

CONSENSUS

Election Laws

Support of uniformly enforced election procedures, clearly stated election laws, and the right to a secret ballot.

Stressing the need for improving election procedures, our position emphasizes these points:

-Revision of the election laws to ensure enforcement
-Recodification of the election laws to eliminate obsolete matter and clarify ambiguous provisions
-Supervision of local elections held by all governmental units by a single county election authority responsible to a central state authority
-Requirement of uniform training for all election personnel
-Automatic restoration of voting rights to felons upon completing their sentence and/or probationary period
-Provision for unitary primaries.

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TO: State Board

FROM: Ruth Joor

July 7, 1967

I know you have not heard from me since Board meeting, but I have been on a dizzy round of this and that. The Oklahoma meetings were really great. The two men speakers for the China Conference were outstanding. Ruth's and my reports will be sent out at the end of July unless Ruth's comes in this week. Mine is only half done. There were 35 Texas delegates including Ruth and me. This was only a little over half of those invited. This fact bothers me, and it also bothered Julia Stuart who sent a last-minute letter to Texas League presidents urging attendance. After all, the Leagues in this area do not get an opportunity to meet with national Board members more than once in a blue moon. Many of the delegates were Leaguers I had never seen before. They admitted they had not attended state meetings, and when I asked -- at a brief get together following a session -- if they knew who I was, a considerable number of them shook their heads. So these sessions were a great experience for the Texas Leagues and I wish more had attended. I had sent out a special memo about the meetings, and Julia's letter on top of all the previous material about them should have been enough prodding.

Well, the water hearing is over, and I don't want to go through that again. I spent the better part of a week compiling the report, and Joyce came in with her son last Wednesday night to run off the final speech and put all the material together so I could take it with me. I took 35 sets, and when I go through with the Board and the press, there weren't many left.

Mrs. Haskell Rosenblum, former water chairman on the national Board, was the only woman on a distinguished ten-member Board -- called the President's Advisory Water Pollution Board. The chairman is Mr. Quigley, a commissioner of the Department of the Interior, who spoke very kindly of the League when I had finished. I was the only woman of thirteen speakers, including Mr. Moore, head of the Texas Pollution Board; Mr. Horton, head of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Industry; Mr. Simmons, president of the Conservation Society; Mr. Roy Payne, a member of the Railroad Commission, etc. So Mrs. Rosenblum and I as the only "coeds", and as representatives of the LWV, sort of publicized the League. I asked permission for Mrs. Hersey, Houston LWV water chairman, to follow me with testimony about Houston problems, which was granted. Her testimony is not included with the material sent out, but if we can get a copy from her, we will run it off.

As you may remember from my report on national Council, there is to be a special emphasis on Finance during the League's Fiftieth Anniversary. I received a letter from Mrs. Stuart requesting that I with local members of the League hold a brainstorming meeting about a different kind of financing for the League and send them our findings before the 11th of July. Therefore, Joan, as PR chairman, has set up a meeting for the 5th, inviting all state Board members from the area plus selected local members.

To those of you who were not at the June Board meeting, please note: We have an off-Board PUBLISHING EDITOR from the Houston League. Mrs. John H. Sieber. She is a professional and will help with all published material only, such as the VOTER, the F & I's for the Legislature study, etc. But she is not to be contacted personally. All requests for her help must come through this office so that order may be maintained. Otherwise, I am afraid we will lose our new editor.

Re editing of mimeographed material to go out of this office: this is the responsibility of the chairman, her committee and vice president.

In this respect, I would like to request that each of you make a resolve for this coming year - in timing; in use of your committee; in reporting to your vice-president. It was apparent to me last year that committees were not being used enough in between Board meetings, and often when they were sent material, there was not enough time for either the vice president or the committee to make suggestions before the material had to go out. After all, you cannot expect a VP or committee member to drop everything in order to study material that you have waited until the last minute to write. In other cases, committee members, although they had sufficient time, ignored the chairman's request for help. Also, chairmen who expect to have a great deal of work this year should make use of an off-Board committee as was suggested again and again by June Morgan and Margaret Law. At present Helen Duckworth's committee organization is a prime example of how well this committee system can work. She is using both off-Board and Board committees to the greatest advantage.

The carbon routine may be shuddered at by most Board members, but in the SO at times it becomes more than something to be shuddered at; it becomes smothering. I cannot possibly read carefully everything that comes into this office. And although the rule of a copy to SO still holds, I would like to ask, wistfully, that notes to your VP's and vice versa, which really don't need noting here not be sent to SO

Your vice president is ready and willing - when she herself is not swamped - to be of help. Rely on her; ask her for any help you need. I don't mean to sound aloof, because if you want to talk your problems over with me, I am ready to listen. But there is a limit to what I can do. This was quite apparent this last week when everything was at a standstill except water pollution. This ordinarily would have been Peggy's chore, but a last minute emergency request like this is my responsibility.

