATTENDANCE - 231.

Action on Budget Mrs. Schwind, reporting for the Budget committee, first announced addition of \$110.00 to the total of pledges and gifts reported by local Leagues during the Roll Call of Pledges. The Austin League had offered a gift of \$100, and the Richardson League had corrected an error in reporting by making a pledge of \$145.

She then reported the committee's recommended revisions in Expenditures which would bring them into balance with Income. The committee proposed that Maintenance be reduced from \$1,900 to \$1,750; Field Service to Local Leagues, from \$1,450 to \$1,350; Field Service to New Leagues, from \$400 to \$180; and that Transfer of State Office, \$500, be deleted. As revised, Expenditures would total \$26,375.00 and Income would total \$26,375.00, \$26,175.00 of which would come from local League pledges and gifts and \$200.00 from interest on the Reserve Fund. Mrs. Schwind moved the adoption of the revised Proposed Budget with Expenditures of \$26,375.00 and Income of \$26,375.00. Seconded. CARRIED.

Action on Program Mrs. Brown explained voting procedure: delegates would vote first on state Board proposed Program items and then on not-recommended items in the order in which they had been presented to the Convention for consideration.

Preamble Mrs. Murphree moved the adoption of the Preamble as follows:

The League of Women Voters of Texas works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League studies and takes action on selected state governmental issues which are in the public interest.

Mrs. Rotthoff of Brownsville asked Mrs. Murphree if she would modify her motion by including "without supporting or opposing any political party or candidate" after the word "Texas" in the Preamble. Mrs. Murphree did not accept the change. Her motion was then seconded. Mrs. Merritt of Brownsville next moved that the Preamble be amended by the addition of the phrase which Mrs. Rotthoff had asked the mover to accept as a modification. Seconded. On a voice vote the president declared the amendment had LOST.

Mrs. Merritt of Brownsville declared that the result of the voice vote was not clear and asked that the vote be repeated but as a rising vote. This was done. The president declared that the amendment had LOST. Mrs. Brock of Odessa next proposed that the Preamble be amended by the addition, at the end, of this sentence: "The League does not support or oppose political parties or candidates." Seconded. Mrs. Langford of Houston asked Mrs. Murphree to explain why the nonpartisanship phrase had been omitted from the proposed Preamble. Mrs. Murphree indicated that the explanation could be found on page 11 of Work Book Part I. The president called for a rising vote and declared that the amendment had CARRIED. Mrs. Brown then called for a vote on the motion to adopt the Preamble as amended. CARRIED.

Current Agenda: Mrs. Pettis moved the adoption of the following item as Current Agenda for 1964-1966:

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS: A study of the problems involved in coordinated planning for development, financing and administration of governmental services in Texas.

The motion was seconded. Mrs. Anderson of Lubbock moved this amendment to Mrs. Pettis' motion: "Continuation of State-Local Relations with emphasis on powers of the county and state and regional planning." Seconded. Mrs. Merritt of Brownsville moved that Mrs. Anderson's amendment be amended by substituting "A continued study of...." in place of "Continuation of...." Seconded. A vote was taken and the president declared that the amendment to the amendment had LOST. A vote was then taken on Mrs. Anderson's amendment. The president declared that the amendment had LOST.

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Discussion of the main motion followed. A Midland delegate argued against the motion, saying the item was too complex and held no possibility of action by the League. Mrs. Faris of Dallas said it did not represent the interest of most members. Mrs. Mendell of Houston countered with the statement that the ground-work had been laid and it was now time for specifics. Mrs. Roth of Dickinson declared that new members in her League were keenly interested in state-local relations. Mrs. Brockhauser of San Antonio favored the item as basic to constitutional revision and because county government needs the League's attention. Mrs. Miller of Fort Worth supported the item, saying that, as a new member, she needed good, basic knowledge of state government. Mrs. Cotter of Denton expressed enthusiasm for development of the alternate approaches introduced in the recent state publication. Mrs. Gause disagreed with Mrs. Faris' statement about popularity and added that complexity of the item called for more work so the League could reach consensus. Mrs. Rosenzweig of Baytown, speaking against the item, said the League needed an action item. Mrs. Campbell of Fort Worth reminded delegates that the League can't have everything and that it would be a pity to waste two years work. Mrs. Crowley of Fort Worth pointed out that the concept of regional planning is new and that the League should be in the forefront to study the possibilities. Mrs. Baum of Irving spoke against the item because, she said, it keeps League members talking to themselves. Mrs. Smith of Austin, speaking for the item, noted the emotional appeal in development of local services. In this item the League would have the chance to deal with a new, urgent, and developing situation. It behooves the League to prepare citizens, especially officials. Mrs. Fritz of Dallas, who opposed the item, said that the Outlook for Work proposed a completely new study and that there would be no time for consensus and action during the next legislative session.

Mrs. Brown called for a vote by written tally. FOR, 112. AGAINST, 78. Mrs. Brown declared that the Convention had adopted the state-local relations item for Current Agenda.

Non-Recommended Current Agenda: Mrs. Stanley of Midland moved the adoption of the following as a second Current Agenda item:

Education: A study of the role of the state government in public education in Texas. (originally proposed by Dallas)

Seconded. Mrs. Chambers of Dallas opened discussion by stating that all the criteria for a good item were in this item. A delegate from Waco said that the scope of the education item added to the scope of the item just adopted would mean a too heavy work load. Mrs. Harckham of Dallas disagreed, saying that material for this item is readily available. Mrs. Ramey of Houston also thought the work load would be too great and that the League would jeopardize its positions if it adopted education as a second item. Proponents from Dallas, Midland, and Corpus Christi spoke in favor of this item. The president called for a vote by written tally reminding the Convention that a two thirds vote would be required to adopt this and any other non-recommended item. FOR, 57. AGAINST, 132. The president declared that the motion had LOST.

Mrs. Clark of San Antonio moved the adoption of the following as a second Current Agenda item:

WATER: To study and promote Conservation and Development of Water Resources in Texas. (originally proposed by San Antonio)

Seconded. Mrs. Burnet of Austin made a final appeal for adoption of the item and quoted figures to prove how serious the crisis is. The vote was called. FOR, 46. AGAINST, 140. Mrs. Brown declared the motion had LOST.

Mrs. May of Austin moved the adoption of the following as a second Current Agenda item:

A study of the Constitutional provisions governing the selection and tenure of appellate judges in Texas. (originally proposed by Austin)

Seconded. Mrs. May spoke for her motion, pointing out that this item would be a continuation of Texas Constitutional Revision, that the item was short, suitable for a second item, and both timely and significant. Mrs. Edwards of Corpus Christi spoke against the item. Mrs. Lowell of Austin said she favored the item because she believed the League could make its voice heard on this subject. Mrs. Boller of Galveston spoke for it as a good, short item. Mrs. Nitchie approved this as a second item. Mrs. Baum disapproved because of the total work load. Mrs. Wackerbarth of Fort Worth said she would have to stretch her opinion to support only one item in order to accommodate this as a second item. Mrs. Brown called for the vote. FOR, 142. AGAINST, 46. Mrs. Brown declared the motion had CARRIED having received more than the two thirds vote required to adopt a non-recommended item.

Continuing Responsibilities: Mrs. Linehan moved the adoption of the following as a Continuing Responsibility:

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Support of measures to promote revision of the Texas Constitution.

Seconded. CARRIED unanimously.

Mrs. Nolle moved the adoption of the following as a Continuing Responsibility:

ELECTION LAWS: Support of improved procedures for voter registration and the conduct of elections.

