

League of Women Voters of Texas

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MINUTES State Board Meeting Carrousel Motor Inn, Waco October 9 - 11, 1963

FIRST SESSION - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 9

The first session of the October meeting of the Board was called to order at 1 p.m. by Mrs. Colin Macdonald, first vice president. Mrs. Macdonald presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Maurice Brown, who had been called to Illinois by her father's serious illness. Mrs. Turner was also absent. The following Board members were present:

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

* Mrs. Brown joined the meeting at noon on Thursday, October 10.

Also in attendance at the meeting were the off-Board members of the Budget Committee, Mrs. D. A. Ballard and Mrs. Walter Lewis (for the first session only), and Mrs. Donald Beck, executive secretary.

Resignations Mrs. Macdonald reported for the official record that three Board members had resigned since the June meeting. They are Mrs. Robert Abbott, Mrs. Albert Barstis, and Mrs. Edward Gause. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Board accept their resignations with regret. Seconded. CARRIED.

Appointments Mrs. Pettis moved the appointment of Mrs. Warren D. Baden of Waco as treasurer. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Murphree then moved that Mrs. E. S. Prashner of San Antonio be appointed to the Board with the portfolio of Voters Service chairman. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Macdonald announced that Mrs. MacLaren would chair the meeting of the Convention Committee in Mrs. Turner's absence and that Mrs. Murphree would chair the Poll Tax Repeal Committee in Mrs. Brown's absence.

President's Report Mrs. Macdonald reported for Mrs. Brown as follows:

Principal aims for the meeting were to reach agreement on Convention plans and to approve a budget to propose to the local Leagues.

Mrs. Macdonald asked Board members to take note of some changes in the agenda for the meeting. She also called attention to the final edition of Policy Guide for Members of the State Board which was mailed after the June Board meeting.

The president announced appointment of the following to the Proposed Program Committee: Mrs. Murphree, chairman; Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Nolle, Mrs. Linehan and Mrs. Schwind.

At this meeting the Board was expected to make decisions on budget, Convention emphasis and use of Little Meetings time, League contribution to poll tax repeal campaign, Board recommendations for national program, national Bylaws changes including proposed changes

in program structure, and on how the state Board should implement the national Board's request to assist local Leagues in their consideration of proposed Bylaws changes.

The president's report concluded with the announcement that the National Municipal League conference in Detroit in November would feature programs on state-local relations.

Minutes Changes in and corrections to the Minutes of the June 1963 Board meeting were offered as follows:

- p. 5 - Legislative Action Mrs. Nolle asked that sentences 2 and 3 be re-written to read: ... TEXAS OBSERVER.... issue and copies of the HOUSTON CHRONICLE article by Bo Byers on voting frauds. She... attention a new book of possible interest, "The Government and Politics of Texas", by...
- p. 6 - paragraph 2, line 2: substitute Senator for Rep.

The chairman declared the Minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Baden reported a Budget Committee recommendation that the League take out liability insurance to cover persons other than League office staff in or immediately outside of the League office and to cover League staff conducting League business away from the League office. The cost of such a policy would be \$18.64 per year. The recommendation was made on the basis of advice given to the Board by the auditor last spring and on specific information collected for the committee by Mrs. Beck, executive secretary. Mrs. Schwind moved that the Board approve the immediate purchase of liability insurance as recommended by Mrs. Baden. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Baden then moved that the second half of the Texas League's pledge to the League of Women Voters of the United States be paid. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Baden next led discussion of the treasurer's second Quarterly Report. Expenditures under the various accounts were examined and opinions as to anticipated expenditures during the remainder of the fiscal year were given and evaluated. On the basis of this review, the Board discussed sending delegates to the National Municipal League Conference in Detroit in November. Mrs. Martin moved that Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Murphree attend this Conference on state-local relations. Seconded. CARRIED.

The treasurer said that costs of the poll tax repeal campaign were \$593.27 as of September 30. Since that date, \$48.16 had been spent.

The chairman declared that the treasurer's quarterly report would be filed for audit.

State Boards Training Session The training session for state board members was held in Chicago during the first week of October. The Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, and Texas Leagues were represented, according to Mrs. Macdonald. She, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Murphree, and Mrs. Casperson were delegates from the Texas Board. Each will have a written report of the sections she attended ready for the post-Board mailing. Mrs. Brown had attended the section which discussed the League purpose and principles and the preamble to program. This group had agreed that state boards should stimulate discussion of proposed changes in the local Leagues. Mrs. Casperson took part in discussions of the state board's role in helping Leagues think creatively about membership while the group Mrs. Murphree participated in considered the effectiveness of each League's legislative effort. Mrs. Macdonald summed up the brief reports with the comment that all thinking was directed towards strengthening the local Leagues. Mrs. Linehan, who attended a special advisory committee meeting

on finance earlier in the summer, said that agreement had been reached to recommend to the national Board that aid for a coordinated national finance drive be developed, a drive that would publicize a total finance goal representing all Leagues.

Budget Committee Report Mrs. Schwind opened the committee report with an explanation of the changes in format in the Proposed Budget distributed to Board members. The goal was to create a format brief enough to be reproduced on one side only of a single sheet, to offer a logical arrangement of items, to simplify bookkeeping by avoiding ambiguity as well as unnecessary subdivision of accounts, and to select a wording for all items that would be descriptive and readily understood by League members. Discussion of the proposed format brought forth these recommendations: 1) Mrs. Murphree suggested that Capital Expenditures (which had been omitted to save space) be re-instated, even though no expenditure is proposed, as a reminder that this is a necessary consideration in every budget plan. The Board approved the recommendation. 2) Mrs. MacLaren suggested that National Services and Field Service be listed first and second under EXPENDITURES to demonstrate their top priority. The Board rejected the suggestion, favoring instead the conventional arrangement. 3) Mrs. Schwind gave the committee's reasons for combining expenditures of President and Board and salaries of the two secretaries and asked for Board approval of these specific changes from the format of the current budget. The Board gave its approval. 4) Pros and cons of listing MEMBERS AT LARGE under INCOME were outlined. Decision on inclusion of this item was postponed pending the report of the Membership Committee.

Next, Mrs. Schwind reviewed the committee's preferred budget proposals which would total \$29,455. Then the Board was given the report of pledges suggested by the Field Service consultants and summarized for the committee and the Board by the Finance chairman, Mrs. Linehan. The total of suggested pledges was approximately \$3000 less than the total of the committee's preferred budget plan. The committee had made cuts and revisions as fairly as it knew how, keeping in mind the priorities set out by the Board at the June meeting, and presented to the Board a Proposed Budget totaling \$26,580.

The Board discussed the proposed Budget with great care and in detail. Members agreed unanimously to approve a change recommended by Mrs. MacLaren to drop Public Relations as a listed Expenditure, since such costs are usually handled as charges to Program or Board accounts, and to reinstate Voters Service as a Program expenditure. This would make it possible to test the validity of the idea which caused it to be included in the current budget: namely, to experiment with the extension of voters service into non-League areas of the state. Mrs. Murphree suggested that the Budget Letter include a tactful reminder that \$395 would be the total amount of money available for all program research, development, and action adopted by the Convention. The effect on local League budgets of possible loss of fees for poll tax collection was called to the Board's attention. Consideration would be given to this as a possible item for the post-Board report, it was agreed.

The Board now considered the pledges suggested by the committee for the local League's contributions for state and national services. Several small changes, some of them increases, were agreed to by the Board. The budget Committee was directed to prepare a corrected list of suggested pledges for the final session of the Board meeting and a revision of proposed expenditures made possible by the slight increase in the total of suggested pledges agreed to by the Board. The Board approved a recommendation of the Budget Committee that the list of suggested pledges not be circulated among the local Leagues.

Convention Discussion In the absence of the Convention Committee chairman, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. MacLaren led Board discussion of key questions listed in the agenda. Mrs. Prashner spoke in favor of emphasis on voters service at Convention. Another member asked why one part of League work should be selected for emphasis. A third suggested that the political effectiveness of the member might be a good subject for the Convention, and a fourth, expanded voters service and political effectiveness. More time is needed for program discussion, several members agreed. In addition, proposed changes in program structure (bylaws) will require consideration. Members agreed that they wished state publications to be sold at Convention and that national publications for all portfolios be displayed. The possibilities for luncheon arrangements and choice of luncheon speakers for Wednesday were presented by Mrs. MacLaren. The Board discussed these in terms of tentative plans for the opening of Convention on Tuesday, alternatives available in Corpus Christi, convenience to delegates, and (depending on outcome of the November 9 election) speakers available for consideration. Everyone was gratified to hear that Mrs. Morgan of the national Board has accepted the committee's invitation to take part in the Convention. Her role in the Convention proceedings was discussed.

Mrs. Nolle joined the meeting at 5:15 after having attended classes at the University of Texas. The first session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY MORNING - OCTOBER 10

The Board reconvened at 9 a.m. with Mrs. Macdonald presiding.

Field Service Opening a series of reports by committee members, Mrs. Macdonald stated that no information has come to state office about the El Paso request for organization of a League that would suggest that the decision made by the Board at the June meeting be reviewed. The chairman then asked consultants to Leagues with special problems to summarize the current situation of these Leagues for the Board.

Abilene: This League is alive. Thought it was not heard from in the summer, communication was re-established in September. The League is doing some work. It still lacked a president but had a full Board otherwise, Mrs. Linehan said.

Galveston: The Galveston League had 73 paid members including 8 or 9 new ones in September. Preparations for the local current agenda were good, and they were ready to begin research for the item for which they foresee need for a two year study. The membership committee is active. The League has finished work on the state current agenda. It was taking part in the county campaign for poll tax repeal. Mrs. Braunagel recommended that reorganization status be continued.

San Marcos: The interim report of the provisional League had been received in the state office, Mrs. Braunagel said. The League was doing well on all phases of program and was looking ahead to its first local current agenda. The Know Your City-County booklet, just off the press, is excellent. General membership meetings have used expanded voters service very successfully for program subjects.

Corsicana: There is a question whether this League is alive, Mrs. Pettis stated. Her only communication with Corsicana had been a telephone call she made to Mrs. Criddle who reported that a membership coffee was being planned, that a Board meeting had been held, and that planning for October was underway. Mrs. Pettis said she expected to attend Board meetings of the Corsicana League.

Amarillo: ~~This League has been on reorganization status since 1959.~~ A serious problem, Mrs. Linehan stated, is the inability of this League to secure enough members for a complete Board. Moreover, several of the present Board members are long-term, inactive, and negative in reaction and thought. To increase the problems, the new president must go to work temporarily. Because of this emergency the president had written to ask if the League could operate in limited fashion with night meetings.

The Field Service Committee's recommendation was that Amarillo replace in some way the negative Board members who had announced that they wished to be replaced. The committee also suggested that the Lubbock League be asked to send a group with a program to Amarillo with the idea that support and encouragement from the nearest League would be helpful. Mrs. Murphree noted that this technique is used by the Minnesota state League. The Board agreed to consider the Amarillo League's situation at the January Board meeting.

Port Arthur Mrs. Macdonald referred to the long report from the consultant, Mrs. Turner. The report indicates that this League is unstable and changing, a condition which those Board members who have had long acquaintance with the Port Arthur League say remains fairly constant no matter who the leaders are. Mrs. Casperson reviewed the discussion of similar problems at the Chicago Board training meeting.

At the conclusion of these special reports Mrs. Macdonald stressed the confidential nature of all Field Service and budget information.

Organizing New Leagues Mrs. Macdonald announced the committee's recommendation that a League be organized in Temple under Mrs. Braunagel. The state Board would need to initiate organization but interest exists as evidenced by frequent contacts with Mrs. Braunagel. Mrs. Braunagel summarized information about conditions in Temple which led to the recommendation. Mrs. Murphree moved that the Field Service Committee be authorized to move towards the organization of a League in Temple. Seconded. CARRIED.

Program - State-Local Relations Mrs. Pettis referred the Board to her written report. The two publications are apparently successful, she said. Main business now for her committee is the preparation of questions leading to consensus. The Board discussed possible questions.

Program - Continuing Responsibilities: Texas Constitutional Revision - Mrs. Martin reported that her committee recommended activating the library project for the Texas historical period by sending kits to local Leagues and to a list of selected libraries. The kit could include a reprint of Dr. Davis' article which appeared originally in the Lubbock "Avalanche." In 1962, packets or kits of League materials relevant to Texas history were sent to 50 libraries in non-League communities. The committee proposed sending kits to the same 50 libraries and to 24 others which had responded favorably to receipt of packets in 1961. Mrs. Martin moved that the Board authorize the committee to proceed with plans for a library project for the Texas historical period in March of 1964. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Martin reported next that the committee recommended sending reproductions of Dr. Davis' article to local Leagues and to friends of Texas constitutional revision. They would like Mrs. Nolle to prepare a list of legislators and others to whom the article might well be sent. Immediately after the 1964 primaries the committee proposes sending copies to all candidates. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Texas Constitutional Revision Committee be authorized to have Dr. Davis' article reproduced, copies to be included in the kit sent to libraries and sent as well to local Leagues, friends of constitutional revision, and candidates. Seconded. CARRIED. It was agreed that the November TEXAS VOTER should carry stories about Dr. Davis and his views on revision and the activity of the Galveston League which dramatized the need for revision at an Old Time Bargain Days fair last August.

A further recommendation of the committee was that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Casperson call on Dr. Davis in Lubbock for informal conversation about constitutional revision. Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Casperson be authorized to seek an exploratory discussion with Dr. Davis. Seconded. CARRIED. The committee proposed that Dr. Davis be invited to speak at Convention.

Mrs. Nolle reported that a request had been received from the Victoria League for permission to ask Governor Connolly to introduce the "Little Hoover" bill in a special session of the Legislature if one were called. Mrs. Nolle recommended that Mrs. Martin write to the Victoria League to explain the connection between the bill in question and total revision. Mrs. Murphree asked that a second letter be written over the president's signature saying that a local League may not take such action.

Poll Tax Repeal Campaign Mrs. Murphree reminded Board members of the full report sent to them on September 9. She reviewed activities that had taken place after that date. The Advisory Committee had held a second meeting in Austin on October 4. Supporting organizations were represented there. Mrs. Murphree summarized the principal efforts being made by the labor union committee and by leaders in the Democratic organization. She then outlined opposition to the repeal movement as the Advisory Committee had assessed it.

Three problems had been noted in the efforts being made by local Leagues. First, some Leagues were having difficulty understanding the groups with whom they were cooperating in the campaign. Second, the loss of revenue from collection of poll taxes had appeared as a problem of the immediate future for some Leagues. Third, the fact sheet had inaccurate information. Local Leagues were entitled to publish their own material, and in view of the inaccuracy discovered in the fact sheet, some had done so. Mrs. Murphree announced that new material would be sent to the Leagues to help them meet opposition to repeal.