The publisher, slowed by the holiday, will not have the VOTER ready to go until next week, hopefully by Tuesday. We had hoped to close the office the 7th because Joyce is leaving for California on Saturday. But Margaret - who is back at work, by the way, and looks fine - with the help of our substitute, Mrs. Olson, will get out the VOTER. Then we will close the office until the 24th. I don't know about the rest of you but I need a breathing spell - with no responsibility for League work.

Change of address for a local League president:

Mrs. G. Donald Larson, [REDACTED]

Permanent State Office

Mrs. John Roberts, chairman	Fort Worth	Mrs. Duane Jordan	Lubbock
Mrs. George Boller	Galveston	Mrs. Karl Kamrath	Houston
Mrs. F. V. Rourk	Waco		

Finance Committee

Mrs. James F. Conlon	Abilene	Have asked her to be chairman. No answer yet.
Mrs. Raymond Freedman	Dallas	
Mrs. Dale Owen	Corpus Christi	
Mrs. Charles Rothoff	Brownsville	
Mrs. T. A. Pollard	Houston	

Newly elected Education Fund Trustees

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe
Mr. St. John Garwood
Mrs. T. A. Pollard

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September, 1967

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AGENDA APPROVED AT STATE BOARD MEETING
1968 CONVENTION

<u>Sunday, March 24</u>	State Board arrives in San Antonio
<u>Monday, March 25</u>	
9:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Pre-Convention Board Meeting (Cortez Room 2nd floor)
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Continuation of Board Meeting (" " " ")
<i>9:00</i>	<i>State Bd will be in hosp. room</i>
<u>Tuesday, March 26</u>	
9:00	Registration Desk Open (Central American Room 1st. floor)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Registration fee <u>12.50</u> Boatride, Dinner, Hemisfair tour <u>\$5.25</u> Historic Tour and Lunch <u>2.00</u> * Banquet <u>5.25</u> Travel Equalization <u>2.00</u> * Workbooks <u>1.00</u>
	(* indicates prices yet to be determined)
	Exhibits and Publications set up in Central American Room. Room available Monday night for those wishing to set up displays.
	Hospitality - coffee served during registration period
	State Board hostesses - Central American Room.
10:15 - 11:15	Parliamentary Procedure training session (Coronada Room Mrs. Rufus Bell presiding. She will have 2nd floor) available sheets on "do's and don'ts" of parliamentary procedure. State Office will mimeograph them, and also place them in the Workbook.
11:15 - 12:15	Lunch on your own (San Antonio League will provide sheet of eating places in close proximity of motel; State Office will mimeograph the sheet.)
12:30 -	<u>FIRST CONVENTION SESSION</u> Continental Ballroom 3rd fl.
	<p>Presiding Mrs. Wm. E. Joor (at head table; Bell, Brownscombe, Taylor) Call to order (enter San Antonio Mayor, and Mrs. Sexton) Welcome from Mrs. Sexton Welcome from Mayor (exit Mrs. Sexton and Mayor)</p>
12:40	<p>Organization of Convention Appointment of Parliamentarian Mrs. Bell Appointment of Timekeeper, Credentials Chairman, Resolutions Chairman Motion to adopt Convention Rules Mrs. Brownscombe Motion to adopt Convention Agenda Mrs. Brownscombe Introductions Mrs. Joor Guests: Press Members of State Board</p>
1:00	<p>Roll Call of Local Leagues Mrs. Brownscombe Preliminary report of Credentials Committee ? Secretary's Report Mrs. Brownscombe Treasurers Report Mrs. Taylor</p>

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**** 1:50	President's Report	Mrs. Joor
** 2:00	(Mrs. Brown to head table)	
	Report of By-Laws Committee	Mrs. Brown
	Motions to consider not recommended	Mrs. Joor
	amendments. (no action)	
	(Mrs. Pettis to head table -	
	Mrs. Brown leaves)	
****2:10	Report of Nominating Committee	Mrs. Irving Pettis
**2:15	Five minute break	
	(to head table - May, Taylor, Rosenzweig, Jones,	
	Coffee. May presides. Leave, Mrs. Pettis)	
****2:20	Presentation of Proposed Budget	Mrs. May,
**2:40	Local League Pledges	
	(Leave head table - May, Taylor, Rosenzweig, Jones,	
	Coffee. To head table; Martin, _____,	
3:00	Presentation of Proposed State Program	Mrs. Martin
	(items and individuals to present announced after	
	first round program making.)	
****3:20	Consideration of not recommended items	Mrs. Joor
**3:50	Announcements	Mrs. Joor
3:55	Adjourn to little meetings	
4:00 - 5:15	<u>LITTLE MEETINGS</u> (Coffee served in meeting rooms)	
	"How to Influence your Community"	
	South American Central American North American (1st floor)	
	Cortez and Juarez rooms (2nd floor)	
	(State Board leaders assigned at January board meeting)	
6:00 - 9:15	Boatride, Dinner, Tour of Hemisfair	
9:30	Meeting of Delegates and observers to Nat'l Convention	
	to be held in River room, if possible, with aud-	
	itorium seating; head table, and microphone	Mrs. Nolle