Seconded. CARRIED unanimously.

Mrs. Brown then referred to the state Board's proposal of the state-local relations item as a Continuing Responsibility and announced that the Board now withdrew its recommendation.

Direction on Program Mrs. Murphree presided while delegates offered suggestions for carrying out the program just adopted. Current Agenda I: Mrs. Baggett of Lubbock asked if consensus would be possible, when materials could be expected, and whether they would arrive in time for consensus. Mrs. Burnett of Austin asked that attention be given to water districts. A Dallas delegate said that if consensus is asked for during the year in which the study is made, wide coverage results in lack of depth and makes consensus difficult to reach. She asked that consensus questions be few in number. Mrs. Merritt of Brownsville asked from which direction information on county government would flow - from state Board to local Leagues or vice versa. She added that contact with local officials is easy and public relations good. Moreover, members enjoy this kind of direct study. Mrs. May of Austin said that an annotated bibliography would be useful. Mrs. Baker of Odessa asked for speakers bureau aids, flyers to be used in libraries, and the like. Mrs. Smith of Austin questioned the wording of

adopted item and wished that the state Board would remove "problems involved."

Current Agenda II: Mrs. Baum of Irving said she would appreciate information on this item in the TEXAS VOTER. Other delegates concurred. Mrs. May of Austin asked if it would be possible to combine this item with the League positions on the judiciary so that one person could be responsible for both the new item and that phase of the Continuing Responsibility. There would be no problem about materials for the study, Mrs. May continued. She had brought with her a six page bibliography, offered her help. She favored a FACTS AND ISSUES type of publication. Mrs. Edwards of Corpus Christi referred to material on the subject in the Texas Bar Association JOURNAL. She asked if the state Board would be represented at the Association's April meeting in Austin which will consider administrative changes in the judiciary.

Continuing Responsibility I: Mrs. Wackerbarth of Fort Worth spoke of the constant requests for "Texas Constitutional Review," now out of print. She would like to see it re-issued or have comparable material prepared for general distribution. This kind of publication is needed for new members, for use in schools, libraries, and so forth. The "Digest" and "Current Review" publications are not basic enough. She also asked for a replacement for "A Brief Case for Revision." Mrs. Brown asked if any League had extra copies of "Texas Constitutional Review" that it would be willing to send to state office. Orders continue to come in for it but can no longer be filled. Mrs. Johnson of Odessa said her League would like something brief on this subject to mail to contributors. She suggested a new face on "Brief Case." Mrs. Henderson of Dallas asked for a one page outline of the entire study made of Texas constitutional revision to show which subjects have been studied and with markings to indicate which ones have been done in depth.

Continuing Responsibility II: Mrs. Johnson of Odessa requested updated material on this item for speakers bureaus.

Convention Bids Four Leagues - Fort Worth, Galveston, Midland and San Antonio - made bids to hold the 1966 state Convention. Presidents of the four Leagues extended cordial invitations to delegates to visit and enjoy the special attractions of their respective cities. Mrs. Allan Anderson represented Fort Worth; Mrs. Edward Fugger, Galveston; Mrs. Herbert Stanley, Midland; and Mrs. Orville Clark, San Antonio. Mrs. Brown announced that the bids would be given to a Convention site selection committee for study and that the Board would probably make a decision at its June meeting.

Resolutions Mrs. Charles Gregg of Corpus Christi reported for the Resolutions committee as follows:

"Be it resolved that we, members of the League of Women Voters of Texas, assembled in Ninth Biennial State Convention at Corpus Christi, herein express our sincere appreciation to all members of our state Board, our Hostess League, and our many friends who have made this an outstanding Convention.

We can not name each individual, but we would be remiss if we failed to mention:
Mrs. William Morgan, National Board Member
Dr. J. William Davis, Professor at Texas Tech
Mrs. Austin C. Webb and Mrs. W. R. Hubler, Local Convention Chairman
Mrs. Estelle Brawner and Mrs. A. L. Gant for favors
The Naval Station and Chief Petty Officer Dan Kauffman for the tape recording services they contributed

Nueces County Judge Noah Kennedy for arranging for voting machines
Butter Krust Bakery for pencils
Bell Telephone Company for information pamphlets
Press and News Media

We therefore offer this resolution to become part of the Minutes of this Convention."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. A. Gregg, Chairman of Resolutions
Committee

Mrs. Brown warmly thanked the hostess League, Mrs. Webb and her co-chairman, Mrs. Hubler, for their fine work which had helped make the Convention memorable. Mrs. Mendell of Houston commended the proponents of the education item.

Mrs. Brown introduced members of the new state Board to the Convention.

Mrs. Clark of San Antonio asked permission to invite all who could come to visit her League's Political Fair in April. Local and statewide candidates would be present, she said, ready to be interviewed.

There being no further business, the president declared the Convention adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Winifred B. Schwind

Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Secretary

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MINUTES

Pre-Convention State Board Meeting
Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi
March 16, 1964

FIRST SESSION - MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 16

Mrs. Maurice Brown, president, called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All members were present (listed below). Mrs. William Morgan, member of the national Board of the League, was a welcome guest.

Mrs. W. D. Baden
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Maurice H. Brown
Mrs. Robert Casperson
Mrs. William E. Joor
Mrs. C. M. Linehan
Mrs. Colin Macdonald

McLaurin
Mrs. Harold Murphree
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. E. S. Prashner
Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Mrs. E. Jack Turner

President's Report Mrs. Brown made three announcements. 1) The League had been invited to send two representatives to the Texas Conference on Judicial Selection, Tenure, and Administration to be held in Austin April 16 - 18. The State Bar Association had offered to pay representatives' expenses except transportation and rooms. Mrs. Brown appointed Mrs. Murphree and Mrs. Nolle to represent the Texas League. 2) An invitation had been received from the Texas Social Welfare Association, asking the League president to serve on a committee which was to meet in Austin on March 25. 3) The Family Law section of the Texas State Bar Association will introduce a bill on family courts in the next session of the Legislature. The bill is directed towards unification of administration of the courts. League support has been requested. Mrs. Murphree is studying the bill and will report to the Board.

Minutes Minutes of the January Board meeting were corrected as follows:

page 5 - paragraph 2, line 8 add underlined word: "...to secure private funds..."

paragraph 3, delete second sentence

page 8 paragraph 1, enclose proposed program item in quotes

last sentence on page: substitute "Mrs. Brown" for "Mrs. Turner"

page 9 paragraph 4, line 6 from bottom: substitute "Convention" for "Council"

page 10 paragraph 2, line 10: delete 2 sentences beginning with "Local pollution..."

line 17: change "had" to "has"

line 20-21: change "summary" to "report" (both lines)
and change "water pollution in Texas" to "Water Pollution Control Board"

line 23: add "if necessary" after "1965"

line 29: substitute "state agencies" for "special districts"

page 10 paragraph 2, line 31: substitute "act" for "law"

next to last paragraph, sentence 1: delete all after "study" and substitute "of the Water Pollution Control Board leading to consensus."

page 13 paragraph 1: delete last 2 sentences

page 15 paragraph 2, line 3: change "be" to "by"

The president declared the January minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Baden stated that all local League pledges had been paid in full with the exception of San Antonio's and Abilene's. The San Antonio treasurer had written that the balance of \$400 on her League's pledge would be paid in March. Abilene had \$100 outstanding on its pledge. She referred members to her report in Work Book Part II.