Mrs. Pettis moved that in view of the Texas League's financial situation the president be directed to make an accounting to the Advisory Committee of the League's contribution to the repeal effort and explain why the League is unable to make a further financial contribution. Seconded. CARRIED.

National Program Mrs. Joor led the Board in discussion of recommendations for national Program for 1964-66. The committee had divided all subjects in which interest had been shown into three major categories with specific subdivisions, as follows:

International: 1) Atlantic community 2) Arms control 3) Population control

Domestic and International: 1) Agriculture

Domestic: 1) Land Resources 2) Civil Rights 3) Domestic Economy 4) Election Reforms
5) Congressional Reform 6) Consumer Protection 7) Human Resources 8) Urban-Suburban
9) Federal-State

Mrs. Joor pointed out the possible relationship between 3) and 7) and between 4) and 5) in the Domestic category. She stated that the committee recommends a continuation of the Foreign Economic Policy item with emphasis on Latin America for current agenda and recommends the moving of the United Nations item to Continuing Responsibilities. Domestic Economy received the most committee votes for an item in the Domestic category. Agriculture, Consumer Protection, and Election Reforms followed in that order. The committee voted to drop Treaty Making from Continuing Responsibilities.

The Board first discussed whether to keep or drop present current agenda items. Members thought it probable that Leagues over the country will want both international and domestic economy included in the new program. The Board's principal concern was to suggest items which would help Leagues to carry out League purpose in their communities.

The session adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

THIRD SESSION - THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10

The Board reconvened at 2 p.m. with the president, Mrs. Brown, presiding.

National Program (cont'd.) Asked to indicate their preferences for subjects within the three categories Mrs. Joor had listed, Board members made the election laws subject their first choice; domestic economy, their second in the domestic subjects category. Discussion of suggested international items caused this question to be asked: is interest in a domestic item based on dislike of an international item, desire for change, or desire for one item only? Mrs. Murphree moved that the state Board propose two items: one international and one domestic. Seconded. CARRIED with two voting "No."

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board propose as a national current agenda item a continuation of the foreign economic policy item with emphasis on the Atlantic community. Seconded. After some discussion of the possibility of relating the subject to the southern hemisphere, the motion was CARRIED. Mrs. Pettis then moved that the state Board approve as a second item to be proposed for national current agenda a study of election laws and procedures. Seconded. CARRIED with two voting "no".

Mrs. Joor now reported the committee's recommendations for Continuing Responsibilities for the 1964-66 biennium as represented in the following motion. Mrs. Joor moved that the state Board approve the proposal of these Continuing Responsibilities for 1964-66: 1) support of the United Nations system 2) water resources 3) loyalty-security 4) District of Columbia home rule 5) tax rate limitations. Seconded. After some discussion about the absence of the present Continuing Responsibility on treaty making from this motion, Mrs. Joor withdrew her motion with the agreement of the member who had seconded it. Mrs. Joor then moved that the Continuing Responsibility on treaty making be dropped in the Board's proposal for national Program. Seconded. LOST.

Mrs. Joor moved that the state Board propose these Continuing Responsibilities for 1964-66 national Program: 1) support of the United Nations system 2) water resources 3) loyalty-security 4) District of Columbia home rule 5) tax rate limitations 6) treaty making. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Joor reported that the League Days on National Program, held during July, had been very successful.

Proposed Changes in Purpose and Policy, Principles, Preamble Mrs. Murphree moved that the state Board approve the recommendations proposed by the national Board for changes in the wording of the Purposes and Policy, Article II of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Braunagel moved approval of the rewording of Article XII, Section 1 of the national Bylaws as proposed by the national Board. Seconded. CARRIED.

Discussion of the proposed restatement of the Principles resulted in the following Board agreements:

1) the Board recommends the addition of underlined words:"believes in the principles of representative... responsible to the will of the people."

2) approved

3) questions were asked about possible significance of the inclusion of "economic"; some concern was expressed at its inclusion

4) approved

5) approved

Mrs. Braunagel moved approval of the proposed restatement of Principles, noting expressions of concern for wording in 1) and 3) as reported above. Seconded. CARRIED.

One question was raised as the Board discussed the proposed Preamble to the Program. Members thought the word "before" in the phrase "before government" in paragraph 2 sounded awkward and suggested the word "facing" as a substitute. Mrs. Braunagel moved approval of the proposed restatement of the Preamble to the Program. Seconded. CARRIED.

Program Structure Changes The Board considered and discussed the report of the Advisory Committee on Program Structure. Mrs. Brown asked members to express their individual opinions of a single work list as a replacement for the present structure of current agenda and continuing Responsibilities. A tally of members' stated opinions showed seven favored a single work list, six opposed it, one did not express a preference, and one member was absent. There was general agreement that Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Brown should write to the national Board reporting the Board's discussion and the division of opinion on a change in program structure.

Proposed Changes in National Bylaws Mrs. Braunagel moved Board approval of the changes recommended by the Advisory Committee and proposed by the national Board in Article X, Sections 3 and 4. Seconded. CARRIED.

Meetings with Local Leagues on Proposed Changes Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Board arrange a series of face-to-face meetings this fall with presidents and at least one other representative of each local League for the purpose of discussing proposed changes in the national Bylaws, particularly those applying to program structure, and the proposed restatement of the Preamble to the Program and of the Principles. Seconded. The Board discussed how great the need for such meetings might be and how the action should be implemented if the motion carried. When the question was called, the motion CARRIED with two voting "No." The president named Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Pettis, and Mrs. Macdonald as members of a committee to plan for the series of meetings.

The schedule for committee meetings to be held during the evening was checked. The session adjourned at 5 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11

Mrs. Brown called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Mrs. Brown opened with reports on correspondence of interest to the Board. She read letters from former Board members Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Barstis. The latter has accepted an appointment to the Board of the Louisiana League. A letter from the Tyler president asked permission to send suggestions for state program on November 20, after the deadline. The Board discussed the reasons given for the request and agreed to accept Tyler's recommendations if they were sent "special delivery" to Mrs. Murphree on November 20 and a copy sent to state office at the same time. Mrs. Brown then reviewed correspondence from the national office regarding exhibits at the World's Fair of "keys" to the voting requirements of each state and for federal elections. State office has sent the necessary information on Texas requirements. Mrs. Brown had also written to Governor Connally offering the League's help if citizen participation should be needed. A reply had been received from David T. Blackburn, General Manager of the Texas Pavilion at the Fair. He acknowledged the offer with thanks and will notify the state office of the League if assistance is needed. The last item in the report on correspondence was a reply from Senator Yarborough answering the League letter favoring the foreign aid bill.

Voters Service Mrs. Prashner announced first that she would send a memo to local Leagues regarding questions to be asked candidates for the 1964 T VOTER'S GUIDE. She read the questions (for congressional candidates) received from the national Board. There was general agreement with the questions as proposed. The Austin League, which wished to prepare a VOTER'S GUIDE for two special local elections, had asked for assistance with the questions. Mrs. Murphree moved that the questions proposed by the Voters Service Committee for the special elections be sent to the Leagues involved. Seconded. CARRIED.

The committee has prepared two versions of "Voter's Key to 1964" in order to be ready with correct copy whatever the outcome of the vote on poll tax repeal may be. Mrs. Prashner reported that the printer will print 100,000 copies for the same price as the 1962 "Key." Regarding distribution, order blanks will go to local Leagues in the post-Board mailing. Shipping date is December 1st. A 20% "pad" on the printer's price pays for the mailing of bulk orders from his place of business.

Finance Mrs. Linehan said her committee recommended making some changes and adding some sample items to the Finance Kit. Mrs. Linehan moved that the Finance Kit be revised and updated to be ready for distribution at Convention. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Linehan asked that the Board approve the writing of a letter to Governor Connally asking him to make a proclamation for League finance drives in February. She suggested that the letter be sent to the Governor about November 1st. The Board agreed. Mrs. Linehan will draft the letter to be sent to the Governor and will also draft a sample letter which local Leagues may present to the mayors of their cities. She called attention to the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Finance in the National Board Report. She will make a written report to the Board.

Membership Mrs. Martin began her report with an evaluation of the workshops held in August. Total attendance was 171. Few techniques were developed. There was, instead, general discussion of problems. A Swap Shop memo which is in preparation will include the most useful suggestions made at the workshops. She said the committee had discussed a membership handbook or an outline for local Leagues suggesting ways to do a local handbook. The committee recommended that no special effort be made to increase the number of members-at-large.

Plans for Convention included recognition of the local League having the largest net increase in membership as of January 1st and recognition also of those Leagues having a 20% increase. In the post-Board Report Mrs. Martin will suggest to local Leagues that they furnish all Board members with copies of the national publications called "Membership Matters" and that they also distribute "It Makes a Difference" to the vice presidents, membership, public relations, and finance chairmen. The Membership Swap Shop would go to local Leagues in the post-Board mailing, she concluded.

TEXAS VOTER Mrs. Casperson informed the Board of plans for the November issue which is to be mailed on November 15. Page 1 will be devoted to reporting results of the election on poll tax repeal, and Mrs. Brown will handle its preparation. Page 2 will carry a League cross word puzzle, contributed by San Angelo. Part of Miss Louise Loomis' letter on nonpartisanship will also be used. Page 3 will carry the "Small World" article by Mrs. Mendell of Houston, changes in the state Board, Legislative Roundup, and news of the Lake Jackson flyer on constitutional revision. Page 4 will be devoted to a finance article, some verses about Convention, and a story about Galveston's promotion of constitutional revision at a community fair. In the post-

Board Report Mrs. Casperson said she planned to express commendation to local League editors for improvement in make-up and content.

Publications Mrs. MacLaren announced that the new edition of the "Publications Handbook" was ready for production by the office staff. She asked Board members to come to the January meeting with ideas for a Texas display at national Convention.

Convention Mrs. MacLaren reported on information received and agreements reached by the Convention Committee at its meeting following the opening session of the Board. Mrs. Gussie Bell has accepted the committee's invitation to serve as parliamentarian of the Convention. The committee had decided that no specific emphasis was needed in Convention planning. Regarding the organization of Convention and the schedule by days, these agreements had been reached: Tuesday - Mrs. Morgan would be asked to speak for 20 minutes, her speech to be followed by questions and discussion. Mrs. MacLaren asked for Board approval for provision of a small gift for Mrs. Morgan. The Board agreed. Wednesday - Plans had been made for five sections of Little Meetings. Lunch will be provided in the hotel. Luncheon program: if the poll tax is repealed, Mrs. Morgan will be asked to talk about national Convention and proposed changes in program structure. If the poll tax repeal fails, Mr. Bo Byers will be invited to review the campaign. A variety show is planned for evening entertainment. The Odessa League will be invited to take part. In all other respects the tentative schedule proposed in the pre-Board Report will be observed.

A notice to local Leagues regarding convention bids for 1966 will accompany the formal call to the 1964 Convention. A memo on caucus procedure will also go to the local Leagues from Mrs. Murphree. A question was raised about the lack of a speaker on a governmental subject. The Board discussed the matter and agreed that Dr. Davis of Lubbock be invited to speak on issues facing state government. It was further agreed that the invitation should be sent at once from the president.

Publications will be both displayed and sold at Convention, Mrs. MacLaren stated. Members of the Corpus Christi League will staff the store which will be open when the Convention is not in session. The committee estimated it would need to spend about \$50 for the display of national publications and \$25 for materials to mount the display. Local Leagues will be notified that space will be available for their displays.

Program - State-Local Relations Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board approve the following questions for consensus on special districts as proposed by the committee:

- 1) Are we satisfied that special districts in Texas are meeting the demand for services presently unmet or unable to be met by cities, counties, or state government and should therefore be continued and encouraged?
- 2) Should the state take a greater interest in controlling the creation of new districts and supervising the operation of established ones? If so, how?
- 3) Certain regional and rural districts may be necessary, but many single purpose special district functions might be performed by cities and/or counties if they were given the constitutional or statutory authority and financial sources. Should cities and/or counties be given this authority? Please give reasons.

The motion was seconded. CARRIED.

The session adjourned at 12 noon.

FIFTY SESSION - FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 11

The Board meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Bylaws Mrs. Braunagel listed two proposals to be considered by the Board. The first proposed change would require a three-fifths majority vote rather than the present two-thirds majority for adoption of non-recommended items at Convention. The Board considered whether it should propose this change in the bylaws. Board members agreed that they do not approve recommending this change at this time. The second question Mrs. Braunagel asked the Board was whether or not members wished to make a decision at the January meeting regarding the proposal to change the date (the year) Convention is held. The Board agreed it would decide in January whether or not to recommend a change in bylaws to move Convention to the odd-numbered years.

Budget The Board reviewed the list of suggested local League pledges agreed upon at the close of the first discussion of the proposed budget in the session Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Schwind moved approval of the amount \$26,820 as proposed income in the 1964-65 budget. Mrs. Murphree seconded the motion. Motion CARRIED. Mrs. Schwind then reported the Budget Committee's first recommendations for proposed expenditures in accordance with Board direction in the first session. Mrs. Schwind moved that the Board approve expenditures totaling \$26,820 as presented. Mrs. Murphree seconded the motion. Motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Macdonald moved that off-Board members of the Budget Committee be highly commended for their outstanding contribution to the work of the committee. Seconded. CARRIED unanimously.

Mrs. Schwind called to the Board's attention the need for any workshop to be actually "pay as you go" since the proposed budget has no slack to cover deficits in such activities. It was pointed out that plans for future workshops should be made early enough for local Leagues to be able to plan for them in their budgets. The committee announced its plans to send in the post Board mailing a Budget Packet containing the budget letter, budget, explanation, and, in addition, a one sheet "How To..." outline for local League budget chairmen.

Mrs. Murphree suggested that the budget letter urge local Leagues to expand their plans for delegates' attendance at the Conventions and to increase the amounts allotted for delegates' expenses. Mrs. Schwind asked that copies of the budget packet for three off-Board local League budget committee members be included with the local League president's mailing of the post-Board Report. She concluded with the suggestion that it might be helpful to include in pre-Convention information to the Leagues a reminder to have a delegate prepared to respond to the roll call of pledges.

Proposed Program Committee December 12 and 13 were chosen as dates for the committee to meet in Waco.

Voters Service For those who wish pro and con information on the four amendments, the publication of the Institute of Public Affairs, "Comment," will carry it.

Post-Board Mailing All materials must be in the state office by October 18 to insure mailing on November 1. Deadline for the budget packet was set for October 25.

January Board Meeting Mrs. Brown announced the dates for the January meeting would be from noon on Tuesday, January 7 through Thursday, January 9. Deadline for the post-Board mailing is January 17.

Convention Workbook Assignments for the Workbook materials were made by the president as follows: Texas Constitutional Revision, Mrs. Martin; state Continuing Responsibilities and Local Current Agenda items, Mrs. Murphree; Bylaws, Mrs. Braunagel; Budget, Explanation, and Worksheet, state office; Treasurer's Quarterly Report, Mrs. Baden; Field Service, Mrs. Macdonald; Voters Service, Mrs. Prashner; Travel Equalization map and form, Mrs. Baden.