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Wednesday, March 27, 1968

8:30	Polls open (foyer of Continental Ballroom - 3rd floor)	
9:00 a.m.	<u>SECOND CONVENTION SESSION</u>	Continental Ballroom
	Presiding	Mrs. Joor
	(at head table; Brownscombe, Bell, Brown)	
	Credentials Report	
****9:05	Discussion and action on Proposed By-Laws changes	Mrs. Joor
**	(leave head table - Mrs. Brown)(to table - Mrs. Martin)	
****9:25	Discussion and debate on proposed program	Mrs. Martin
	(in order presented to the convention)	
**10:25	Coffee/ Recess	rear of ballroom
	(parliamentarian available for consultation)	
****10:40	Continued Program Debate	
**11:25	Announcements	Mrs. Joor
11:45	Historic tour - Lunch	Motor entrance of Motel

Wednesday Afternoon

2:15 -3:15	Program Caucus time	
	South American, Central American, North American	
	Cortez and Juarez rooms. Parliamentarian available	
	during this time in the Coronado Room (2nd floor)	
3:30	<u>THIRD CONVENTION SESSION</u>	Continental Ballroom
	(at head table; Joor, May, Conlon, Roberts)	
3:30	Discussion on Legislation	Mrs. May
3:40	Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Financing the League	-Conlon
3:50	Discussion on Financing the League	

4:00	Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Permanent State Office - Roberts	
4:10	Discussion on committee report	
4:20	Announcements	Mrs. Joor
	(polls close 7:00 p.m.)	
:25	Adjourn to LITTLE MEETINGS	
4:30 - 5:30	LITTLE MEETINGS (Brainstorming session) - <i>Comp</i>	
	Representatives of Leagues having 60 or less members	South American Room
	Representatives of Leagues having 60 - 175 members	North American Room
	Representatives of Leagues having 175 - over members	Central American Room
		Hemisfair room
7:00	Reception for State Board and Speaker (San Antonio League will check on prices for punch, etc.) January board meeting will make decision	
8:00	Banquet and Guest Speaker	Continental Ballroom
	(Finance and membership awards)	
* 9:30	Local League Field Service meetings South American, Central American, and North American rooms)	

*attendance
will be
optional*

Thursday, March 28, 1968

9:00 a.m.

FINAL CONVENTION SESSION

Continental Ballroom

Presiding

Mrs. Joor

(at head table - Bell, Brownscombe)

Final Credentials Report (to head table - May)

Report of Budget Revision Committee - adoption Mrs. Joor

(leave head table - May; to head table - Martin)

Adoption of Program - presiding

Mrs. Joor

Program direction from delegates

Mrs. Martin

(leave head table - Martin. to head table - Brown)

Report on the Education Fund

Mrs. Brown

Convention bids (to head table, Mrs. Pettie)

Report of Election Committee

Mrs. Pettis

Introduction of State Board

Mrs. Joor

Resolutions

Other Business

Message from President

Adjourn

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Please keep this report and use it for referral at the January Board Meeting.
Any suggestions regarding the agenda and any changes can be made to the
Convention Committee before December 15th.

TO: State Board

As a reminder:

ALL Convention material (excluding program information) will be in
State Office no later than December 15th.

Workbook assignments will be coming out the first part of October.

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August 28, 1967

To: May (Budget Committee chairman), Taylor, Rosenzweig. CC to SO, Winick.

From: Brownscombe

Re: Recommendation for 1968-69 budget.

I recommend that the 1968-69 budget of the state League contain an amount to be accumulated for publishing the history of the League of Women Voters of Texas. My thought would be, also, that the 1969-70 budget should contain the amount necessary to complete the financing of the publication. I suggest that the history be published soon before the 1970 state Convention, with a big promotion of the history at that convention.

In trying to arrive at an amount to suggest for inclusion in the 1968-69 budget I've had these thoughts: (1) that the history should sell for no more than 50¢ or, preferably, 40¢; (2) that it could be a 30-35 page booklet similar to BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNING or, alternatively, an 8-page Facts & Issues type format to sell for, say, 20¢; and (3) that 2000, possibly 3000, copies should be printed.

One can only guess now at what printing prices will be in late 1969 or early 1970, but, using a per unit cost of 30¢ for a 30-35 page booklet, 2000 copies would cost \$600. This estimate may well be a bit on the high side, for the per unit cost of BLUEPRINT'S 44 pages was 25½¢ when 3000 were printed in the fall of 1965.