Budget A tally of anticipated pledges indicated that the League would be faced with a net deficit of \$980, Mrs. Schwind stated. She asked for direction from the Board as to where the proposed budget could be cut with least damage. After discussing the subject Board members agreed that "Transfer of State Office" would be deleted; "Maintenance" could be cut by \$200; "Field Service to Local Leagues", by \$100; and "Field Service to New Leagues", by \$200. Small final adjustments, they agreed, should be determined by the Budget committee after the total of local League support was known. Mrs. Schwind concluded her report with a recommendation the Board give serious consideration to budget making and finance as subjects for area workshops in the coming League year.

Convention Mrs. Turner noted the error in the registration fee in Work Book Part I, page 5, item 2. She asked Board members to be alert to opportunities to be helpful if the error caused delegates to be puzzled or distressed. Due to changes in arrangements, the price of the boat trip had been reduced to \$3.75. She asked Board members to register Monday evening and to be present for the informal "open house" on the mezzanine. Mrs. Baden would serve as convention time keeper, she concluded.

Voters Service Mrs. Prashner announced that 160,000 of the VOTER'S GUIDE had been ordered from the printer. A total of 135,800 advance orders had come in to state office to date. An order for 25,000 copies of "Who, Me? Go to My Precinct Convention?" had also been placed, and advance orders for 18,000 of this publication had been received.

Finance Mrs. Linchan said final reports on finance drives had come in from 16 Leagues. They show pretty good member participation, she said. She gave the Board information about the "On the Map" project which will honor the heroines of finance drives at national Convention. She had chosen Mrs. Joe T. Smith of the Lubbock League as the outstanding finance worker in the Texas League, and will announce her selection at the Variety Show and in the May TEXAS VOTER. Order blanks were ready for delegates for the new finance publication, "Prospecting for Gold in Texas".

Field Service Mrs. Macdonald reported briefly on three Leagues to which Field Service has given special attention. The news from Wichita Falls is encouraging. New members have come on their Board, and four members would come to Convention. The Abilene League had recently had a Field Service visit. The League had worked out a satisfactory answer to the question of a prospective member who was interested in representation of her race. No word had been received from the Amarillo League.

The session was adjourned at 12:05.

SECOND SESSION - MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 16

Mrs. Brown reconvened the Board meeting at 1:05 p.m.

State Program - Second Round Recommendations

Current Agenda: Reports from the local Leagues showed no compelling demand for change in the basic proposal for one item in state-local relations, Mrs. Murphree stated. The Board agreed. In discussing the changed wording proposed by the San Antonio League, members pointed out that though it was briefer, it was also vague and disjointed. Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board change its wording of the current agenda item to that proposed by the San Antonio League. Seconded. Motion LOST. Mrs. Pettis moved that "governmental" be inserted before "services" in the proposed current agenda item. Seconded. CARRIED with 7 voting aye and 2 no. The proposed current agenda item follows:

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS: Study of the problems involved in coordinated planning for development, financing, and administration of governmental services in Texas.

Preamble: Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board confirm previous action in approving wording of the Preamble by including the words "which are" (omitted by accident in material sent to the Leagues.) Seconded. CARRIED.

The League of Women Voters of Texas works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League studies and takes action on selected state governmental issues which are in the public interest.

Continuing Responsibilities: Mrs. Murphree reported that the Leagues seemed pleased with the wording and content of the proposed continuing responsibilities. She then asked for Board discussion of the plan outlined in her pre-Board meeting report for presenting resolutions in the coming precinct conventions. One opinion expressed was that League-endorsed resolutions would have little effect because of small local League coverage unless Governor Connally gave them strong support. Mrs. Nolle thought the plan would require a public relations and educational campaign of staggering proportions. . The Board discussed the relative merits of several subjects for resolutions. Mrs. Joor believed that a resolution calling for a constitutional convention had top priority and is a subject on which the League is informed. Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board approve a call for a constitutional convention as content for a proposed resolution to be presented at precinct conventions. Seconded. The motion LOST with 5 voting aye and 6 no. The Board discussed further the general questions of League members' need to gain political experience by acting in precinct conventions and of the importance of the content of resolutions. Mrs. Casperson moved that no resolution on constitutional revision be presented by League representatives at precinct conventions. Seconded. CARRIED.

State Program - State-Local Relations Consensus - Mrs. Pettis reported that 21 local Leagues had reached consensus on the item. She referred the Board to the detailed information in her pre-Board meeting report. The Board discussed the proposed consensus statement and suggested some minor changes. Mrs. Turner moved that the Board approve the following statement of consensus:

The League of Women Voters of Texas is opposed to continuing to meet the needs for local government services by the formation of single purpose special districts. Therefore, it will support measures to provide

- 1) cities and/or counties with adequate and realistic powers to perform services without overlapping costs and taxation and
- 2) for the accountability and regulation of single purpose special districts.

The motion was seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Pettis then asked if the Board wished the committee to propose a statement of continuing responsibility. Mrs. Turner moved that the state-local relations committee be authorized to word the proposed continuing responsibility statement from the consensus.

The motion was seconded. CARRIED by 8 voting aye and 4 no.

Texas Constitutional Revision Mrs. Murphree announced that members of the committee for this continuing responsibility plus Mrs. Horton Smith and Mrs. George Boller would plan to discuss prospects for revision with Dr. J. William Davis who would be at the Convention as guest speaker.

Convention Expenses Mrs. Turner raised a question about which accounts should be charged with the expenses of off-Board budget committee members and the cost of Convention signs for delegations. The Board agreed that the budget committee account should be charged with the former and the Convention account, with the latter.

Conference with Parliamentarian Mrs. Bell reviewed for the benefit of Board members the principal responsibilities of her office. Her role is to assist the president, the Board members, and the delegates. She does not speak unless asked for counsel though she may unobtrusively call the chairman's attention to something that might cause difficulty later. It is better, she said, for the chairman to answer questions if she can rather than refer everything to the parliamentarian. In answer to a question regarding the budget committee's responsibility for its report, she explained that, since this is a standing committee, it is subject to call until its term expires. The committee prepares its report for the Convention and when the report is presented, the chairman announces that the Board has approved it.

Field Service (Continued) Mrs. Braunagel summarized her activities directed towards the organization of a League in the Temple area. She had not yet written to the national Board about the possibility of an area-type organization. She had distributed 500 "Voter's Key for 1964" which had been well received. She had appeared before a number of organizations to talk about citizenship and the League. A great deal of interest had been shown. She spoke of plans for a big organization meeting in Belton. However, because the League is initiating organization, the first steps are somewhat different from those familiar to us.

National Program Mrs. Joor announced that second round recommendations would be brought up at the post-Convention Board meeting. With the delegates she planned to use the questions from the national Board second round questionnaire on Wednesday evening after the Vakriety Show. She proposed leading discussion on the following questions on the new Equality of Opportunity item: Does your League like this proposal in general? Does your League favor modifying the proposed wording? If so, what wording do you prefer? Why? Mrs. Joor believed that discussion would give delegates a chance to exchange views among local League representatives and would provide information from other states also.

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Mrs. Braunagel would lead discussion of proposed bylaws changes, preamble, and proposed program structure. The plan was to give delegates a chance to consider the alternatives.

Before closing the meeting Mrs. Brown spoke of her enjoyment in working with the four Board members who were leaving the Board at the end of Convention.