Mrs. Brown expressed her thanks to Mrs. Macdonald for presiding during her absence from the first two sessions. She also thanked Board members for their fine cooperation. She declared the Board meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Winifred B. Schwind

Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Secretary

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MINUTES State Board Meeting Carrousel Motel, Waco June 5 - 7, 1963

FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 6

Following committee meetings held during the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, June 5, the president called the first full session of the Board to order at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6. Mrs. Brown announced that three members could not be present. Mrs. Barstis was on vacation. Mrs. Casperson was attending her son's graduation from college. Mrs. Gause had been called home from Waco by the illness of her father. The following were in attendance:

Mrs. Robert Abbott
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. William Joor
Mrs. C. M. Linehan
Mrs. Colin Macdonald
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren

Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. Harold Murphree
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Carl Schwind
Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Appointments Mrs. Brown referred with sincere regret to the recent resignation of Mrs. Lewis Daniel because of her move from Texas to Minneapolis, Minnesota (3912 York Avenue, South). Mrs. Brown asked for Board action to appoint a treasurer in Mrs. Daniel's place. Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board accept Mrs. Daniel's resignation with extreme regret and that it appoint Mrs. Abbott treasurer for the remainder of the term. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Brown announced Mrs. Linehan's appointment to an ad hoc Finance Advisory Committee of the national Board. The committee will meet in Chicago from June 25 - 27.

National Council The president invited Mrs. Joor to give the Board some of her impressions of Council in advance of her written report. Mrs. Joor spoke first of the color and excitement of Council and of Mrs. Brown's participation in one of its programs. She reported next that misunderstanding about consensus was exposed at Council and was discussed by delegates. A lack of continuity in discussions of program worked against delegates getting a clear idea of the problems of the United Nations. She found the day spent at the United Nations and the speakers from Cyprus and Ceylon who addressed Council visitors very informative. No more basic material on program will be sent from the national Board during the coming year, now that the FACTS AND ISSUES, numbers 4 - 6 on both items have been issued. Emerging consensus was discussed by the delegates, as reported in the May NATIONAL BOARD REPORT. It is the state Board's responsibility to clarify this for the local Leagues, Mrs. Joor concluded.

Correspondence 1) The Texas League has received an invitation to send representatives to the eighteenth National Conference on Citizenship. 2) Letters of thanks for invitations to the National Council Coffee for Congress were received from Senators Yarborough and Tower and from Representative Poage. 3) Mrs. Lancaster of Austin had sent a telegram declining with regret an appointment to the state Board.

State Board Training Conference Mrs. Brown reported she had received information from Miss Urban of the national Board staff in regard to the State Board Training Conference, tentatively proposed in March. Dates have been set for October 1 - 3;

the place, Chicago. The state Board had been asked to send the president, the Field Service chairman, a Program chairman, and one other representative. Mrs. Pettis moved that Mrs. Barstis be the delegate to represent Program. Seconded, CARRIED. Mrs. Joor moved that Mrs. Schwind be the fourth representative of the Texas Board. Seconded, CARRIED. Mrs. Casperson and the appointee-to-be (to fill the vacancy left by the transfer of Mrs. Abbott to the treasurer's office) were suggested as alternates if one of the four delegates, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Barstis, or Mrs. Schwind, should find it impossible to attend.

Items of Major Importance The president read the following list of items of business which should, in her estimation, be given top priority in Board discussion and decision making: 1) preliminary plans for Convention 2) policy guide 3) question of voters service for amendments election 4) brainstorming on membership growth 5) financing the League (5 year plan) 6) help for local Leagues in meeting attacks on the United Nations and foreign economic policy 7) questions of organizing an El Paso League and of area-type organization of other Leagues 8) summer schedule for state office.

Minutes - Pre-Council Corrections to the Minutes of the Pre-Council Board meeting were as follows:

- p. 4 - Field Service - third line from bottom of page: delete "by the state bylaws committee"
- p. 5 - lines 1 and 2: delete sentence containing names of South Jefferson County communities
- p. 6 - State CR #2... - 1st sentence: substitute "debate" for "hearing"

No further corrections having been made, the president declared the Minutes of the Pre-Council Board meeting approved as corrected and stated that a corrected copy would be placed in the historical file.

Minutes - Presidents Council The following additions and corrections were made to the Minutes of the Eighth Biennial Presidents Council:

- p. 1 - paragraph 2: "Lester Palmer" was added after the word "Honorable"
- p. 2 - last line: substitute "The Report of the U.S. Study Commission - Texas, a comprehensive plan for Texas water resources" for "Water Commission study of Texas water resources"
- p. 3 - top line: substitute "completed to date" for "made by Congress"
- p. 4 - Legislative Breakfast - second sentence: add "and some representatives" after "hostesses to senators" and add at end of sentence "and to the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House."

The president declared the Minutes of the Eighth Biennial Presidents Council approved as corrected and stated that a corrected copy would be placed in the historical file.

Minutes - Post-Council Minutes of the Post-Council Board meeting were corrected as follows:

- p. 3 - paragraph 4: in last sentence change "meeting" to "eating"
- p. 4 - line 2: substitute "creation" for "product"
- p. 4 - paragraph 5: delete the last sentence, substituting "There was no formal disposition of the motion."
- p. 5 - National Program, paragraph 2, line 2: substitute "The Report of the U.S. Study Commission - Texas" for "national report on Water in Texas" and change the remainder of the sentence to read "Miss Louise Loomis' report,

"What Happened to Water in Texas," and the state report, "A Plan for Meeting the 1980 Water Requirements in Texas."

p. 5 - same as above, line 4: substitute "Mrs. Chadderdon of Houston" for "Mrs. Chadderdon, the Houston League's....."

p. 6 - Field Service, paragraph 1, sentence 2: delete "on onion skin" and "there on blue paper"

All corrections having been made, the president declared the Minutes of the Post-Council Board meeting approved as corrected. A corrected copy would be placed in the historical file.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Abbott reported that as of May 31 the balance in the Operating Account was \$11,176.89. One-half of the Texas League's pledge for National Services, \$4500.00, had been paid. Mr. Richard Brown, the Dallas auditor who serves as advisor to the state League, has recommended that the League consult a lawyer regarding insurance coverage for persons using the League office, for employees, and so on. He will write a letter containing recommendations summarized by Mrs. Abbott. The president will contact a lawyer on this subject after the letter has been received. Mrs. Brown declared that the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

Membership Mrs. Brown announced that Mrs. Martin would lead a "brainstorming" type of discussion to develop ideas for ways the state Board can help local Leagues increase the number of members and improve the quality of membership.

Mrs. Martin asked Board members to consider and discuss three questions, keeping in mind the goals of expansion of membership and improvement of the quality of membership. She compared the brainstorming technique to lighting a string of firecrackers, a method which should bring out a great variety of ideas that can be sifted and evaluated at the end. The questions were these:

- 1) What do local Leagues say are the reasons for difficulty in getting and keeping members?
- 2) What does the state Board say the reasons are?
- 3) What remedies could be tried by a) local Leagues and b) state Board?

1) Among answers offered were the following: League is too demanding of time and effort; lack of interest in what the League has to offer; those who join because they have an axe to grind don't stay; towns are over-organized; many women are too involved with family obligations; in east Texas local interests are not compatible with national program; speaking of local Boards, new Board members are overwhelmed with work and by workload, thus presenting to potential members a picture of an over-worked, frustrated Board; members are dissatisfied with a lack of orientation and also with a lack of general education in U. S. government; some Leagues now recognize that they expect either too much or too little of new members; some are also aware that they are not using talents of retired leaders, that former Board members drop out when no function is sought and found for them; some Leagues are coming to recognize their failure to orient good, "live" prospects for membership at the beginning; some realize they have made their appeal only to a certain type of woman and that they have been pre-judging potential members, thus limiting their invitations; in some instances, local Boards have evaluated their unit meetings and discovered that members' needs are not being met; Board members often block expansion of membership or involvement of new members by what they say about League work and how much they say about it.

2) Answers to the second question included the following: some League members transfer the habit of "crying" about work from family work to League work; members do not

invite prospective members; leaders find it too much trouble to seek out new members in order to involve them; Leagues have good programs to attract new members but no plans to involve them; both action and materials are needed to keep new members; League's decision-making process is a block for some; acceptance of validity of consensus in which all or large majority of members do not participate is difficult for a number of members; member often does not have enough to do; in some cases, she feels left out of the excitement and even the fun that the Board shares; some local Boards do not recognize and deal with this as one of their major challenges; poor choice of a local current agenda sometimes hampers a League in getting and keeping members; leaders who think of the League as having a limited appeal miss the chance to recruit many women who need the League in the light of its broad purpose; Board members appear to seek workers, not a broad membership; consensus is often not well understood.

3) Remedies suggested were for the most part those which the state Board could initiate. Hence, they are listed first, as follows:

b) The state Board could help local Leagues achieve membership goals in these ways: send out a TIME FOR ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP, setting forth clear goals; hold area conferences or workshops; ask the national Board to follow up Mrs. Phillips' address to Council with new membership tools; Field Service consultants may help resolve some problems listed above through face to face discussion when they visit local Leagues; there should be follow-up after Field Service visits to help local Leagues with successive stages of membership development; good ideas, efforts, and materials tried by local Leagues could be circulated in a Swap Shop bulletin on membership; some Leagues may need specific help with their VOTERS; state Board plans to provide help with membership should carry through the year and should include time on the 1964 Convention agenda or program for a windup; more leadership training might be tried.

a) Suggestions with special application to local Leagues were these: local Leagues should try to make a good choice of a local current agenda item and a good plan to carry it out, being certain to involve enough members; leaders should try consciously to be flexible as well as resourceful in their dealings with members; training for leadership of discussion groups should be provided; members' responsibility to express contrary opinions, even though they may be unpopular, should be made clear; local Boards should agree on a percentage increase as a membership goal and should plan concrete steps to reach that goal.

a) and b) Several suggestions applied to both local and state Boards: Leagues should help persons in and outside of League to understand how the representative system of government works and, for League members, apply this to consensus; consensus needs a lot of explanation which should stress the importance of the plan for presentation of material, of the opportunity for discussion, and of a final determination of consensus (comparing it to voting); Leagues should establish realistic goals and make realistic calendars, taking into account the fact that all Leagues, regardless of size, receive the same materials; Leagues should go right ahead with membership work without waiting for the end of summer; programs of basic education in government could well be initiated or expanded during the summer season.

Mrs. Murphree moved that the state Board initiate immediate steps to help local Leagues with membership problems. Seconded. CARRIED with one dissenting vote. Mrs. Murphree then moved that the state Board reactivate the membership portfolio and appoint Mrs. Martin chairman. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Brown named Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Linehan as members of the Membership Committee to work with Mrs. Martin.

The first session adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6

The state Board meeting reconvened at 2 p.m.

Current Agenda: State-Local Relations - Mrs. Pettis reported that her committee had reviewed first drafts of program material. She said that the material included a limited amount of specific detail because of the need for brevity and the need to avoid seeming to lead members to consensus. Two sections had been added to the rough drafts, copies of which had been received by Board members. It had been agreed to add more division and subdivision headings. Questions for group discussion will appear in a Leader's Guide rather than in the informational material. Titles for the new publications were discussed, but decision was left to the committee. During Board discussion of the materials a suggestion was made that capsule explanations of listings in the bibliography be added.

Continuing Responsibilities: Voter Registration and Texas Election Law - Mrs. Nolle spoke briefly of the next steps in the League's program of promotion of its positions. In connection with Voter Registration, details for League support of the proposed amendment to repeal the poll tax will be developed at a special committee meeting in July. Mrs. Barstis and Mrs. MacLaren had been named co-chairman for this phase at an earlier Board meeting. The Board agreed that Mrs. LaTourette of Tyler and Mrs. Brock of Odessa (both former Public Relations chairmen on the state Board) should be asked to serve as off-Board members of the committee. Mrs. Linehan moved that the Voter Registration and Public Relations committees be given authority by the state Board to work together to complete and carry out plans for a poll tax repeal campaign. The motion was Seconded. CARRIED.

Legislative Action - Mrs. Nolle stated that she would edit her report sent in the pre-Board meeting mailing, would add information from the voting record of the Legislature, and would have it ready to go to local Leagues (with the post-Board mailing) as a final Legislative Roundup. She distributed to Board members copies of the "Texas Observer" legislative review issue. She also called to members' attention two new books of possible interest: "Sordid Starr" (on election fraud) by Bo Byers and "Politics and Government in Texas" by McClesky, issued by Little, Brown in a paperback edition.

National Program - Mrs. Joor summarized her impressions of the National Conference on Economic and Social Development on which she planned to report in greater detail in the post-Board mailing. The Conference was very worthwhile; she heard addresses by a number of distinguished speakers. Mrs. Joor will try to learn if copies can be obtained for local League resource committees. She will also write to national office to ask if copies of presentation speeches made at Council can be ordered.

League Day on National Program in Houston was scheduled for July 16. A date for League Day in Dallas would depend on arrangements to be made by Mrs. Abbott. The program will include hearing a tape of a model discussion on the United Nations as well as a live, model discussion based on U. N. "Facts and Issues," #1. A moderator, resource person, and reporter will make up the leadership team. The purpose of the live discussion is to demonstrate the taking of consensus. Time has been planned for questions from the audience following the discussion. A flyer will announce the League Days. Mrs. Joor added that the committee was giving consideration to another League Day in another part of the state. Mrs. Pettis moved that the state Board set up a National Program League Day in West Texas. Seconded. CARRIED. The committee was directed to try arranging the third League Day during the summer months.

Mrs. Joor stated that she would prepare a "How to..." outline for the use of materials on water resources in Texas (available to local Leagues). She mentioned in particular "A Plan for Meeting the 1980 Water Requirements of Texas" by the Texas Board of Water Engineers.

Mrs. Joor called the Board's attention to recent helpful speeches by congressmen, to one by Rep. Edmonson of Oklahoma on patriotism and another by Rep. Kuchel of California on fright peddlers. Mrs. Brown had written letters of appreciation to them. To meet current attacks on the United Nations she recommended use of letters to the editor of local newspapers by League members. Radio stations that launch attacks on the U. N. are required to give time for replies. This is a type of action local Leagues might well consider. An opportunity open to some Leagues is the entertainment of the foreign wives of professors and consuls, mostly from Latin America, who are living in their communities. This can be arranged through cooperation with the Overseas Education Fund.

Publications - Mrs. MacLaren reported for Mrs. Gause that "Publications Handbook" was to be updated and made ready for distribution by September 1. The president's mailings, now being sent direct to local League vice presidents, should also be sent direct to publications chairmen to improve efficiency in that area of work. The Board agreed that this change in mailing procedure should be made. Plans for display, distribution, and possible sale of publications at Convention will be discussed by the committee through the mail. Mrs. Brown reported that "League Lingo" is out of stock in the state office and that it needs updating before it is reprinted. It was agreed that Mrs. Braunagel would revise it.