For an 8-page Facts & Issues format 2000 copies would probably cost about \$350. (Three thousand 4-page Facts & Issues cost \$215 in August 1964.)

I recommend that \$275 be included in the 1968-69 budget to go toward the printing, ~~in~~ in 1969-70, of a history of the LWV of Texas.

and I Pursuant to the wishes of the Board expressed in the September 1966 Board meeting, Ruth Martin consulted about the preparation of a history and Dorothy Brown said she would write one. She has now finished preparing a history of the League in Texas. This is a 42-page manuscript, double spaced, and I think it would be the mainstay--the foundation and most of the superstructure--of any history that the Board may decide to publish. Dorothy is very interested in the project, and I feel sure that she will be willing to continue work on it if there is the expectation of publishing it.

It seems to me that a history of the League of Women Voters of Texas published to coincide with National's Golden Jubilee would be very appropriate, for we are one of "the state....Leagues [who] will achieve the age of distinction during 1969", to quote the recent Fiftieth Anniversary Newsletter from National. The Texas Equal ~~xxxx~~ Suffrage Association resolved itself into the Texas League of Women Voters in San Antonio in October 1919.

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SEPTEMBER 1967 STATE BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Pre-Board Mailing
August 1967

COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

Continental Hotel

101 Main Street, Houston

Tuesday, September 12, 1967 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

9:00 - 12:00 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:00 - 10:30 Budget (if necessary): May, Rosenzweig, Taylor, Joor
Bylaws (state and national): Brown, Casperson, Braunagel, Joor
Area Conferences: Brownscombe, Duckworth, Taylor, Ziegler, Winick

10:30 - 12:00 Convention: Ramey, Rosenzweig, Nolle, Winick
Membership: Hausman, Lancaster, Taylor, McKinlay, Casperson
Legislative: May, Prashner, Ziegler, Martin
VOTER: Ballard, Duckworth, Ziegler, Winick

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Plenary Session

1:00 - 1:30 Bylaws: Brown

1:30 - 2:00 Education Fund - Brown

2:00 - 3:30 Legislature: Duckworth, Ramey, May, Brownscombe, Martin
Local Program-Publications: Ziegler, Hausman, Taylor, Winick #215
Field Service: Casperson, Ballard, Rosenzweig, Braunagel

3:30 - 5:00 TCR: McKinlay, Ballard, Lancaster, May, Martin #227
Voters Service: Prashner, Nolle, Brownscombe, Winick #202
Finance: Rosenzweig, Ramey, Brownscombe, Casperson #218

5:00 - 7:00 Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 National Program: Nolle, Brownscombe, Duckworth, Martin #215
State-Local -- EL: Lancaster, Hausman, Prashner, Taylor, May, Martin #219
Public Relations: Ramey, McKinlay, Ziegler, Winick #210
Field Service: (If necessary) #218

Wednesday, September 13, 1967 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Plenary Session

8:30 - 9:00 President's report including brief report of China Conference with Martin

9:00 - 9:15 Minutes Brownscombe

9:15 - 9:30 Treasurer's report Taylor

9:30 - 11:30 Budget May

11:30 - 12:30 Area Conferences Brownscombe

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:00 Legislature Duckworth

2:00 - 2:30 TCR McKinlay

2:30 - 3:00 SLR - EL Lancaster

3:00 - 3:15 Local Program Ziegler or Winick (over)

Wednesday, September 13, 1967 (continued)

3:15 - 3:45	National	Nolle
3:45 - 4:00	Legislative	May
4:00 - 4:45	Field Service	Casperson
4:45 - 5:15	Public Relations	Ramey
5:15 - 5:30	Publications	Ziegler or Winick
5:30 - 7:30	Dinner	
7:30 - 8:00	Finance	Rosenzweig
8:00 - 9:00	National Program Recommendations	Nolle

Thursday, September 14, 1967 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

8:30 - 12:30	Plenary Session	
8:30 - 9:30	Convention	Ramey
9:30 - 10:00	Nonpartisanship Guide Lines	Taylor
10:00 - 10:30	Membership	Hausman
10:30 - 11:00	Voters Service	Prashner
11:00 - 11:30	VOTER	Ballard
11:30 - 12:30	Wind-up	Joor

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ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

September 10 - 14 Suite: Joor, May, Rosenzweig

September 10 Double: Coffee, Jones

September 11 Double: Brownscombe, Brown

September 12 - 14 Doubles:

Casperson, Hausman
Martin, McKinlay
Ballard, Prashner
Lancaster, Braunagel
Winick, Nolle
Taylor, Ramey
Brownscombe, Ziegler

Single:

Duckworth

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