Mrs. Brown declared the Board meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Winifred B. Schwind

Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Secretary

MINUTES
State Board Meeting
Carrousel Motor Inn, Waco
January 7 - 9, 1964

FIRST SESSION - TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 7

Following committee meetings held from 1:00 - 3:00 P. M., Mrs. Maurice Brown, president, called the first session of the January Board meeting to order at 3:00 P. M. In attendance were:

Mrs. W. D. Baden	Mrs. Harold Murphree
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel	*Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Robert Casperson	Mrs. E. S. Prashner
Mrs. William E. Joor	Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Mrs. C. M. Linehan	Mrs. E. Jack Turner
Mrs. Colin Macdonald	

*Mrs. Nolle joined the meeting at 5:15 P. M. Wednesday.

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren was absent from the Board meeting.

Resignation Mrs. Brown read a letter from Mrs. Herbert C. Martin resigning her position on the Board because her husband has become a candidate for public office. Mrs. Linehan moved that Mrs. Martin's resignation be accepted with regret. Seconded. CARRIED. The Board agreed that a notice of Mrs. Martin's resignation should be sent to the Amarillo newspaper from the state office and that the notice should state Mrs. Martin's reason as a means of pointing to the nonpartisanship of Board members. Copies of the notice were to be sent to Mrs. Martin and to Mrs. Wicker, Amarillo president.

President's Report 1) Correspondence: Mrs. Brown said that holiday greetings had been sent to the League by Governor Connally, Lieutenant Governor Smith, Speaker Tunnell, Attorney General Carr. An invitation to an Education Workshop had come from the Dallas League. A question on local League program received from the Houston League had been referred to Mrs. Murphree. Of special interest to the Board was the invitation from the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech in Lubbock to place non-current League records in the Collection. Mrs. Casperson and Mrs. Linehan were asked to investigate whether Lubbock is the only site for such a collection since the matter of a central location could be of importance to the League. 2) Dr. Davis of Texas Tech has accepted by letter the League's invitation to address the Convention. 3) Mrs. Brown reported receipt of a letter from Mr. William Hawes of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston saying the national Board is considering Houston as the site for the 1968 national League Convention. He urged the state Board to second his invitation. Mrs. Joor moved that the state Board endorse the proposal to hold the 1968 national Convention at the Shamrock Hilton in Houston. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the president notify the national Board of this decision. Seconded. CARRIED. 4) Correspondence continued: Mrs. Brown reported receipt of a copy of a letter written

to the president of the Fort Worth League notifying her that that League is eligible to receive a portion of a bequest left to a number of civic and philanthropic organizations by a Fort Worth citizen. 5) New publications: a) "Legislative Program of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations". Free copies will be requested for state Board members. b) "Report on Registration and Voting Participation". Mrs. Phillips, national League president, served on the committee which prepared this report at President Kennedy's request. It was agreed that five copies should be requested for use of Board members.

Decisions to be made Mrs. Brown announced that the Board would need to make decisions on the following major matters of business: 1) corrected proposed budget 2) state program 3) three proposed changes in bylaws 4) membership emphasis at Convention 5) timed Agenda for Convention 6) contents of VOTER'S GUIDE 7) proposal for expanded field service.

Minutes Minutes of the October 1963 Board meeting were corrected as follows:

- p. 4 - last paragraph beginning "Amarillo": delete first sentence
- p. 9 - first paragraph: at end of paragraph add wording of question sent to local Leagues for use in VOTER'S GUIDE for special elections, as follows:
"What do you think are the most serious problems facing the state and how would you solve them?"

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Baden reported a deficit of \$490.66 in the program account of the current budget. The League spent over \$600 on the poll tax campaign; \$543 was left in the special poll tax campaign account after all bills had been paid. With the return of the \$543 balance from the special account to the League's operating account, the League has ended by spending about \$100 on the campaign. Mrs. Baden explained that she is now listing the actual costs of supplies used for League publications under Publications expenditures instead of using the percentage formula adopted by previous treasurers as a way of dividing supplies charges between the Supplies and Publications accounts. The treasurer led the Board in discussion of expected expenditures for the last quarter of the fiscal year to guide her in making an estimate of an end-of-year balance. After discussion of the treasurer's report on the third quarter and on the budget analysis accompanying it, Mrs. Brown thanked Mrs. Baden and stated that the report would be filed for audit.

Budget Mrs. Schwind reported the Budget Committee's recommendation that the item for National Services be increased to \$10,075.00 to meet the pledge suggested to the Texas League by the national Board. To accommodate the increase over the total of the proposed budget approved at the October Board meeting, the committee further recommended that the item for President and Board of Directors be reduced by \$50.00 to \$3,150.00 and that Local League Support be

raised to \$27,145.00 resulting in a corrected total for both Income and Expenditures of \$27,345.00. Mrs. Schwind moved that the Budget Committee's recommendations for correcting the Proposed Budget be approved by the Board. Seconded. CARRIED. The Board approved the plan to send a special memo on the corrected budget to the local Leagues in the post-Board mailing and agreed that the memo should ask each League to add a minimum of \$15.00 to the pledge figure suggested to it in the November budget packet. Mrs. Brown said that the Corrected Proposed Budget would be included in the Workbook Part I but that the workload in state office precluded its being sent in the post-Board mailing as well. She suggested that Mrs. Schwind make this clear in the special memo.

Finance Mrs. Linehan reported first that she had made no attempt to ask the Governor for a finance proclamation for the League because of the emergency situation in his office following the catastrophe of President Kennedy's assassination. She introduced the new finance workbook (in draft format), displayed its features, and explained its contents. It will be ready for presentation at Convention. Mrs. Murphree moved that the new finance publication be produced and ready for sale at Convention. Seconded. CARRIED. It was agreed that 200 copies should be ordered.

VOTER Mrs. Casperson listed for the Board the items and information which the February pre-Convention issue of the TEXAS VOTER must include. She was asked to find room, if possible, for notice of Mrs. Martin's resignation and of bylaws changes. Since space is so limited, Mrs. Schwind asked for approval to use the space available for budget news for a "Dear Member" letter of explanation rather than for a condensed version of the budget without explanation. The Board agreed. Mrs. Casperson said that the VOTER would be ready for mailing by February 10.

Voters Service Mrs. Prashner reported that 60,000 copies of VOTER'S KEY had been shipped from state office. The Board discussed ways of promoting the sale of the remaining 40,000. Exploration of TV and news advertising was suggested. Such promotion might best be made shortly before the Primary and General elections, it was thought.

Candidates' questionnaires will be sent to candidates for the following offices: governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, railroad commissioner, representative, and senator, Mrs. Prashner stated. The VOTER'S GUIDE will be printed for the same price the League paid in 1962. The committee proposed for use in the VOTER'S GUIDE the questions listed below. The Board approved the questions.

For GOVERNOR:

1. What legislation initiating constitutional revision would you be willing to promote?
2. What are the major goals you would like to accomplish in the next two years?

For LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE:

1. What further steps should the state government undertake to protect its water resources? (Texas'?)

2. What do you consider the most effective method of voter registration?
3. What legislation initiating constitutional revision would you be willing to support?

For RAILROAD COMMISSIONER:

1. What do you consider the 3 prime responsibilities of the office you seek?
2. How can these responsibilities best be carried out?

For ATTORNEY GENERAL:

(Same as for Railroad Commissioner)

For STATE TREASURER, COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUDGE OF COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

1. How would you carry out what you consider the prime responsibilities of this office?

Mrs. Murphree suggested that a leaflet "Who, Me? Nominate the President?", comparable to "Who, Me? Go to my precinct convention?" be prepared or that the information be included in the "...precinct convention" piece and that this or these be introduced at Convention. Order blanks should be sent with the Post Board Report with a return date of February 15.

The first session adjourned at 6:10 P. M.