Public Relations Mrs. MacLaren stated that her committee (Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Macdonald) believe that the size of the committee will need to be expanded to meet the demands of all-out promotion of tax repeal. Advice she had gathered from professionals would be presented to the expanded committee when it meets. The post-Board Report would take to local Leagues an announcement regarding League work for repeal. Local Leagues would be asked to give ideas for community action.

Membership Mrs. Martin, reporting for her new committee, proposed the following calendar for membership activity: 1) TIME FOR ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP to go with post-Board meeting report. 2) Workshops 3) Swap Shop publication 4) article in November TEXAS VOTER 5) Summing up of "membership year" at Convention. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board hold workshops on membership. Seconded. CARRIED.

The second session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

THIRD SESSION, FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 7

The Board reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

Convention - Mrs. Turner reported the initial plans and proposals of the Convention Committee. Regarding the mechanics of Convention, all details and correspondence will be handled through the chairman, Mrs. Turner, and the local Convention chairman from the Corpus Christi League. The committee had agreed that it would use no theme. Mrs. Turner listed next the committee's proposals for speakers and special events. To provide program for one dinner meeting, the committee recommended, in this order; 1) Democratic and Republican National chairmen or the chairmen of the women's divisions of the two major political parties 2) personable and capable public relations

persons from labor and management with a non-affiliated professional in the public relations field to serve as moderator 3) a columnist or commentator, such as Walter Lippmann, Walter Cronkite, Roscoe Drummond or H. B. Kaltenborn 4) Mrs. Morgan of the national Board to speak on public relations. For a change of pace the committee suggested that a boat be chartered for a pleasure cruise during one of the two evenings of the Convention. Such a boat is available at Corpus Christi. The cruise could start about 5 p.m.; dinner could be served aboard. Skits performed by local League delegates, under the title "Behind the Footlights," would be a part of the entertainment.

Since expenses will be higher than they were at Edinburg, the committee recommended a registration fee of \$8.00. A change in format was suggested for the Little Meetings on Program: no preliminary speeches, no state Board members in front, discussion leaders from the local Leagues, a time span of two hours. The committee also suggested workshops labeled "Let's Talk League" in which the participants would select the subjects they wished to discuss and for which they would divide the two hours allotted.

During Board discussion of the Convention committee's recommendations the suggestion was made that even if a theme were not used, the emphasis might well be put on Voter's Service. Several members endorsed Mrs. Morgan as an excellent speaker whom they would like delegates to hear. The value of inviting distinguished speakers from outside the League was noted since they can help communication between the League and segments of society. The Board agreed that, whoever is invited to speak to a dinner meeting, the emphasis should be on political effectiveness. Consensus of the Board was that Mrs. Morgan should be invited to take some part in the Convention program. The Board further agreed that the Convention agenda should include an evening of informal entertainment.

Finance Mrs. Linehan stated that tools to help Finance committees are already available. She is writing personal letters to all local chairmen. Before each local League's drive she will send a single sheet of suggestion and encouragement. Mrs. Linehan said her committee thought local Leagues would find finance proclamations by their mayors more helpful than one for all Leagues from the Governor. However, they had also considered some statement, plus a picture of the Governor, in an issue of the TEXAS VOTER.

Voter's Service In view of the League's support of the proposed amendment to repeal the poll tax, the Board reaffirmed its agreement that League effort would be concentrated on promotion of repeal. Under the circumstances Board members agreed that the state Board would not prepare and distribute a Pros and Cons publication on the amendments to be voted on at the November 9 election.

Mrs. MacLaren reported committee recommendations for voter's service activity since no director had yet been named to replace Mrs. Abbott as chairman. First, the committee proposed that decisions on a new edition of "Who, Me? Go to my Precinct Convention?" be postponed to the October Board meeting. Second, the committee recommended that "Voter's Key to 1964" not be printed this year because of the difficulties involved in getting accurate information after the November 9 election, hurried preparation as well as problems of printing and distribution so late in the season. Instead, they proposed that mimeographed information on new election procedures be sent to local Leagues as soon as available. Mrs. Murphree moved that the Voter's Service committee's recommendations regarding printing of a "Voter's Key to 1964" be accepted by the Board. Seconded. Motion LOST (4 ayes, 7 nays).

Serious discussion of what was involved in printing "Voter's Key" in a year of great change in Texas voting procedures concluded with a motion by Mrs. Nolle that the state Board make every effort to produce a printed "Voter's Key to 1964" and to distribute it to the maximum of the League's ability. Seconded. Mrs. Joer moved to amend the motion by striking out everything after "1964". The amendment was seconded. CARRIED. The main motion as amended was CARRIED with 3 voting nay.

The president asked the Board to suggest persons to be invited to fill the vacant Board position and the portfolio of Voter's Service chairman. Mrs. MacLaren recommended inviting Mrs. Prashner of San Antonio. Other names suggested were Mrs. Godbey and Mrs. Henderson of Dallas, Mrs. Curtis of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Williams of Longview.

Field Service - Mrs. Macdonald stated that 28 Leagues had to date been visited by Field Service consultants for the purpose of annual Board training. She then asked committee members to report briefly on those Leagues for which the state Board has some special concern.

Mrs. Braunagel stated that Galveston, which continues to be on reorganization status, now has 102 members, 8 of them new. The Galveston League had recently held a membership coffee at which a program on state-local relations was given. It has almost reached its finance goal. A calendar for the year had been completed. The Board currently consists of 9 members and needs one more to make a total required for the present status. Mrs. Braunagel had not been able to visit the San Marcos Provisional League since Council but planned to go later in June. Mrs. Nolle had been guest speaker at San Marcos' annual meeting. The San Angelo League is very weak. Mrs. Braunagel will make at least one more visit this year. She had no further comment to add to her written report on the disbanding of the Henderson League.

Mrs. Linehan reported that the Amarillo League is almost non-existent. There are three active Board members - the president, the new publications chairman, and Mrs. Martin. Hope for this League depends on what the president can do. The Abilene League was facing a problem of continuity of leadership. The president had resigned because of serious ill health, and the question of a replacement would be resolved only with difficulty.

Mrs. Turner planned to visit the Port Arthur League later in June at which time she would ask the Board to complete the limited community survey required of Leagues seeking approval for a change to area-based organization. Copies of the survey would then be sent to both state and national Boards.

Mrs. Macdonald reported to the Board the Field Service committee's recommendation that any Texas League organized on an area basis be permitted to select and work on a local program item for any community within its area of organization provided that a minimum of 25 League members reside in that community. Consensus of the state Board was to approve the committee's recommendation. Mrs. Turner was asked to inform the Port Arthur Board of this decision.

Mrs. Schwind read a letter from the Fort Worth League president requesting permission to carry on limited voter's service in several Tarrant County towns in which members of the Fort Worth League reside. Their plan was to print and distribute "Guide to Your Government" (Fort Worth's title for a legislative guide) for each of the communities listed. Their Board understood its responsibility in the matter. Mrs. Schwind moved that the Fort Worth League be given permission to perform the voter's service work as requested. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Schwind was asked to remind the Fort Worth Board in her reply to them of their responsibility to plan and supervise the expanded activity.

Mrs. Macdonald gave the Board information on the status of the request of a group of El Paso women for permission to organize a provisional League. The group had engaged in preliminary activities of correspondence and of holding at least one public meeting. The Field Service committee had concluded after considering the number involved, lack of experienced League members to support a new League, prohibitive cost of sending a consultant regularly during a provisional period, and the present lack of some one who could serve as consultant to El Paso that it must recommend that the El Paso group's request be denied at this time. After discussion the Board agreed with regret that the El Paso group's request for permission to organize a provisional League must be refused at this time for the reasons stated. Mrs. Macdonald was asked to write to the temporary chairman in El Paso to give this information and to invite those interested in a local League to become members-at-large of the Texas League. A question was raised as to the means used by the national Board to organize the Leagues in Alaska and Hawaii and whether the Texas Board might gather some helpful information on organizing Leagues at great distances by mail.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

FOURTH SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7

The final session of the Board came to order at 1:15 p.m.

Mrs. Macdonald presented for Board consideration a Policy Guide for 1963-64, prepared by the special committee to review policy. Board members discussed the sections and the proposed changes from 1962-63 fully and made some amendments. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Policy Guide be adopted as amended. Seconded. CARRIED.

The special committee recommended that the Budget Committee be given approval to propose funds for Board and committee expenses in the 1964-65 budget at a rate of 8¢ a mile for automobile travel and at a maximum of \$4.50 a day for meals and that these increases over present rates be given favorable consideration by the Board when it reviews its policy in 1964. Mrs. Murphree moved that the Budget Committee be authorized to include in the proposed budget for 1964-65 adequate funds to provide for increases in Board and committee expenses recommended by the policy review committee for the 1964-65 Policy Guide. Seconded. CARRIED.

TEXAS VOTER In the absence of the editor, Mrs. Casperson, committee members reported that they had reviewed contents of coming issues and discussed format. The committee recommended that each local League be sent a list of all local League bulletin editors and be asked to add their names to their mailing lists. Mrs. Brown announced that, in response to Mrs. Casperson's request to receive bulletins from other state Leagues if it could be arranged, a letter would be sent from state office to the other state Leagues asking for this service.

Budget Mrs. Schwind asked the Board to give direction to the Budget Committee by saying what members thought to be areas of greatest need for sustained or increased financing. The Board agreed that Field Service, Program Services, Voter's Service, and National Services would benefit from increased financing. Discussion of long term goals touched on establishment of a League office in Austin during legislative sessions, stepping up of activity in non-League areas of the state, and the need for starting provisional Leagues where there is good prospect of success. In this connection, members used a memo prepared by Mrs. Brown to give the Field Service committee information about Texas cities which do not have Leagues but have populations over 10,000. Recognizing the need of local Leagues for more income, the committee recommended that they be urged to consider an increase in dues to \$5.00, for those

Leagues still below that level, or to the \$7.50 recommended by the national Board. It was agreed that Mrs. Brown would speak of a dues increase in her letter to local League presidents in the post-Board meeting Report.

Membership Workshops Mrs. Martin brought to the Board a summary of plans made by the new Membership Committee to implement the Board's decision to offer local Leagues a series of summer workshops on membership. Eight workshops had been planned with hostess Leagues, dates, and leadership teams proposed as follows:

August 6	Lubbock - Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Casperson
	Denton - Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Abbott
August 8	San Angelo - Mrs. Linehan, Mrs. Brock (of Odessa)
	Corsicana - Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Schwind
August 13	San Marcos - Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Ashford (of San Antonio)
	Baytown - Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Kongable (of Texas City)
August 15	Lake Jackson - Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Gause
	Edinburg - Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Barstis

Materials would be a Leaders' Agenda, notebooks, and pencils. On display and recorded in a list of participants to take home would be all possible League tools for membership and successful tools and props prepared by local Leagues. The proposed program included a film strip made by the Iowa League and a taped message from Mrs. Brown. The committee suggested that the registration fee be kept low, that it be no more than \$1.00. The Leader's Guide would give the agenda and a series of provocative questions to stimulate thoughtful discussion. The tentative agenda opened with a setting of the stage by agreement on goals. Kick-off for the morning discussion would be the questions: What could your League do if it had 20% more members? Why don't we have that number now? The afternoon session would be devoted to brainstorming on 1) how to get members 2) how to keep members. July 15 was agreed on as the deadline for the Leaders' Guide. It was also agreed that a TIME FOR ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP, announcing the workshop, would accompany the Board Report and that an announcement in the form of an advertisement would be included in the July VOTER. Following the workshops, suggestions developed during the programs would be put together into a Swap Shop publication. A wind up on membership for the Convention will be worked out later in the year.

Post-Board Meeting Report Mrs. Brown announced that the deadline for all materials for the Board Report was June 17. Mailing would be soon after July 1. Reminders of deadlines for proposed changes in local League bylaws and for program suggestions would be included.

Program Making: Lively Issues Lively issues suggested by the Board for the September VOTER included some aspect of the legislature, untouched tax sources, administrative responsibility, finance, annual sessions. It was agreed that the subject of reapportionment would not be listed.

State Office Summer Schedule Mrs. Brown announced that the state office would be open mornings only, from 8 to 1 o'clock, during July and August with the exception of the first two weeks of August, August 5 - 16, when the staff will be on vacation. Beginning September 3 the staff will return to a full day schedule.

Adjournment The president declared the Board meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Winifred B. Schwind
Mrs. Carl Schwind, Secretary.

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FIRST SESSION - FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 29

Following committee meetings Thursday evening, March 28, the president called the post-Council meeting of the State Board to order at 9 a.m. All members except Mrs. Herbert Martin were present. The roll follows:

Mrs. Robert Abbott
Mrs. Albert Barstis
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Lewis Daniel
Mrs. Edward Gause
Mrs. William Joor
Mrs. C. M. Linehan

Mrs. Colin Macdonald
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold Murphree
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Carl Schwind
Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Appointment to Board Mrs. Barstis moved the appointment of Mrs. Robert E. Casperson of Lubbock to the State Board. Seconded. CARRIED. The president, Mrs. Brown, extended a very cordial welcome to Mrs. Casperson who became the seventeenth member of the Board and the sixteenth in attendance at the post-Council meeting.

Board Reorganization Mrs. Brown announced the following major assignments for Board members:

Mrs. Macdonald	1st vice president; field service; aid to president
Mrs. Murphree	2nd vice president; program coordinator
Mrs. MacLaren	3rd vice president; public relations
Mrs. Schwind	secretary; budget
Mrs. Daniel	treasurer
Mrs. Abbott	voters service
Mrs. Barstis	voter registration and Texas election laws
Mrs. Braunagel	field service (area); bylaws
Mrs. Casperson	TEXAS VOTER editor
Mrs. Gause	publications
Mrs. Joor	national program; publications editor
Mrs. Linehan	finance; field service (area)
Mrs. Martin	Texas Constitution revision
Mrs. Nolle	legislation
Mrs. Pettis	state-local relations
Mrs. Turner	field service (area); Convention

Committee Assignments Mrs. Brown announced the assignment of Board members to committees as follows (name of chairman underlined):

State-Local Relations - Pettis, Macdonald, Abbott
Texas Constitutional Revision - Martin, Gause, Murphree, Nolle
Voter Registration & Texas Election Laws - Barstis, Casperson, Murphree, Nolle
National - Joor, Braunagel, Daniel, Murphree, Nolle
Legislative - Nolle, Martin, Murphree, Barstis, MacLaren
Finance - Linehan, Joor, Gause

Voters Service - Abbott, Pettis, Casperson
Publications - Gause, Barstis, Braunagel
Public Relations - MacLaren, Macdonald, Turner
Field Service (Core) - Macdonald, Braunagel, Linehan, Turner
Convention - Turner, MacLaren, Linehan, Macdonald
Budget - Schwind, Daniel, Linehan
Policy - Macdonald, Daniel, Schwind

The Board discussed persons to be appointed to the two off-Board positions on the Budget Committee. It was agreed that the president should write to Mrs. D. A. Ballard of Lake Jackson and Mrs. Louis Bohls of San Antonio to ask them to serve. Alternates named were Mrs. Walter Lewis and Mrs. T. A. Pollard of Houston.

The Policy Committee was directed to review the State Board Policy sheet and report any changes it wishes to recommend to the June Board meeting. It was instructed to include in the Policy for 1963-64 the change in the budget section adopted at the pre-Council meeting.

Aims for Board Meeting Mrs. Brown set forth the following aims for the Board meeting: 1) to complete plans for work to be done before June Board meeting, 2) to prepare general plans for the year for Program, 3) to agree on (a) calendar and (b) goals for the year, 4) to hold committee discussions after the Board meeting ends so members will leave knowing what to do, 5) appoint delegates to National Council and 6) make nominations to the National Board.

National Council Delegates The president reminded the Board that each state League is asked to send two delegates to the National Presidents' Council. She asked for nominations for a second delegate to accompany her. Mrs. Turner nominated Mrs. Barstis. Mrs. Murphree nominated Mrs. Joor. Mrs. Barstis asked to have her name withdrawn in favor of Mrs. Joor's. Mrs. Turner accepted this suggestion and withdrew her nomination. Nomination of Mrs. Joor was seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Joor said she would be able to attend. Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Barstis be named as alternate. Seconded. CARRIED.

Nominations to National Board Mrs. Brown asked if the Board wished to submit nominations to the Nominating Committee of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Mrs. Schwind moved that the Board present the name of Mrs. Colin Macdonald. Seconded. CARRIED. The president instructed the secretary to prepare the information sheet to accompany the Board's nomination of Mrs. Macdonald.

Evaluation of Presidents' Council Mrs. Brown requested that Mrs. Barstis lead a discussion to evaluate Presidents' Council. Mrs. Barstis opened with her personal recommendation that Council time be extended to give more time for program presentation and for delegates to exchange ideas among themselves outside the scheduled discussions. She reported that Conversation Corners had proved successful. Mrs. Turner stated her belief that delegates heard too much in too short a time, that all program reporting ran together. She added that the many delegates who had arrived by Tuesday evening enjoyed the Board's hospitality during the evening hours for which no formal plan had been made. Mrs. Murphree followed with a suggestion that the Tuesday evening hospitality be developed - Corner Conversations, too - for the next Council.

Mrs. Turner pointed out that more adequate arrangements were needed, as well as more hospitality, for the presidents group during the brunch. She recommended that reservations be made before the Board meeting adjourned for adequate space for all functions in 1965.

Mrs. Barstis called the Board's attention to the fact that Council had gone far beyond its original purpose and that with the added items taking so much time, time must be planned for the main purposes. Since the Texas League is developing its legislative work into a much fuller program, more time will be needed for Capitol Scoops. Mrs. Braunagel commented that more long range planning might relieve the Council chairman of unnecessary work.

Discussion then turned to problems resulting from combining the regular business of Council with a Legislative Day. Mrs. Barstis recommended that the Board consider lengthening the Council program to 48 hours, exclusive of registration, starting Tuesday noon and running through Thursday noon. If this were done, Wednesday should be Legislative Day (a better day for visiting the Legislature), both Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Barstis agreed. Whatever time span and schedule are chosen, the official opening of Council should be a general session for all delegates, Mrs. Schwind said, pointing out the reactions of delegates to the relative importance of small group meetings versus a general session. Mrs. Abbott thought the total time planned for this year's Council had been sufficient since the final session was adjourned early. Mrs. Nolle noted that more time had been needed for some sessions that were cut short because of the tight schedule.

Mrs. Braunagel commended all who had given talks during Council. Mrs. Brown wondered if the reports given by program chairmen could be mimeographed to send to the local Leagues since the information contained in them provided a valuable summary of League Program work. Mrs. Murphree promptly asked the chairmen to provide her with copies for this purpose.

Mrs. Barstis concluded that physical arrangements for Council had been easily handled because of pre-planning and because of the experience of Mrs. Connelly, Austin chairman. Mrs. Schwind asked if more space and greater comfort could be provided for observers next time. The large group of observers in attendance this year had been seated in a very small area in the rear of the ball room. The Board then considered the need for a change of pace, for some light entertainment, during Council. Mrs. Casperson asked if "The League Wears Many Hats" could be repeated. Mrs. Macdonald suggested that Conversation Corners be held the first night. Mrs. Nolle thought it might be well to ask the Austin League to prepare a mimeographed list of good meeting places. (I wonder if she said "eating"). *eating*

State-Local Relations Mrs. Pettis stated that the Board had acted as a committee of the whole on Thursday after the adjournment of Council when members listened to the tape recordings of delegates' recommendations for Program direction. Delegates expressed greatest interest in emphasizing these three areas in the coming year: 1) legal and voluntary approaches to inter-local cooperation of divisions of government, 2) financing local government and 3) special districts, on which they believed the League could reach a broad consensus.

Mrs. Pettis reported that her committee had agreed that material of moderate depth and with fuller bibliographies than last year could be provided for 1) and 2) and that a sheet with questions leading to possible consensus could be prepared on the subject of special districts. A format comparable to that of National Program's Facts and Issues was being considered for 1) and 2). The Board agreed that it would be better for the local Leagues to receive materials for study of 1) and 2) before returning to a consideration of criteria for special districts. Mrs. Pettis planned to send a Leader's Guide soon to local chairmen to assist them in making their plans for the year.

Mrs. Pettis commented on the strong interest voiced by San Antonio delegates for a full study of county government as a ~~product~~ of the Constitution and the statutes. She questioned whether a detailed study of county government powers and limitations would have any real value. She pointed out that the GUIDE TO STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS, prepared last summer, did not bring out the role of the state very fully and that this role needs development this year. The GUIDE will continue to serve as a tool for resource committees; it was prepared for use for the second as well as the first year of the Current Agenda.

Voter Registration and Texas Election Laws Mrs. Barstis began her report on CR 2, Voter Registration, by listing two needs: first, the need to educate citizens to the problems inherent in a dual registration system and, two, the need to develop understanding of the permanent aspects of a permanent system of voter registration. League action equals a combination of efforts in the areas of program, public relations, and voters service. What are the responsibilities of each area? Where do lines cross, and where do they run parallel? What is the best timing for each? League action in the year ahead will be determined by whatever action is taken by the Texas Legislature and by the outcome of the action of the 50 states on the federal amendment to abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting. The periods of poll tax collection and of primary elections will be crucial times for League action.

Referring to the responsibilities of the several committees, Mrs. Barstis indicated that explanation of a new system of registration, dual or otherwise, fell within the area of voters service and could be included in "Voter's Key". Promotion of "Voter's Key" is the job of public relations. She reminded the Board next of a decision made at the January meeting to treat the poll tax amendment and its interrelationships with voter registration as a program item. In this connection Mrs. Barstis reported that she had had prepared a series of four news articles which were written to help readers understand what is involved. She recommended that the articles be sent immediately to the local Leagues and to the 500 newspapers on the League's special mailing list. Brief discussion followed about the confusion resulting from the use of the word "permanent" in publicity about HB72. The Board agreed that no change in terminology could remove confusion, that only specific definition or explanation can accomplish understanding. It was agreed that a single sheet of explanation would be prepared for legislators and that one would be placed on the desk of each representative if Mrs. Nolle could arrange to have this done.

Mrs. Barstis moved that the series of four articles be mailed to local Leagues and to the 500 newspapers in non-League areas. Seconded. CARRIED with one dissenting vote.

Mrs. Barstis moved that a fact sheet on permanent voter registration be provided for placement on each legislator's desk. Seconded. (The secretary has no record of disposition of this motion.)

In further discussion of news articles and press releases it was agreed to request local Leagues for information on their use of prepared articles or any other releases they might prepare on voter registration. It was also agreed that the letter to the editor is frequently a more effective and attention getting item than a news article.

Texas Constitutional Revision Mrs. Murphree reported for the CR 1 committee in the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Martin. She said the work had not been projected beyond June since Mrs. Martin was unable to be present. Four proposals for action during this interval were presented.

First, the committee recommended sending to all legislators a section by section explanation of substitute SB 31. The committee would prepare this explanation, would

try to have it placed on legislators' desks at an appropriate time, and would also recommend sending copies to known proponents of revision in the state as well as to local Leagues. They suggested giving to legislators at the same time the research cartoon leaflet plus "How to Revise..." Senator Schwartz might duplicate the explanatory material and provide for mailing, Mrs. Murphree stated. Mrs. Murphree moved that an explanation of substitute SB 31 be prepared and distributed as recommended by the committee. Seconded. CARRIED.

Second, Mrs. Murphree said the committee would be guided by Senator Schwartz in planning for the League's appearance at the April 17 hearing on SB 31. The Board agreed to this. Third, the committee intended to send background material on the constitutional commission to feature writers of prominent newspapers. Finally, in connection with the hearing, the committee planned to invite local Leagues who have representatives on the State Affairs Committee to attend the hearing, if possible; also, a Time for Action would be sent to every League for every-member action.

The first session was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 29

Mrs. Brown reconvened the Board meeting at 2 p.m.

National Program Mrs. Joor stated that her committee needed decisions from the Board on two subjects. First was the committee's proposal to hold two pilot League Days on national program, one in Dallas and the other in the Houston-Galveston area. Agenda for League Day would be discussion of techniques for presenting program. Time suggested was July. Leaders for the Dallas League Day would be Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Daniel and for the Houston League Day, Mrs. Murphree and Mrs. Joor. Mrs. Pettis moved that pilot League Days on national program be planned as proposed by Mrs. Joor.. Seconded. CARRIED.

Second, Mrs. Joor's committee recommended preparing for local Leagues a "How to..." outline based on the ~~national report~~ on "Water in Texas," Miss Louise Loomis' report to the League, and the state report "Meeting 1980 Water Needs in Texas." The outline, for a single program, could be done by Mrs. Chadderdon, ~~the Houston League's resource person on the Water Resources CR.~~ Mrs. Joor believed that the importance of the subject, the interest evinced by delegates in the Conversation Corner, and the availability of excellent material not used to date by most Leagues justify the preparation for local Leagues of such a program aid. Board discussion revolved around basic questions relating to the League's purpose of arousing citizens to participate, what League program is, member dissatisfaction with program as a tool, and the smaller Leagues' problems with calendaring and planning. Mrs. Pettis moved that the National Program Committee prepare and send to local Leagues an outline of suggested uses for materials on water resources in Texas (National CR 1). Seconded. CARRIED with two dissenting votes. Mrs. Casperson suggested reminding local Leagues of the importance of the materials on water resources and of the value of using them in a program if they can. If they can not, she suggested encouraging each League to designate of they can. If they can not, she suggested encouraging each League to designate one member who would become familiar with the materials and be ready to serve as League resource person on the subject. Mrs. Macdonald proposed that the TEXAS VOTER carry an article on water resources in Texas for every member information. Tentative approval was given by the Board for the use of such an article in the July issue.

The Board approved distribution to local League presidents and national program chairmen of reprints of an outline for two program meetings on the United Nations prepared for use in the Dallas League.

Mrs. Horton Smith, Nominating Committee chairman, joined the meeting at this point and was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Brown and all the Board.

Legislative Mrs. Nolle announced first that she would like a brief, written report from each Board member who was hostess to a senator or representative at the Legislative Breakfast. In regard to the Senate bill to outlaw display of the United Nations flag on state property, she said an information sheet would be needed to inform local Leagues. The information should also be sent to other interested groups. She planned to report to the Leagues in two or three weeks on the status of the voter registration bill. Appearance of the next Legislative Roundup would depend on developments in the Legislature.

An idea new to Texas Leagues of getting legislators together at the end of the session had been discussed by delegates in the Conversation Corner, Mrs. Nolle reported. Mrs. Casperson commented that some material used by the Lubbock League was available and could be readily adapted for the use of other Leagues for such a meeting. It is an excellent type of every-member action, she said. The Board agreed. Mrs. Nolle said she had also received requests from delegates for a roll call of legislators (on legislation of interest to the League). She concluded with the information that the new printing of "How a Bill Becomes a Law" would go from the state office in the post-Board Report.

Field Service Mrs. Macdonald reported that all Leagues except Henderson and Corsicana had been represented at Council. She then touched on some changes in procedure: for committee members, reports will go to the state office ~~on onion skin~~ and be reproduced ~~there on blue paper~~; reports will be made on each League before each Board meeting with the exception of the June meeting. For local Leagues, changes include 1) a request to send four copies of their adopted budget to State Office immediately, 2) a request that Board members of nominating committees be appointed not later than July and 3) that budget committees be named early in the League year.

Mrs. Macdonald summed up information on field service activity relating to three local Leagues. Four members of the Galveston League attending Council had, on request, met with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Macdonald to confer about the continuing needs of the League and ways to meet them. It was understood at the end of the consultation that the Galveston League is still on a reorganization basis, that it will have Board training by a consultant from the state Board, and that the League will be assigned a new consultant. The state Board agreed that Mrs. Braunagel would take this assignment and that Mrs. Turner would become consultant to the Houston and Victoria Leagues. In regard to the change in the Port Arthur League's basis of organization and the questions stemming from the information just received from the national office on new procedures for organization, Mrs. Macdonald reported that a letter would be written to Miss Urban to say what has been done and to ask for suggestions for the next stages. She read to the Board for its information the letter sent to Port Arthur in answer to its request for a change in its basis of organization.

Mrs. Macdonald then asked Mrs. Linehan to tell the Board something about the meeting of delegates from small Leagues at the 1962 National Convention. Mrs. Linehan said the meeting had been called because of the strong interest in analyzing why Leagues lose members. Concern was expressed, she reported, for the quality of League consensus which some delegates thought had proven to be shallow because Leagues often lack enough members to do an adequate job. Others could not believe that League consensus really represents the members. A question as to the possibility of having two programs - one for small, another for larger Leagues - was raised. One constructive

suggestion made was to use every activity of the League as a form of public relations to keep and get members. A state Board consultant can repeat helpful information on consensus when she visits a local League. If a state Board member loses contact with a local League, unnecessary complications can arise.

Public Relations Mrs. MacLaren announced that the Post-Board Report would carry information on how to order the promotion stamps for permanent voter registration. The Board then discussed the timing of distribution of the voter registration stamps and of bumper stickers. Mrs. Casperson moved that a decision on printing of bumper stickers be postponed to the June Board meeting. Seconded. CARRIED.

The Board agreed to withhold a decision on the printing of a cartoon leaflet to the June meeting.