SECOND SESSION - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Mrs. Brown reconvened the Board meeting at 9:08 A. M. Mrs. Brown reported that she had sent a telegram to the national Board (in session in Washington) urging it to hold the 1968 Convention in Houston.

Proposed Program Mrs. Murphree presided during the second session in which the Board considered committee recommendations for proposed program. Discussion followed the mimeographed report sent to members in advance of the meeting.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Mrs. Murphree reported a correction in the number of Leagues that sent Program recommendations for 1964-66. The figure should be 26, not 30 as it appears on page 1 of the report. Mrs. Murphree stated for the record an opinion given in the report that Tyler's request for permission to send its recommendation late should not have been granted by the Board since it violated the bylaws. (Tyler's request was received during the October Board meeting.) In answer to a question she said that the Board can propose an item in any field already proposed by the local Leagues but not in a field outside of their proposals. The Board may propose an aspect and outlook for work different from local League proposals within such a field. Mrs. Murphree called attention to the fact that the local Leagues had participated more fully in recommending Continuing Responsibilities than they had in previous years.

2. PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM a) Preamble: Mrs. Murphree reviewed the committee's reasons for removing the statement on nonpartisanship from the Preamble to Program. Mrs. Macdonald suggested that "issues which are in the public interest" be substituted for "issues in the public interest" since Board members' discussion of the proposed preamble indicated some thought it ambiguous. Mrs. Macdonald moved approval of the following Preamble to Program: "The League of Women Voters of Texas works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League studies and takes action on selected state governmental issues which are in the public interest". Seconded. CARRIED.

b) Continuing Responsibilities: Mrs. Murphree referred to the committee's reasons, stated in the report, for presenting proposed Continuing Responsibilities in abbreviated statements and leaving full explanations (on file in the historical record) to be summarized in the "Digest" publications which are available to all members. In reply to a comment that new members might find it difficult to understand what is involved in a continuing responsibility, Mrs. Murphree said she believed that the flip publication on state program, if it were continued, would provide a good tool for members. The Board agreed to the use of abbreviated statements for Continuing Responsibilities.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Mrs. Murphree explained to the Board that citizen understanding had not been spelled out in the Outlook for Work (in the committee report) since the committee felt that proposals should come from the new chairman, the former chairman having resigned at the time of the committee meeting in December. "Digest" should be reissued in updated form. "Current Review" should prepare members for legislative action. Efforts to secure funds for research would be a new effort. Initial research in similar situations in other states came from private funds, Mrs. Murphree and Mrs. Pettis learned at the National Municipal League Conference. Legislatures have not shown interest in such research. Mrs. Murphree recommended that the League forego resolutions in precinct conventions since it could accomplish little for revision. To keep the subject before leaders of the major political parties, the state president should ask to appear before the party platform committees.

A question was asked as to the possible value of recommending constitutional revision as Current Agenda in order to take advantage of greater interest being shown in the press. Mrs. Murphree replied that she thought failure to include revision among the lively issues represents an opportunity missed. She considers the next two years a cocoon period at the end of which the League will be in better position to work because of the confusion expected to result from reapportionment and from dual registration. She believes the League should be working for a Constitutional Convention under this Continuing Responsibility, not wasting energy on side issues. Mrs. Murphree reported two points made during the discussion of constitutional revision at the Municipal League Conference: 1) automatic call for a constitutional convention should be included in a state constitution and 2) crisis

is the force that brings fundamental change. She asked the Board to give thought to working for an amendment requiring automatic call. Mrs. Schwind moved that Texas Constitutional Revision be proposed as a Continuing Responsibility. Seconded. CARRIED.

Discussing the Outlook for Work further, the Board considered where the search for private funds for research might begin. The Ford and Sears Foundations were mentioned as was an article by Eric Severeid on the proliferation of foundations. To expedite this facet of its work, the state Board committee might be enlarged by adding interested local League members. If League members are to participate in precinct conventions by proposing resolutions encouraging revision, this type of action should be included in the suggestions in the Outlook. This would alert local Leagues in time. Decision would be made at Convention. The Board agreed that such participation in precinct conventions should be added to #4 of the Outlook for Work.

Mrs. Prashner moved that the Board propose as Continuing Responsibility #1 "TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Support of measures to promote revision of the Texas Constitution". Seconded. CARRIED.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Murphree called the Board's attention to the committee's recommendation that two previous continuing responsibilities in the same general field be combined into one - the proposed second Continuing Responsibility for the 1964-66 Program. Discussing the Outlook for Work, Mrs. Murphree suggested that explanation be made at Convention, possibly in Little Meetings, of ways to push for goals if opportunity presents. An article in next November's TEXAS VOTER could provide the members with information on the federal 24th amendment. In discussing #4 of the Outlook it was stated that going to precinct conventions on this item would not create good public relations for the League.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Board propose as Continuing Responsibility # 2 "ELECTION LAWS : Support of improved procedures for voter registration and conduct of elections in Texas". Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Murphree asked Board members whether they thought consensus on State-Local Relations should be presented as a separate Continuing Responsibility or be included in a Current Agenda item on the subject. If the latter is agreed upon, the support position would have to be included in the wording of the item since an historical record does not exist. This would require amendment by the Convention of any item that was adopted. A contrary opinion was stated to the effect that support positions in the first biennium do not need specific statement. It was agreed that decision would be deferred until Current Agenda has been considered.

c) Current Agenda: In view of the strong interest evidenced by local Leagues in both State-Local Relations and Education, according to the Proposed Program committee's report, Mrs. Macdonald stated her opinion that the Board could not properly limit itself to proposing one item only. Disagreement was voiced during the ensuing discussion. Reference was made to the fact that 22 Leagues of 30 reporting expressed a wish for a one item Current Agenda. Mrs. Joor moved that the state Board recommend one Current Agenda item for 1964-66. Seconded. CARRIED with one negative vote.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS Mrs. Murphree led discussion of the committees' reasons (outlined in its report) for recommending a continuation of this subject on Current Agenda. The Board gave serious consideration to the areas studied during this biennium, to their significance in their relationship to the broad subject of state-local relations, and to the values and advantages for the League in each of the two alternatives - to continue the item or drop it. Having voted to propose one item only, Board members reviewed the strong interest shown in a new item on education and weighed this with the slightly stronger interest evidenced for continuing study of state-local relations with emphasis on specific, new areas. In spite of conflicting demands on their interest, many League members believe it important and, in fact, an obligation to develop beyond the limits of a two-year study their knowledge of and consensus on a subject so far-reaching. A number of Leagues have learned through work on local items on county government and on planning that only through League work done at the higher level of government can any significant changes be accomplished. The same argument has been put forth by advocates of an education item, many of whom have been working on this subject at the local level. Mrs. Murphree reviewed the committee suggestions for an outlook for work. The first year of a two-year study would develop understanding of the place of the county in the governmental structure, of its powers to carry out services for the state, and its powers to carry out local responsibilities. From this review the League would move to a consideration of powers not held by county governments, powers which critics of the system claim are necessary if the needs of citizens today and tomorrow are to be adequately met. For the second year the committee recommended that the League focus on official planning bodies at state, regional, and local levels - their philosophy, purposes, and goals. This could include study of the difficulties states face in coordinating ideas of local and regional agencies with overall state planning, study of the actual structure and operation of state and regional planning commissions in states where they exist, and the formulation of a proposed plan for Texas.

Referring to the possibility of League consensus on the studies made during this biennium, Mrs. Murphree said the Board could consider preparing a Current Review publication for members on any consensus achieved. It was suggested that sentence 2 under Legislative Action, on page 6 of the Proposed Program Report, be changed from "We do not contemplate any action in the 59th Legislature on any of the study areas proposed in 1964-66" to "No action will be taken in the 59th Legislature on any of the study areas proposed in 1964-66."