Mrs. MacLaren showed the Board a series of cartoons she had had drawn to point up League positions on the poll tax and voter registration. Mrs. Turner moved that the state Board make copies of these available to local Leagues and accompany them with suggestions for their use. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Gause suggested that Mrs. MacLaren and Mrs. Barstis consult about timing for release of voter registration promotion items and, if it is possible, get advice from a professional public relations person. Mrs. Barstis recommended that the content of such items be decided upon after the Legislature indicates what we can expect on voter registration.

Voters Service Mrs. Abbott reported that Council delegates had asked for a Swap Shop publication on candidates' rallies and other voters service activities. She opened discussion of the possibility of initiating interest in a Government in Action program in connection with some university in Texas. She recommended that local Leagues consider conducting Schools for Political Effectiveness as a good way to broaden their service to the community, especially with next year's presidential precinct meetings in mind. Increasing speakers bureau listings on general political education subjects would be still another method of adding to a League's voters service program. These suggestions would be included in her Post-Board report to local Leagues, Mrs. Abbott said.

Finance Mrs. Linehan stated that she planned to ask local League finance chairmen to send her samples of materials used in their drives so that she may draw upon them for "swap shop" suggestions.

Publications Mrs. Gause announced that the supplement to the Publications Catalog will be included in the post-Board mailing to local Leagues. The Publications Handbook is to be revised, and a letter will go to each local League publications chairman. The publications display at Council had proved very successful. Planning would begin at once for a display at Convention.

TEXAS VOTER Mrs. Casperson said that the five issues of the VOTER authorized by the new budget would come out in May, July, September, November, and February. The issues will feature the following: May - post-Council information; July - legislative roundup and information on water resources; September - lively issues and program making; November - varied subjects, such as how Field Service operates, state government operation, background information on government, news of local Leagues; February - pre-Convention. Mrs. Casperson hopes to use pictures in the bulletin. She planned to send a memo to local editors in the post-Board mailing. Arrangements for printing the VOTER will be made by Mrs. Casperson and the state office after they have explored the possibilities in Lubbock as compared to Waco.

Mrs. Casperson listed the contents of the May TEXAS VOTER: President's Letter, Adopted Budget, "Dear Member" letter on budget action at Council, direction from Council and outlook for work on State-Local Relations, an observer's impression of Council, recognition of Denton League, thank you to Austin League. A "Let's Stick for PERMANENT VOTER REGISTRATION" stamp will be used on the front page. Deadline for copy was April 8.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 29

The president reconvened the Board meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Brown announced these deadlines for the Post-Board Report and mailing: April 10 for material due in State Office; April 18 for mailing. The mailing will include the Local League Presidents List (2 copies), State Board List, Adopted Budget, Checklist for Important Dates with your Postman, Do it Yourself Calendar (these four on standing order), Board Portfolios blank (2 copies), Revised List of Field Service Consultants. Mrs. Murphree agreed to prepare the Calendar and Mrs. Macdonald, the Field Service list. Reports would be included from the following Board members: Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Schwind, Mrs. Barstis, Mrs. Joor, Mrs. Linehan, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Nolle, Mrs. Gause, Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Abbott, and Mrs. Daniel.

STATE BOARD CALENDAR Dates for the calendar were worked out during an informal discussion of plans and goals.

June 5 - 7	Board Meeting in Waco
July	League Days on National Program
	VOTER
September 1	VOTER
October 1	"Voter's Key"
October 8	Budget Committee in Waco
October 9 - 11	Board meeting in Waco
November 15	VOTER
November 17	Program proposals deadline - state
20	" " " - national
November	Proposed State Budget mailing
December (early)	Proposed Program
December	Poll Tax Proclamation
	Finance Drive Proclamation
January 7 - 9	Board Meeting
January 17	Proposed Program to local Leagues
February 15	VOTER
February 17	Second Round Program Deadline
March 17 - 19	Convention

Committees planned to meet Saturday morning to implement Board planning.

The president adjourned the post-Council Board Meeting at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Winifred B. Schwind

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MINUTES
EIGHTH BIENNIAL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
Austin, Texas
March 27 and 28, 1963

The Eighth Biennial Presidents Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at 12 noon, March 27, 1963, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, president, presided.

The president introduced Mrs. Francis May, president of the Austin League, who welcomed the delegates. Mrs. May then presented the Honorable *Lester Palmer* Mayor of the city of Austin, who greeted Council delegates and gave them a cordial welcome to the city.

Organization of Council Mrs. Brown first appointed Mrs. M. S. Braunagel parliamentary of the Council. The secretary, Mrs. Schwind, announced changes in the Agenda as presented in the Council Kit. Mrs. Murphree would replace Mrs. Martin (absent) in the program sessions, Mrs. MacLaren would replace her in the Little Meetings as chairman, and Mrs. Abbott would substitute for Mrs. MacLaren as recorder. Opening time for both the Program Session and the Little Meetings were to be delayed by fifteen minutes each. Mrs. Schwind moved the adoption of the corrected Agenda. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Brown announced appointment of the following as Tellers for the Council: Mrs. Robert Howell, Mrs. Ralph Scalapino, Mrs. John Barrow, and Mrs. Barbara Tabor. The Credentials Committee, as announced next by the president, were Mrs. Donald Nobles, chairman, Mrs. James Lancaster, Mrs. Lester Reed, Mrs. Bruce Hallock, and Mrs. John Sanders.

The secretary reported to the Council that Minutes of the Seventh Biennial Presidents Council had been approved by the State Board at its June 1961 meeting.

The treasurer, Mrs. Daniel, referred delegates to the Treasurer's Report in the Council Kit. She amplified the Report, dated February 28, with information that all pledges had been paid in full, that the Reserve Account had been brought up to the \$5000.00 maximum allowed by State Board policy, and that the day's balance in the operating account was \$2,271.27. Mrs. Daniel went on to explain that she anticipated a surplus of approximately \$1,000.00 in the operating account when all bills have been paid for the fiscal year 1962-63. The surplus comes principally from two items in the budget, Quarterly Meetings of the State Board and State Publications. The president stated that the Treasurer's Report would be filed for audit with the delegates' approval.

In the State President's Report Mrs. Brown gave her personal thanks to each delegate and expressed her pleasure in representing the League in various ways. During a brief resume of experiences that could not be included in the Workbook or Kit she noted the coming to fruition, in League work for voter registration, of efforts begun ten years earlier as well as the League's advance toward maturity, even though membership has not increased. The president welcomed the Richardson and Denton Leagues which had earned recognition as local Leagues during the past year and welcomed also the San Marcos Provisional League. Mrs. Brown voiced her wish, which she hoped would have the force of a promise, to visit each League in the year ahead. She concluded with a look ahead challenging the delegates to seek and find ways to increase membership by twenty percent at least and to interest and involve new members and to keep them active. She invited delegates to consider what the Texas League would be able to do with such an increase in membership.

Mrs. Brown introduced members of the State Board to the Council after which Mrs. Schwind called the roll of local Leagues. Representatives were present from thirty-three local Leagues and one provisional League. Two local Leagues, Corsicana and Handerson, did not have delegates in attendance.

Budget Session The president presided during the budget session. The Budget Committee chairman, Mrs. Schwind, introduced Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Linehan, and Mrs. Bridwell, off-Board member. Mrs. Montgomery of Tyler, second off-Board member, was not present at Council. In an opening statement preceding presentation of the Proposed Budget (Revised), Mrs. Schwind reviewed the extraordinary efforts made during the past year by League members working on all three levels to improve understanding of financial needs of the League, to encourage better financial planning, and to enlist members in a participation comparable to what they do in program planning. She referred to the September TIME FOR ACTION on State and National Budget Needs, to the State Board's study of the Texas League's financial situation, to the priorities resulting from this evaluation. She then summed up the variety of ways in which finance planning and budget needs had been discussed by the Texas Leagues, ways which the Budget Committee hoped had brought League members greater understanding of their role.

Mrs. Schwind asked delegates to turn to the Proposed State Budget in their Workbooks and to make changes on the INCOME side as required by the anticipation of a surplus of \$1000.00 in the 1962-63 Operating Account and the addition of \$200.00 Interest on the Reserve Fund, payable in 1963-64. The amount of \$195.00 - From Reserves for Capital Expenditure - was to be deleted. The Total Income of the Revised Proposed Budget equaled \$33,400.00. Mrs. Schwind then advised delegates where the Budget Committee recommended assigning among Expenditure items the \$1005.00 difference between the Proposed and Revised Proposed Budgets to make Total Expenditures equal \$33,400.00.

The roll of Leagues was called, and each president or reporting delegate announced her League's pledge. The total of pledges made by the thirty-six Texas Leagues came to \$25,305.00. Since this amount was less by \$1,295.00 than the amount of \$26,600.00 budgeted as Income from Local and Provisional League Support, Mrs. Schwind recommended that final action on the Budget be postponed to Thursday afternoon's business session to give the Committee time to adjust Expenditures to a Total Income of \$32,105.00.

The president adjourned the first full Council session at 1:30 p.m., and delegates and observers dispersed to attend the Presidents' Workshop and the several Conversation Corners on Program and Public Relations. Coffee was served before the discussions began.

Program Session Mrs. Brown reconvened the Council at 3:45 p.m. The second Vice President, Mrs. Murphree, presided.

Mrs. Joor, National Program chairman on the State Board, reviewed the opposition Texas Leagues have experienced in their communities to the support positions in both National Program items. To achieve some success in community education, local Leagues should be using three weapons: 1) getting facts, 2) evaluating them objectively, 3) stating them steadfastly. She briefed the Council on Senate Bill 230 which would prohibit display of the United Nations flag on state property. Regarding the Texas oil industry's opposition to the League position of support for increased foreign trade and economic development, she reminded delegates that Texas economy is bound up with United States economy. To keep members up to date on Continuing Responsibilities, Mrs. Joor recommended every member use of the new publication as a way to replace meetings. She stated that the water Continuing Responsibility puts special responsibility on the Texas League since the Water Commission study of Texas water resources is the only one

of its kind ^{Completed by date} made by Congress. Mrs. Joor said she would ask delegates for specific direction on this subject on Thursday.

Mrs. Pettis, State-Local Relations chairman, painted in broad strokes the changing scene in Texas and the problems rapidly developing for state government with the shift in population away from rural counties to a concentration in urban areas. She outlined solutions tried in Texas and elsewhere and listed a variety of proposals, most of them untested, made by study organizations and legislators concerned with the mounting tide of problems of finance and governmental structure confronting both metropolitan areas and those with a declining population. The League is not ready to act on these issues; it must first seek criteria. She asked delegates to consider whether the League's Constitutional Principle #6 is flexible enough in view of what they know today of county and municipal government.

Mrs. Murphree, reporting on Continuing Responsibility #1 for Mrs. Martin, observed that constitutional revision in Texas is not for the short winded. She believed, however, that the uphill road is not so steep or rocky as it was ten years ago. She informed the Council that Senator Schwartz's Senate Bill 31 to create a Constitutional Commission had been redrafted with the aid of League experts and that the Senator would introduce the substitute bill which meets League criteria. Local League action will be needed to support the bill. Emphasis should be placed on the staggering cost of piece meal revision.

Mrs. Barstis, chairman for Continuing Responsibilities # 2 and #3, spoke of the high hopes raised for improvement of the election law code as a result of the report of the Legislature's interim Study Committee. She stated that the League could support HB 244 and HB 571 which contain proposals for changes the League advocates. Regarding voter registration, Mrs. Barstis said the League could be congratulated for having adopted the item. The Leagues were participating in two types of action: 1) building public support and 2) supporting legislation. She reported on the status of the Joint Resolutions to repeal the poll tax. Favorable action is foreseen, but debate centers around the date on which the proposed amendment for repeal should be presented to voters. The federal amendment to repeal the poll tax will be ratified in all likelihood.

Mrs. MacLaren, Public Relations vice president, introduced to Council the mailing stickers promoting permanent voter registration. Reminding delegates that the greatest driving force in legislation is aroused public opinion, she commented on the probable effectiveness of the stickers if each of the 3500 Texas League members used two sheets (50 stickers per sheet). She recommended selling or giving them to friends and contributors to widen circulation. Mrs. MacLaren asked the Council to be ready to give her committee direction as to other devices (bumper stickers, cartoon leaflets, news cartoons, news articles in series) which delegates decide would most successfully promote League positions.

Mrs. Nolle, Legislative chairman, briefed delegates and observers on their responsibilities as lobbyists for the League when they talked with their guests at the Legislative Breakfast. She explained the usefulness of the Roster and informed them of the new low rate for telegrams to legislators. Mrs. Nolle then gave a summary report of legislation in which the League is interested, concluding with a recap of bills by subject and number.

Mrs. Brown introduced Mrs. Robert Connelly of Austin, Local Arrangements chairman, who reported attendance as follows: 33 Leagues, 1 provisional League represented; 63 delegates; 65 observers, equaling 128. Including 15 State Board and 2 staff members, the

total attendance at Council up to that time was 145. After announcement of the Little Meetings, immediately following the Program Session, and the Dinner Meeting at 7:30, the president adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Little Meetings Delegates and observers divided into two groups to attend Little Meetings on State-Local Relations, Legislation, and National Program. Each Little Meeting had a discussion leader and a recorder (State Board members) and was visited in rotation by resource persons representing the three subjects under discussion. The meetings were adjourned at 5:45.

Dinner Meeting State Board members were hostesses to dinner guests at a social hour held in the Provincial Suite from 6:30 to 7:30. Mrs. Brown presided at the Dinner Meeting. Seated at the head table with the League president were Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Pettis, Mr. and Mrs. Barstis, the guest panelists and their wives. Mrs. Pettis presented the guest speakers: Mr. Stuart McCorkle, Director, Institute of Public Affairs, University of Texas; Mr. Sam Jorrie, Bexar County Commissioner, San Antonio; and Mr. Terrell Blodgett, City Manager of Waco. Each man spoke of "Relations at Work", both of problems and of possible solutions, from experience gained in his special field of work. After their direct presentations, Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Murphree joined them in a panel discussion of issues they had raised. Questions from the floor were then answered by the guest panelists. The program was concluded at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 1963

Legislative Breakfast Local League members were hostesses at breakfast in the Crystal Ballroom to representatives and senators from their districts. State Board members were hostesses to senators from non-League areas. Time of the breakfast was from 7:30 to 9:30. *and some representatives and the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor*

Capitol Scoops Mrs. Murphree, Program vice president, presided during the Capitol Scoops meeting which immediately followed the Legislative Breakfast. Delegates reported what they had learned of legislators' positions on legislation the League supports. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. in order that the Council might take chartered buses for a trip to the Capitol.

Visit to the Capitol The Council divided into two groups for visits to both houses of the Legislature from 10:30 to noon. League members then had lunch "on their own" before returning to the Driskill Hotel for the final business session.

Final Business Session The president called the final session of the Council to order at 1:30 p.m. The following Tellers were appointed: Mrs. Calvin McMilliam, Mrs. Gay Burnette, Mrs. J. D. Chalunik, Mrs. Mary Placette, Mrs. Claude Hill, Mrs. William Guyton. Mrs. Connelly gave to Mrs. Brown the final report of the Credentials Committee. Attendance at Council for the day was: delegates - 64, observers - 67, State Board - 15, Nominating Committee chairman - 1, office staff - 2, Austin League members - 18. Total number attending, 167.

Adoption of State Budget Mrs. Brown presided during the final budget session. Copies of the Revised Proposed Budget were distributed to delegates. Mrs. Schwind then asked that delegates remove from their Workbooks and destroy the Proposed Budget sheets since they would not be the basis for discussion and action. Mrs. Nitchie, president of the Houston League, was recognized and came to the microphone to announce that her League wished to increase its pledge from \$2900.00 to \$3000.00. Mrs. Schwind informed the Council that the Budget Committee had been notified of the change in pledge following the first Budget Session and that the added \$100.00 appeared in the Revised Proposed

Budget in which the Local and Provisional League Support now read \$25,405.00 and the total Income and Total Expenditures now equaled \$32,205.00. The Budget Committee chairman announced that six Leagues (Corpus Christi, Denton, Houston, Irving, Richardson, and Texas City) had pledged more for State and National Support than had been suggested to them by the State Board. She expressed appreciation to all Leagues for their response to the TIME FOR ACTION.

Mrs. Schwind reported adjustments in Expenditures proposed by the Budget Committee: Quarterly Meetings cut to \$2,900.00; Board Expenses, to \$250.00; Delegates to National Council, to \$500.00; Field Service - New Leagues, to \$585.00; Legislative Action, to \$400.00; Voters Service, to \$100.00; Public Relations, to \$150.00; and State Bulletin, to \$1250.00. With these cuts the Total Expenditures would equal \$32,205.00 and would thus match anticipated Income.

Mrs. Schwind moved that Council adopt the Revised Proposed Budget. Seconded. During the ensuing discussion some delegates expressed approval and others, disapproval, of the \$9000.00 item for National Support which represented an increase of \$1000.00 above the pledge made by the Texas League in 1962. One delegate stated her opinion that more money should be spent in Texas for the organization of new Leagues. The Budget chairman was asked to explain how the State Board arrives at the amounts recommended as local League pledges. The question was called for. The motion CARRIED. The president declared that the Council had adopted a budget for 1963-64. The Budget Session ended at 2:10 p.m.

Program Discussion and Direction Mrs. Murphree presided during this session. Mrs. Pettis received suggestions from delegates from ten Leagues regarding the second year of study of State-Local Relations. Interest was expressed in pinpointing study, perhaps on problems of financing the several units of government, perhaps on intergovernmental problems of regions or areas. Requests for a number of aids were heard. Among them were a complete bibliography, pros and cons to help in reaching consensus, suggestions for presentation of subject matter.

Delegates from eleven Leagues had ideas to offer for continuing the League's work for Constitutional Revision. These included more press releases, in series, brief and to the point; a cartoon-type book; emphasis on community education on the high cost of piece meal revision; increased effort to build understanding of the need for an appropriation for study.

Delegates of twelve Leagues discussed under Mrs. Barstis' leadership the difficulty of developing understanding of the advantages of permanent voter registration over the annual system which Mrs. Barstis predicted the Legislature would adopt. The merits of having local League representatives attend committee hearings were reviewed. One delegate wondered if it would help to send explanatory material to county clerks and tax collectors who have given evidence of lack of understanding of a "permanent" system. Another suggested that local Leagues might adopt senators and representatives in non-League districts in order to send them League information on a regular basis.

Mrs. Joor heard suggestions for National Program from delegates of twelve Leagues, some of whom spoke two or three times. Some questions on the Water Continuing Responsibility came first. Regarding the United Nations, several Leagues expressed interest in specific areas such as Latin America, disarmament study, reassessment of the financial situation. On economic development, requests were noted for Facts and Issues on Asia and Africa and for a bibliography listing addresses when source material is available on request. One delegate said her League would like materials planned for use in three meetings.

Other Business The president reported briefly on her participation in an exploratory meeting, held in Chicago just before Council, to discuss possible changes in the program structure of the National Bylaws. The full advisory committee will meet the day preceding National Presidents Council. A delegate from the Dallas League spoke in support of retaining the Continuing Responsibilities and asked for clarification as to when a League can take action and when it can not. Mrs. Brown requested written comments from the Leagues on any facet of the subject of program structure.

Mrs. Braunagel announced that the report of the committee studying pros and cons of a change in Convention date would be sent to the Leagues with the post-Council State Board Report.

Mrs. Brown called delegates' attention to the 1964 Convention which will be held in Corpus Christi March 17 to 19. Mrs. Turner, Convention chairman, would welcome suggestions from League members.

Mrs. Brown reminded the delegates that November 17 is the deadline for State Program suggestions and for proposals to change the Bylaws.

The president declared the Council adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Winifred B. Schwind

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MINUTES

PRE-COUNCIL STATE BOARD MEETING

Driskill Hotel

Austin ----- March 26, 1963

FIRST SESSION - TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 26

Following afternoon and evening committee meetings on Monday, March 25, the president, Mrs. Brown, called the first session of the pre-Council state Board meeting to order at 9 A. M. The following members were present:

Mrs. Robert Abbott	Mrs. Colin Macdonald
Mrs. Albert Barstis	Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel	Mrs. Harold Murphree
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Edward Gause	Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. William Joor	Mrs. Carl Schwind
Mrs. C. M. Linehan	Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Mrs. Lewis Daniel and Mrs. Herbert Martin were absent. Mrs. Brown reported that they were absent because of family emergencies. She added that Mrs. Daniel would be able to attend Council meetings during the day on Wednesday, March 27, and would be present for the post-Council Board meeting.

Announcements

Mrs. Brown reported briefly on the meeting in Chicago, March 22, of regional League leaders for exploratory discussion of proposals to change the Program Article of the national bylaws. The discussion, which was wide-ranging and stimulating, was not intended to reach consensus but to prepare members of the special advisory committee (requested by the 1962 national Convention) for that committee's first meeting the day preceding national Council. Mrs. Brown, named a member by the national Board, will attend the meeting on May 5 in New York. She announced that national Council will open on Monday, May 6, in New York where delegates will spend the day at the United Nations. They will then travel by chartered train to Washington for the business sessions of Council, through May 10.

Minutes Corrections to the Minutes of the January Board meeting were made as follows:

- p. 1 - Announcements 7)...Senator Richter of Gonzales
- p. 4 - line 6: Barstis for Braunagel
 - delete last sentence of next to last paragraph
- p. 5 - paragraph 2: add of postage at end of last sentence.
 - Second Session, paragraph 2: Add to title Council Legislative Breakfast Program
 - Second Session, paragraph 2: Delete in sentence 1 all words after "revision"

- p. 6 - Finance: substitute state administration for "government" in sentence 1.
- Voters Service: in sentence 4 substitute in early 1964 for "a year from now".
- Voters Service: in sentence 6 add on constitutional amendments after "election"
- p. 7 - Local Program ,paragraph 1: add at this time at end of last sentence.
- p. 9 - paragraph 2, sentence 2: substitute "the" for "a" following verb, "is the time".
- p. 10 - paragraph 1: delete entire paragraph
- p. 12 - Corsicana: in last sentence substitute another Field Service person for "a new face"
- p. 13 - paragraph 1: in sentence 7 substitute nominate for "elect"

No further corrections having been requested, Mrs. Brown declared the Minutes of the January Board meeting approved as corrected and that corrected copies would be placed in the historical file.

Treasurer's report In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Daniel, her written report dated March 23 was read to the Board and is summarized as follows. All pledges and gifts have been paid in full. The Reserve Fund Account has been brought up to \$5000.00, the amount set as maximum by state Board policy. The Memorial Fund has deposits of \$255.18. March receipts to date equal \$811.93; expenditures, \$1,190.40. Balance in the Operating Account on March 23 was \$2,271.27.

Mrs. Daniel estimated that, when outstanding bills were paid, the League would end the fiscal year with a surplus of \$1000.00, approximately. She attributed the surplus to unanticipated savings in the costs of quarterly Board meetings (due to necessary absence of members) and to a profit in State Publications (sales of Voter's Guides).

The president declared that the report of the treasurer would be filed for audit.

Budget Mrs. Schwind reported that a total of pledges for State and National Services proposed by 34 of the 36 Texas Leagues indicated a net deficit of \$1320 for the Proposed State Budget. Referring next to the treasurer's report, she recommended that the Board approve a revision of the Income side of the budget to include anticipated surplus and anticipated interest on the Reserve Fund and to delete the Withdrawal from Reserves item. The auditor, Mr. Richard Brown, had informed Mrs. Daniel, when she consulted him about the matter, that this would be acceptable procedure. Board discussion covered reasons for the surplus, policy on Reserve Funds, and the treasurer's listing of bills outstanding.

Mrs. Schwind moved that the Proposed Budget Income be revised by adding Interest on Reserve Fund - \$200.00 and Surplus from 1962-63 Operating Account - \$1,000.00 and that From Reserves for Capital Expenditure - \$195.00 be deleted. Seconded. CARRIED.

Income in the revised budget to be presented the Council for action would now equal \$33,400.00.

Mrs. Schwind then asked the Board how it wished to allocate the \$1,005.00 difference between Income of the Proposed Budget sent to the local Leagues in November 1962 and the Income as revised for presentation to Council. She pointed out that an estimated \$150.00 should be added to Board Expenses to cover the October Board training session in Chicago, plans for which were not known when the Budget was completed. Mrs. Daniel has asked that the Board consider increasing the pledge for National Services since some local Leagues had raised their pledges in response to the need for more funds for the national budget. An increase of \$300.00 was recommended. Following discussion the Board agreed that the revised Proposed Budget would include increases for Board Expenses (to \$450.00), for National Services (to \$9,000.00), for State Bulletin (to \$1,500.00), and Public Relations (to \$255.00). No formal action was taken by the Board on revision of Proposed Expenditures, but there was consensus of members on these changes to bring the revised total to \$33,400.00.

Mrs. Schwind requested direction for the Budget Committee in making cuts after the roll call of pledges in the first business session of the Council. The discussion took into account the fixed expenses. Members agreed they could not be reduced. They concluded the expected deficit in Local and Provisional League Support could be absorbed, without damage, by services not labeled as fixed expenses. The budget committee was instructed to adjust cuts among the following items in preparing a final revision for Council consideration: Delegates to National Council, Voters Service, Public Relations, Legislative Action, State Bulletin, Board of Directors, and Field Service (New Leagues).

The Board was asked to consider two changes in its policy. Mrs. Schwind recommended approval of a policy to pay travel and living expenses of off-Board budget committee members attending Council or Convention. The adoption of such a policy would make it possible to outline clearly the duties of off-Board members during Council or Convention as well as at the fall committee meeting and would remove doubt as to authorization for off-Board committee members' expenses. The possibility was discussed of saving state League funds when such persons are also delegates whose expenses might be paid by a local League. Adjustment could be made depending on individual circumstances.

Mrs. Schwind moved that the Board adopt a policy approving payment of travel and living expenses, at the same rate as for Board members, to off-Board budget committee members who attend Council or Convention. Seconded. CARRIED. It was agreed that the essence of this adopted motion should be included in the Policy Sheet to be presented at the June Board meeting for review.

The second policy change proposed for Board consideration recommended increasing the mileage rate for automobile travel from six to eight cents a mile on the basis that the eight cent rate would more nearly match actual costs. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to postpone consideration of the proposed change in mileage rate to a later meeting since it would be inadvisable to make such a change, however justified, when the budget adopted at Council has not taken such an increase into account. The Budget committee was asked to gather information and to be ready with an estimate of difference in costs using the two rates.

Council Mrs. Barstis announced some changes in assignment of Board members to the several meetings scheduled. She reminded members of their responsibility to open and close sessions on time and to help delegates move to the right meeting places. Signs prominently placed in the Mezzanine would identify the Conversation Corners. Procedure for the opening session was reviewed briefly by Mrs. Brown for those taking part. Mrs. Barstis asked Board members to be ready to report briefly on conversations with legislators who came as state Board guests to the legislative breakfast as delegates would report on conversations with their guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

SECOND SESSION- TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 26

Mrs. Brown reconvened the meeting at 1:35 P. M.

Field Service Mrs. Macdonald requested that every Board member who has a copy of the handbook, Organizing Leagues, turn in pages 5-7 for which she will receive in exchange a new edition of that section when the national office sends them. In the meantime, Mrs. Macdonald asked that everyone read the sample copy before the post-Council Board meeting.

Mrs. Macdonald reported the substance of Miss Christine Urban's reply to the Board's questions regarding organizational changes in the Dickinson and Port Arthur Leagues. If Dickinson is annexed by Texas City, Dickinson League members will become members of the Texas City League and their treasury would be added to that of Texas City. There would be no sub-organization. Regarding the interest of the Port Arthur League on changing from a city to an area base for organization, Miss Urban said that experience has shown that weak Leagues are not strengthened by such a change and that medium or strong Leagues have become stronger. She referred to the new information on organizing Leagues. The national Board has to approve formation of area Leagues, and before approval is granted, certain conditions must be met. Mrs. Macdonald asked what the Board should do, in the light of this new information received after the Port Arthur League had been given approval by the state bylaws committee to change its name but not its structure. (The name adopted in the Port Arthur bylaws change is LWV of South Jefferson

County.) ~~The new name includes Port Arthur, Griffing, Groves, Lakeview, and Pear Ridge.)~~ The Board agreed that Mrs. Turner would speak to the League's delegates at Council asking them to delay action on area changes. The post-Council meeting would consider steps to be taken to resolve the problem.

Inquiries from El Paso regarding the organization of a new LWV began arriving in October, Mrs. Macdonald stated. A former member of the Austin League had spearheaded the activity. Through correspondence Mrs. Macdonald has advised the group of sound first steps to take and suggested helpful League materials to order. She had also informed the El Paso group that a state Board member would come in late spring if it seemed advisable. Mrs. Murphree, who will be in El Paso in June, volunteered to make the visit. The Board agreed that Mrs. Murphree should see the file on previous exploratory efforts to organize a League in El Paso if arrangements for a meeting are completed.

Mrs. Murphree moved that the Field Service vice-president be given authority to proceed with exploratory efforts to organize a League in El Paso depending on developments in the near future. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Macdonald displayed to the Board the fine publication, DENTON - Your City, Your County, which the Denton League had just published.

The Galveston League continues to need special help from Field Service, Mrs. Macdonald said. To inform the Board of the situation, she read an exchange of correspondence between Mrs. Brown and the Galveston president. It was agreed that Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Macdonald would make an appointment during Council for a consultation with delegates and observers from the Galveston LWV.