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the State Current Agenda item as proposed and worded by the Proposed Program Committee:
STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS: Study of the problems involved in coordinated planning for development, financing, and administration of services in Texas be accepted by the Board as its recommended item. Seconded. The president called for discussion of the motion. Mrs. Linehan spoke against it because her League's experience has not shown the importance of the subject. She would prefer an item having more nearly universal appeal to which new members would respond readily. Mrs. Macdonald pointed out that education is uppermost in people's minds and that, consequently, an education item would have great appeal. Proponents of the motion had given their views favoring continuation and expansion of the state-local relations subject while the committee recommendations were being discussed. The Board members discussed fully the merits of an education item versus the state-local relations item for the next biennium. The president called for a vote. Eight voted "aye". Three voted "no". Mrs. Brown declared that the motion had CARRIED.

Mrs. Murphree suggested that a form asking local Leagues for second round Program suggestions be sent to point up their responsibility and to remind them of the deadline. Board members talked over possible questions for the form. Mrs. Braunagel suggested that the Proposed Program committee prepare the form based on what the Board had said. The time span between receipt by the local Leagues of the President's Post Board Letter, the Convention Workbook Part I, and the February VOTER and the February 25th deadline for second round program suggestions would be very short. The Board agreed that Mrs. Brown should remind the Leagues in her letter that they would have approximately two weeks for such consideration.

The second session was adjourned at 12:15 P. M.

THIRD SESSION - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 8

The Board reconvened at 1:40 P. M.

Expanded Field Service Mrs. Brown announced that she was withdrawing her proposals for expanded field service from the Agenda of the meeting. She plans to recommend them to the new Board.

Publications and Public Relations In the absence of Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Turner presented her report. Mrs. MacLaren recommended that "best seller" publications, both state and national, be displayed at Convention. Collection and shipment of lists she proposed could be handled by state office. The Board approved the arrangement. Mrs. Turner read the lists of titles suggested. The Board added some to the list of national publications. Regarding local League displays at Convention, information as to space needed must be received in state office by March 1. Mrs. Prashner suggested inviting each local League to send a sample VOTER for a display of bulletins. Mrs. Murphree moved that local League be asked to send to the state VOTER editor for Convention display what in their judgment is the best VOTER issued by their Leagues last year. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Turner said the PUBLICATIONS HANDBOOK will be ready for Convention.

San Marcos Application Mrs. Braunagel gave the Board some information just received from San Marcos and necessary to complete the application for local League status. The second vice president is Miss Jane Talley. The publications and bulletin portfolios are vacant at the moment because resignations for good reasons have just been received. Non-member contributors to the finance drive number 55 to 65.

Membership Mrs. Brown announced that as of December 31, 1963, total membership in the Texas Leagues numbers only 100 more than last year. A new total will be run in the state office as of March 1 for Convention. The state office receives notice of League members moving from other states to non-League cities in Texas. It was suggested that Mrs. Linehan and Mrs. Braunagel prepare a form letter of invitation to membership-at-large which could be sent to such women. It was further suggested that they prepare a plan for supplying such prospective members-at-large with League publications and information. The Board agreed.

Convention Mrs. Turner led discussion of Convention plans. She first reviewed for Board members' information the fixed expenses for Convention: tickets for meals and boat trip - \$12.00; registration - \$10.00; travel equalization - \$2.00 making a total of \$24.00. It was suggested that a simple solution to the problem of providing inexpensive lunches, not requiring reservations, for the Tuesday noon hour could be met by having a sandwich bar open on the mezzanine from 11 - 12:30. Mrs. Turner said the hotel is ready to provide this service. The Board agreed that this was a good answer to the question about suitable arrangements for lunch on the first day of Convention.

Deadline for material for Workbook Part II is March 2. The Board members went through the tentative Timed Agenda for Workbook II with Mrs. Turner, each one filling in information necessary to her role in the Convention. Explanation was made of the Introduction and Convention Rules prepared for Workbook # I. During discussion some corrections were made. It was suggested that doorkeepers be informed that delegates may leave the Convention floor at any time but may be readmitted only at times specified in the Agenda. It was agreed that this should be announced to the Convention. To carry out step #4 of the membership campaign announced at Council, Mrs. Brown asked Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Linehan of the Membership Committee to plan awards. The state office will determine the comparative figures. Mrs. Linehan was also asked to secure a gift for Mrs. Morgan. Mrs. Braunagel suggested that Convention Rules need revision before the next Council to include information on voting on Program - in particular, on voting order. If the Convention Rules sheets had already been run in the state office so that revision is not possible this year, adoption of the Agenda would cover this matter of procedure, Mrs. Braunagel said. The Board approved the Timed Agenda as corrected. It will be mimeographed for Convention Workbook Part II.

Voting procedures were next explained. A recorder will be named at each table. She will report the vote on a pad provided for her, adding her name as recorder. Tellers will collect the papers after each vote. The Board approved the proposed voting procedure. Tickets for the official Convention meals would be printed, Mrs. Turner said in concluding her report. Badge holders must be brought from the state office. New signs for the delegations would be ready.

Continuing Responsibilities Mrs. Murphree said she would contact Mrs. Martin to get information and her suggestions regarding continuation of the League's library project during the Texas Historical Period. A report on the poll tax campaign will be included in the Workbook Part II.

National Program Mrs. Joor reported on the Leagues' activities in the field of national Program, specifically, the Continuing Responsibility on Water Resources. Referring to the request made to a number of Leagues last fall to conduct a pollution survey, she stated that the response had been good. All but two Leagues contacted had taken part. Amarillo on the Canadian River and Harlingen on the Rio Grande did not participate in the survey. Mrs. Brown delivered the condensed findings to the Congressional committee which met in Austin for a regional hearing. Several of the Leagues that contributed to the survey reported their findings in their VOTERs. Local pollution had not been studied by most Leagues. Pollution is not generally recognized to be a part of the problem of water conservation. The survey pointed up the controversial nature of the Texas Water Pollution Control Board. Mrs. Joor noted that the Board has been in operation only since 1961 and has not had a chance to prove itself. She added that it does not have enough funds to operate well. A "grandfather" clause is operative. The Board had jurisdiction over pollution for the entire state. Under the Continuing Responsibility on Water Resources, Mrs. Joor said that her committee could prepare and send out to the Leagues a concise summary on water pollution in Texas. The Leagues could study the summary in one meeting. If consensus were reached, the Texas League could then take action in the Legislature in 1965. Under the Continuing Responsibility on Water Resources, it is possible for the Texas League to request the national Board for permission to do what Mrs. Joor proposed. Mrs. Joor stated that in her opinion consensus should be limited to operation of the Water Pollution Control Board. The following questions could be asked: Does the Board have the power to coordinate the work of the many special districts? Who is serving on the Board? Is the Board carrying out the purpose set forth in law? Mrs. Joor recommended this study as a suitable one for the so-called quiet period after National Convention. Mrs. Brown proposed that decision be postponed until Thursday morning.

The session was adjourned at 5:40 P. M.

FOURTH SESSION - THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 9

The Board reconvened at 9:20 A. M.

National Program (cont.) Mrs. Joor moved that the Texas Leagues make a study leading to consensus on coordinated planning in Texas for control of water pollution in the state. Seconded. CARRIED with one "no" vote. The Board agreed that the study should be made and the summary distributed to the Leagues after Convention and that the making of it will depend on approval by the national Board.

Field Service Mrs. Macdonald led discussion of the Field Service program. First League to be reported on was the San Marcos Provisional League whose application for local League status had been

studied by Board members. Mrs. Braunagel reviewed for the Board some information relating to the League and to the application. The Board discussed the policy sheet and asked for an appraisal of San Marcos' handling of nonpartisanship. Mrs. Braunagel stated that she believed the League had demonstrated alertness and responsibility in several situations of the kind which put a League to the test. She spoke of the fine resource material prepared on the state Current Agenda item. This was distributed in their VOTER. The interim report sent to the national Board had been commented on with warm approval in a letter of acknowledgement from Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Macdonald read the letter to the Board.

Mrs. Pettis moved that the state Board recommend to the national Board that it grant local League status to the San Marcos Provisional League. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Brown will write to the national Board asking for action in time to recognize the San Marcos League at State Convention and to seat its delegates.

Temple - Bell County Mrs. Braunagel reported on the development of plans to organize a provisional League in Temple and/or Bell County. In this instance a new approach to organization by the state Board is needed since there has been no specific local request. Mrs. Braunagel began by giving some information on the geography of the county. Temple and Belton adjoin; Killeen is a big town in the county. The Board might consider organization on an area basis in order to include Temple, Belton, and Killeen. Mrs. Braunagel plans to write to the national Board giving information on the county and the three cities to ask for reactions to an area organization for this locale. She was asked if Temple would be the heart of such a League, and she agreed. Mrs. Blanche Saunders, a former member of the Galveston League, is assisting Mrs. Braunagel in her initial efforts in Temple. Bell County is an area of special interest because of the presence of Fort Hood. Mrs. Braunagel called the Board's attention to an article, "Fort Hood: Sparta Goes Suburban", in the January issue of HARPER'S. Mrs. Macdonald referred Board members to what she had said on area organization in her report on the October Chicago conference. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board grant approval for exploring the possibilities of organizing an area League in Bell County. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Braunagel was asked to write to the national Board as she had proposed.

Mrs. Macdonald stated that the Field Service report in Workbook Part II would include reports on the program structure meetings held in November and December of last year, a general statement on membership, and information on increased summer activity. It will point out the trend towards making unit meetings true discussions rather than classes, note that local bulletins have improved, and comment on new patterns in League organization. She will also cover the area conferences on membership held last August.

Mrs. Macdonald then asked for brief reports on Leagues with special problems.

Abilene Mrs. Linehan stated that the minutes have been good but that there has been only one VOTER since last summer. The troika plan of leadership had been dropped when Mrs. Dubow agreed to serve as president. However, she had seen no official report of

this decision, Mrs. Linehan said. The Abilene League is working actively on its local Current Agenda, a study of the schools system. Some new members have joined.

Amarillo Mrs. Linehan said she had received no communications from this League in answer to her messages. However, eight members attended the program structure meeting held in Mrs. Martin's home. She learned then that no meetings had been held by this League since last July. Mrs. Linehan was asked to make contact with the Amarillo League to request that a firm decision be reached - either to be a League or to disband. If it should prove necessary, Mrs. Linehan was further asked to make sure that a meeting to vote on this question be called.

San Angelo Mrs. Braunagel reported that this League is not active and has only about 40 members. She hopes to assist them with a membership effort. The president had written a letter saying that the League is suffering from a distressed local economy and from opposition in the area to the League's position on national issues. Mrs. Mruphree commented on some of the real values to be discovered by Leagues in producing skits and musicals and suggested that these might be pointed out to the possible benefit of San Angelo and other Leagues having problems. Mrs. Macdonald responded by suggesting she include mention of this in her Field Service report. Mrs. Braunagel assured the Board she would visit the San Angelo League.

Galveston Mrs. Braunagel stated that the Galveston League has been sending her an updated report of their work before each state Board meeting. This League will hold its annual meeting after State Convention. It has made plans for a limited poll tax drive and a limited finance drive. Galveston was holding its last meeting on State-Local Relations in January. Members had done a great deal of work on the campaign for poll tax repeal which passed in Galveston County. The League did an excellent piece of work on the water pollution survey. It still lacked the required minimum of ten members for the Board. Ahead is the need to pick up the remaining program load. Mrs. Mruphree reported that an orientation meeting for new members was scheduled for January. A good flyer to welcome new members had been produced. The Galveston League did not participate in program making. It was actively promoting sale of VOTER'S KEY to local business firms.

Wichita Falls Mrs. Macdonald said that this League was facing disbanding. For years its problem had been that of leadership. Mrs. Somerville, the president, has had overwhelming personal problems and has resigned. No woman appeared to be available to assume the presidency. A meeting had been called for January 8 to consider the situation. Mrs. Macdonald will go to Wichita Falls on February 12 when a final decision will probably be made. The Wichita Falls Board feels it cannot go on, she reported.

Corsicana Mrs. Pettis reported that she could see no change in the situation in Corsicana. Though the League lists 51 members, only four or five work for the League. Only two of these have real knowledge and experience in the League. Mrs. Pettis said she believes there is potential for good League operation in the community even though it does not respond readily. Corsicana is a small conservative city in which there is considerable wealth. The local League continues to operate in a limited fashion. They feel that the statewide poll tax repeal campaign set them back since Corsicana citizens support the poll tax system. The League made program recommendations. It presents an annual program on the United Nations at a public luncheon meeting held in Kinsloe House.

Pasadena Mrs. Joor raised a question as to condition of the Pasadena League. She had had a telephone call from the national Program chairman who is new and knew nothing about her responsibilities. Mrs. Joor said she gave the chairman what information she could in a telephone conversation. Mrs. Murphree stated that she had received a similar call last fall asking for her help in making a calendar for the year. Unfortunately, she could not go to Pasadena at the time requested. Mrs. Brown pointed out that no Board list had been received from this League. Mrs. Bevill, Pasadena president, had written to the state office asking for advice on running for a place on the local Charter Commission. Mrs. Macdonald suggested that Mrs. Murphree or Mrs. Braunagel phone and ask to come to the next Board meeting. The past history of this League indicates it had not conducted its work on national Program in League-like fashion with the result that members had complained. An about-face occurred after that.

In view of Mrs. Brown's decision to postpone discussion of the recommendations for an expanded Field Service program till after Convention and the meeting of the new Board, the Field Service committee recommended that the incoming Board give the proposal full consideration.

Correspondence Mrs. Brown announced receipt of two letters during the morning. A letter from the San Marcos president replied to the Board's request for information as to the exact number of non-member contributors to the finance drive. The number is 55. The Texas State Library wrote asking for free publications. Mrs. Casperson recommended that the shipment to go from state office include local League booklets on local government.

Proposed Bylaws Changes Mrs. Brunagel announced that two proposals for bylaws change had been received. In her opinion the Board should consider the proposals and report them as either recommended or not recommended. She reminded the Board of the Pros and Cons report requested by the last Convention and given to the local Leagues last year. Mrs. Brown said she thought the Board should give bylaws proposals different treatment in the Workbook than it has in the past, that an explanation should be given for both sides no matter what the Board recommends. She suggested including in the Workbook the Pros and Cons prepared on the Convention date change. Mrs. Pettis moved that the Pros and Cons of bylaws amendment of the date of Convention (prepared for the 1963 Council) be included in Workbook Part I with the proposed changes in bylaws. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Murphree suggested that the Board consider the bylaw proposal for a change in Convention date before considering the proposal to change the date when the directors take office. The Board agreed.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board recommend for adoption the Irving League's proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the Texas League Bylaws:

A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially, beginning with the year 1965 (1967)...and that all

sections dependent upon Article VIII be amended to be consistent with the proposed change.

The motion was seconded. The president called for discussion. Mrs. Nolle commented that effecting a change in 1965 would be extremely difficult and that she thought discussion should consider only the 1967 date. Mrs. Joor spoke in favor of the change saying that the load of program making under the present system makes the job difficult. The state Board has an obligation to help local Leagues, not vice versa. Mrs. Macdonald said she was well aware of the inconvenience to the state office a change would make for the period of a year, but she believed that the proposed system would work just as well for the Texas League as it has for other state Leagues. She expressed concern about the amount of time program making now takes from Program itself. Mrs. Macdonald favors the change. Mrs. Turner stated that the state Board exists to implement the wishes of the membership. She favors the change. Mrs. Casperson expressed the idea that the local Leagues deserve state Board consideration of what will happen in a legislative year. The change in personnel on the state Board in a legislative year could be a serious disservice to them. Moving of state office presents another serious problem. She does not favor the change. Mrs. Murphree suggested that the Board think in terms of how it can best help local Leagues. The end result of the program making procedure is legislative action. If the latter is disrupted or made less effective by a change, then the Board will not have strengthened program making procedures. She recalled to the Board the Michigan Survey which stated that problems at the local level are more readily solved at the local level than at the state level. Mrs. Murphree added that she thought help with program making is needed. She concluded that she believed the Board could handle the decision, whatever it is, but believed retaining the present system would prove easier. She reminded the members that the change was first proposed in 1958 and was defeated in 1960 by only four votes. Mrs. Nolle noted that one side argues the change as a general proposition; the other, as a specific. In principle, she favored the change but held that it had not yet been clearly thought out. Money is the real problem, in her opinion, because a permanent state office or a legislative office will be necessary if the change is approved. Mrs. Prashner said she opposed the change because of conflict with the legislative schedule. In addition, she said she thought both money and time for two state meetings (Council and a legislative day) in one year would be difficult for local Leagues to manage. Mrs. Baden said she had no opinion yet since she had just come on the Board in October. Mrs. Linehan declared that local Leagues are frustrated by lack of time to meet program demands. She did not feel sure that the small number of recommendations for the bylaws change was necessarily indicative of lack of support. She favored the change. Mrs. Pettis said she is for the change because the present procedure cuts down on time for Program and consensus. As a result the League's legislative program can suffer. Mrs. Schwind favored the change if it could be set for 1967. She repeated an earlier point that if program making is covered well, local Leagues are frustrated by lack of time for Program itself.

Mrs. Macdonald moved the previous question. Seven voted "Aye". Four voted "No". One abstained. Mrs. Brown declared the motion had CARRIED.

Mrs. Macdonald moved that the Convention date change become effective in 1967. Seconded. Mrs. Murphree then moved to amend Mrs. Macdonald's motion be changing the effective date to 1975. There was no second. The Board discussed briefly some of the questions that would have to be answered by the Convention in 1966 if this bylaws change is approved by the 1964 Convention. Officers and directors would be elected for one year only; program would be adopted for one year only. The question was called. Ten voted "Aye". One voted "No". One abstained. The motion CARRIED. Mrs. Brown directed Mrs. Braunagel to prepare to report to the Convention all other sections affected by the proposed change in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

Mrs. Murphree moved that the state Board recommend for adoption the change in Article VIII, Section 1 proposed by the Fort Worth League:
Article VIII, Convention. Section 1. A convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held during the odd-numbered years. (Continue as written.)
The motion was seconded. LOST.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board recommend for adoption the change in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws proposed by the Houston League:
Article VIII, Section 1 The state Convention shall be held in odd-numbered years.
The motion was seconded. LOST.

Mrs. Macdonald moved that the state Board recommend for adoption the change to Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws (second sentence) as proposed by the Fort Worth League:
Article V, Section 1 (second sentence) The elected Directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve from June 1 following their election until May 31 following the next regular Convention.

The motion was seconded. The president called for discussion. Mrs. Braunagel opposed the motion as not feasible. She recommended that a state Board committee be named to study and recommend ways to implement the change in Convention date if it is adopted. Mrs. Murphree said that the Fort Worth League proposal had been made in good faith in an effort to solve problems related to a change in Convention date. She thought their proposal presented practical problems, that it would impose on outgoing Board members. Mrs. Casperson spoke of difficulties inherent in organizing a ^{New} Board in the first vacation month. Mrs. Nolle suggested that there is time to explore ways to implement the change. Mrs. Joor thought an inflexible rule on this should not be adopted. Mrs. Brown called for a vote. LOST.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board recommend for adoption the proposal of the Fort Worth League to amend Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws:
Article VI, Section 1 (second sentence) They, excepting the

Treasurer, shall hold office from June 1, following their election until the May 31 following the next Convention. The Treasurer shall assume office April 1 so that her term will be concurrent with the beginning of the fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Texas. She shall hold office until April 1 following the next regular Convention.

The motion was seconded. LOST.

The Board agreed that the following reasons should be given for recommending the change to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws as proposed by the Irving League: 1) in consideration of local League problems in the Program Making procedure and 2) to allow more time for adequate program content coverage and thoughtful consensus.

Other Business Mrs. Murphree reported the Proposed Program committee's recommendations for the form on second round Program Making as follows:

Current Agenda 1) Comment on a) subject b) wording c) Outlook
2) Comments on other proposals if you wish

Continuing Responsibilities 1) Comments on C. R. # 1
2) Comments on C. R. # 2
3) Comments on other proposals

Preamble 1) Comments

The Board accepted the proposed form.

For State-Local Relations consensus reports Mrs. Pettis said there were two alternatives: 1) She could compile the reports, interpret their meaning, send a summary to Board members, expect members to have suggestions ready at the pre-Convention Board meeting, and have the final report mimeographed in Corpus Christi. 2) or send a summary to the Board in the mail, members would return their opinions by mail, and Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Murphree would formulate the consensus statements. Mrs. Macdonald said she preferred the first alternative. The Board agreed that it preferred Mrs. Pettis' first alternative and would act on the State-Local Relations consensus at the pre-Convention Board meeting.

Convention Mrs. Turner asked Board members whether they would like a reception line to include all on the Board at the reception for Mrs. Morgan to be held in the Petroleum Club. Board members agreed that they would. Mrs. Turner said she would send to state office 300 Convention registration cards to be included with the delegate information sheet due to be mailed by February 20 and returned by March 1.

Deadlines Workbook Part I must be in state office Monday, January 13.
Memo on Corrected Proposed Budget to go with Post Board Report must be in state office Monday, January 13.
Copy for the February VOTER must be in Mrs. Casperson's mail on Monday, January 13.
Workbook, Part II must be in state office Monday, March 2.
Annual reports of state Board members are due March 31.
Local League Annual Reports are due in state office Feb. 25.
Local League bulletins to be displayed at Convention must be sent by February 25.

Texas Display at National Convention Mrs. Murphree suggested a display of publications of the past year including striking publications of local Leagues. If the 1968 Convention is to be held in Houston, the display could promote that. If a bookstore is set up at Convention, does the Texas League have materials to sell or give away? Mrs. Murphree asked. Mrs. Brown named the following committee to plan a display for national Convention: Mrs. Linehan, chairman, Mrs. Casperson and Mrs. Pettis.

Mrs. Brown expressed her appreciation and thanks to the Board for a good meeting.

The president adjourned the meeting at 1:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Winifred B. Schwind

Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Secretary