Continuing the report on Leagues that will still require extra help from the Field Service committee, Mrs. Macdonald cited Henderson, San Angelo, Abilene, Amarillo, and Wichita Falls. The Pasadena League, which had recently turned frequently to the Galveston League for counsel regarding problems in city government, may need short term aid from the consultant. Encouraging in this regard is their request for two days of Board training. The Abilene League had requested permission to take action in the Legislature on a local item. Information required before such a decision can be made had not been received from Abilene. It was agreed that Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Murphree would get necessary information orally from Abilene delegates to Council and would later report a decision to the Abilene League.

State Current Agenda - State Local Relations Mrs. Pettis noted that some constructive comments on the first year of the State Local Relations study were received in annual reports from local Leagues. She called attention next to the sixth Constitutional Principle about which, she said, the Board needed to be thinking in order to exercise leadership. Mrs. Pettis stated she believes the statement is not comprehensive enough and referred the Board

to questions she had raised in her pre-meeting report to the Board. Mrs. Murphree observed that the League's ten Constitutional principles had been arrived at from a broad approach and that close examination in the past year had shown changed situations and new concepts. She referred to the Michigan League of Women Voters' proposal that the new Michigan Constitution should provide a broad and unrestrictive article on local government. Recent studies also indicate a need to re-examine the eighth principle. Mrs. Murphree showed the Board the California League's new publication about their state constitution, "The Whole and Its Parts" and reminded members of the new national publication, "Know Your Local Government".

State Continuing Responsibility # 1 - Texas Constitutional Rev. Mrs. Murphree reported for Mrs. Martin. Senator Schwartz, who had introduced SB 31 (to create a Texas Constitution Revision Commission) had planned to write what the League wanted into his bill but had been too busy. Mrs. Murphree and Mrs. Boller wrote a new bill with which the Senator was pleased. It directs the Commission to prepare background papers for anybody authorized to revise the Constitution. Mrs. Martin's committee recommended that the bill include appropriations for expenses of the Commission. Consensus of the Board showed agreement with the recommendation.

Mrs. Murphree further reported that the "Little Hoover Commission" bill was stymied in the House State Affairs Committee. Because the League is committed to research before revision, it cannot support proposed amendments for revision which fail to accept research as a necessary first step.

State Continuing Responsibility # 2 - Voter Registration - Because Senator Creighton's annual voter registration bill had been called to the floor, Mrs. Barstis and Mrs. Nolle were excused from the Board meeting to audit the hearing at the Capitol. Senator Spears had sent word that he would attempt to substitute the permanent voter registration bill.

National Program Mrs. Joor announced that Senate Bill 230, prohibiting flying of the United Nations flag over any state property, had been reported favorably out of committee. She recommended that the League take action against the bill in the light of the League position supporting the United Nations. Mrs. Joor, it was agreed, would include information on the bill and a call for action in her report to Council on Wednesday.

Public Relations Mrs. MacLaren summarized her committee's discussion of legislation, finance and voters service. On finance, Mrs. Linehan said she planned to write a personal letter to each local chairman after Council. It was suggested that discussion leaders in the Conversation Corners Wednesday afternoon encourage delegates to continue talk about finance among themselves since they can help each other greatly. Mrs. Abbott, reporting for Voters Service, said that samples of the VOTER'S GUIDE would go

to 500 papers of the state Press Association in November. The papers selected will be those in non-League areas. A VOTER's KEY for 1964 will be sent to the same 500 papers add to other mailing lists in non-League areas. The KEY will include information in brief on precinct conventions. "Who, Me? Go to My Precinct Convention?" will be redone in mimeographed form for local League use. Five issues of the Texas VOTER have been planned, depending on Council action on the budget, Mrs. Gause stated. They will be issued in May, July, September, November and February. She announced also that the "Publications Handbook" will be re-issued in a new edition and that a selection of publications would be available for use in the Conversation Corners at Council the next day.

Mrs. Murphree was excused from the meeting to keep an appointment with Senator Schwartz.

June Board Meeting Dates The president announced that the Board would hold its June meeting in Waco on June 5-7, the meeting place determined after her return to Waco.

Appointment to Board Mrs. Brown proposed that the Board consider appointing a seventeenth member on the basis of last summer's evaluation of the Board's need for added members and the probability that the Council would adopt a Budget allowing for the increased cost for quarterly meetings. She recommended that Mrs. Robert Casperson of Lubbock be asked to become a director on the state Board. Mrs. Brown went on to say that she would like to invite Mrs. Casperson to edit the Texas VOTER. Mrs. Gause spoke in favor of inviting Mrs. Casperson and pointed out that a full time editor would be needed if VOTER issues are increased to five. Mrs. Macdonald also advocated inviting Mrs. Casperson and commented that the second year of the biennium should be a good year to try enlarging the Board. Mrs. Braunagel moved that Mrs. Casperson be invited to serve on the state Board. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Brown asked members to suggest other persons to invite if Mrs. Casperson decided she could not accept. The following names were offered: Mrs. T. A. Pollard, Houston, Mrs. E. S. Prashner, formerly of Corpus Christi and now of San Antonio, and Mrs. Henry Fox of San Antonio.

Committee Assignments for 1963-64 Mrs. Brown announced committee assignments for the new League year. The name of the chairman appears first and is underlined.

State Local Relations - Pettis, Macdonald, Abbott
Texas Constitutional Revision - Martin, Turner, Gause
Voter Regis & Texas Election Laws - Barstis, Casperson, Nolle
National - Joor, Braunagel, Daniel, Nolle
Legislative - Nolle, Martin, Barstis, MacLaren
Finance - Linehan, Joor, Gause
Voters Service - Abbott, Pettis, Casperson

Publishing - Joor
Publications - Gause, Barstis, Braunagel
VOTER - Casperson, Linehan, Murphree
Public Relations - MacLaren, Macdonald, Martin
Field Service (core) - Macdonald, Braunagel, Linehan, **Turner**
Budget - Schwind, Daniel, Linehan

Mrs. Brown suggested that the Board consider appointing Mrs. Hill Baggett of Lubbock to the Nominating Committee if Mrs. Casperson agrees to come on the Board, which would require her resignation from the Nominating Committee.

The president adjourned the meeting at 5:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Secretary

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MINUTES

State Board Meeting
Driskill Hotel, Austin
January 15 - 17, 1963

FIRST SESSION - WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 16

Following afternoon and evening committee meetings Tuesday, January 15, Mrs. Brown called the first session of the state Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The president, Mrs. Maurice Brown, presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Robert Abbott
Mrs. Albert Barstis
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Lewis Daniel
Mrs. Edward Gause
Mrs. William Joor
Mrs. C. M. Linehan

Mrs. Colin Macdonald
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold Murphree
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Carl Schwind
Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Mrs. Brown read a letter from Mrs. Herbert Martin expressing regret that she could not attend the Board meeting because of her mother's serious illness.

Announcements 1) The president announced some changes in the prepared agenda. These were shifts in times scheduled for committee reports to permit Mrs. Nolle and Mrs. Barstis to keep appointments with legislators. 2) Mrs. Brown next reported receipt of a notice of a State Board Training Conference for mid-west Leagues, the Conference to be held in Chicago for three days in the fall of 1963. The national Board proposes to pay travel expenses for four members of state Boards invited. Living expenses in Chicago would be the responsibility of the state Boards. Mrs. Brown asked that the proposed budget be adjusted to allow \$150 for living expenses of Texas League Board members attending. 3) Referring to the report on the Municipal League Conference in Washington she and Mrs. Pettis had prepared for the Board, Mrs. Brown asked if an abridged version should be sent to local Leagues. Discussion was reserved for Mrs. Pettis' committee report on State-Local Relations. 4) Extra copies of the agenda used at the meeting of small Leagues at the 1962 National Convention have been received. 5) The Texas League has received an invitation to send representatives to an April meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences on "The New Europe: Implications for the U. S." 6) Mrs. Brown has been invited to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Lubbock League. She will notify the Abilene and Amarillo Leagues of her visit to Lubbock in case they wish her to visit them during the trip to west Texas. 7) Representatives Stollenwerck of Dallas and Parsley of Lubbock and Senator Richter of San Antonio ^{San Marcos} have written the League letters of appreciation for packets sent to new legislators. 8) The League had received invitations to attend the inauguration festivities in Austin on January 15. 9) The December issue of "National Civic Review" has some speeches from the Washington Conference attended by Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown commented that in her opinion Dr. Peter Odegard's is the best. 10) Mrs. Brown announced that she has been asked to serve on an advisory committee to the national Bylaws Committee. The special committee will meet in March in Chicago to discuss possible changes in the program article. The president asked the Board to be ready to discuss the subject later in the meeting and requested members to send her their recommendations by March 1. 11) February 20 is the deadline for receipt of local League annual reports in state office. March 10 is the deadline for receipt of annual reports of Board members in state office.

Decisions Due Mrs. Brown stated that major decisions required of the Board at this meeting are 1) approval of alternate plans for a dinner speaker for Presidents Council, 2) approval of final arrangements for Council, and 3) approval of plans for legislative action.

Minutes Corrections to the Minutes of the September Board meeting were made as follows:

- p. 4 - Reserve Fund In paragraph 6, beginning "Surplus funds," the last sentence was corrected to read: "Any balance of surplus funds shall remain in the operating account."
- p. 6 - Program - Current Agenda In sentence 3, names of off-board committee members were corrected to read "Mrs. L. A. Saunders" and "Mrs. Otha C. Jones" to maintain a consistent style.
- p. 8 - paragraph 4 In the heading, "Party" was substituted for "Republican." In the first sentence "the Republican Party meeting" was substituted for "this meeting."
 - paragraph 5 Sentence 1 was corrected as follows: "The League's written statement was sent to the Democrats. No invitation for a personal appearance was received. The Democrats have advocated.."
- p. 9 - paragraph 3 Sentence 1: "National Item 1" instead of "2"
- p. 10 - paragraph 1 Sentence 2: Delete "people" at end.
- p. 14 - 7th line from top: "to its operation."
 - State Board Work Load Last sentence was changed to read: "Mrs. Pettis concluded this series of evaluatory comments by saying that some of the problems arise from having Board members serving on several committees. This is,..."
 - Legislative Report Sentence 3: Substitute "lack" for "low level." With sentence 4 begin a new paragraph.
- p. 15 - first line Delete sentence beginning "Mrs. Peggy..."
 - State-Local Relations Second sentence changed to read: "A For Your Information sheet might be prepared if recommendations from the Committee on Special Districts are received."
 - Texas Constitutional Revision Delete sentence 4 beginning "It is important..." Sentence 5: Correct to read "Deadwood Amendment and Article #17 Amendment..."
 - Voter Registration Last sentence: Correct to read: "Copies of the VOTER REGISTRATION DIGEST will be sent..."

Mrs. Pettis moved that the Minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion was seconded, CARRIED.

Mrs. Pettis also moved that corrected copies of state Board minutes be placed in the historical file. Seconded. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Daniel reported as follows to bring the January 1963 statement up to date:

Cash in Operating Account 1/1/63	\$2867.58
Deposits 1/1/63 to 1/15/63	540.96
Disbursements 1/1/63 to 1/15/63	442.66
Cash in Operating Account 1/15/63	2964.88

Mrs. Daniel gave these estimates for the rest of the fiscal year:

Income as budgeted	\$5693.13
Expenditures as budgeted	6293.61
Deficit	600.48

Mrs. Daniel anticipates that underspending in various accounts will prevent a deficit from occurring and that the League will end the fiscal year with about \$400 in the bank.

Referring to the Statement of Income and Expenditures (Budget Analysis), Mrs. Daniel asked Board members to note that actual figures for State Publications were running to nearly twice the amounts budgeted under both Income and Expenditures. The increase in volume should be a subject for future consideration by the Budget committee. The balance remaining in Transfer of State Office account after all bills had been paid was used to pay expenses for Mrs. Brown's and Mrs. Pettis's attendance at the Washington Conference of the National Municipal League. The Legislative Services item will cost an additional \$200. Area Workshops figures were explained in this way: Total cost - \$685.69. Budgeted - \$250. Receipts - \$258.91. The budget analysis does not show all of this since the budget does not include an item for Area Workshops under INCOME.

Before closing the Shared Field Service account, Mrs. Daniel paid to the Longview League \$19.31, its pro-rated share of the balance, requested by that League. The Reserve Fund received the amount remaining.

The treasurer concluded her report with information about local League support of the current budget. Texas City has paid its full pledge. Amarillo has written that it cannot complete its payment until its February finance drive is over. The following Leagues have not paid the full amount of their pledges: Abilene, Austin, Beaumont, Galveston, Odessa, and Pasadena. Denton has not paid its gift although it has paid its pledge. Mrs. Daniel asked the Board if these Leagues should be reminded of their indebtedness. The Board agreed this should be done and authorized the treasurer to write the Leagues in question regarding the amounts outstanding on their pledges.

The Board requested that Mrs. Daniel add footnotes to the budget analysis to explain Area Workshops costs and to explain the use of Transfer of State Office funds for Washington conference expenses.

The president declared the treasurer's Quarterly Report would be filed for audit.

Budget Mrs. Schwind asked Board members to suggest from their experience any points that could be made regarding state and national services that would extend League members' understanding of these services and encourage them to accept greater responsibility for the state budget. Mrs. Gause pointed out that when Field Service consultants assist local Boards with calendar making, they have an opportunity to encourage the scheduling of time for finance discussion and planning.

Convention Date Consideration Committee Mrs. Brown reviewed for the Board the request of Convention delegates for preparation of pros and cons on changes in Convention date. She proposed that the make-up of the special committee be changed by appointing two local League members and dropping two state Board members from the

committee as presently constituted. She suggested that the committee might make an oral report to Council after doing the necessary work by mail. In answer to the question as to whether the report would be preliminary only and not open to Council discussion, the Board agreed that the report was intended to supply information only which would assist Leagues to make a considered decision at a later time. Mrs. Murphree moved that state Board members, Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Gause, be retired from the committee and that Mrs. Dwain Hendrix, Irving, and Mrs. Eugene Prashner, Corpus Christi, be appointed. Seconded. CARRIED. The state office will notify the new members of their appointment. Publication of a report will be a responsibility of the committee.

Presidents Council - Tentative Agenda Mrs. Barstis announced a number of changes recommended by her committee to improve the tentative agenda presented to the Board in September. First was a change in title from Consultations with state Board to Corner Conversations. Mrs. Murphree would be in charge of the Program Corner and would be joined there by Mrs. Joor, Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Barstis. Mrs. MacLaren, assisted by Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Gause, and Mrs. Schwind, will be responsible for the Public Relations Corner. Mrs. Nolle will be stationed at the third Conversation Corner to discuss legislative matters.

Mrs. Turner recommended a change in the agenda which would bring all delegates together for an opening meeting of the Council immediately following the brunch. The Board discussed fully the merits and disadvantages of the suggested change. The Board also discussed what the Little Meetings should be concerned with. In the latter instance, Mrs. Braunagel referred to the Bylaws on the duties of Council. By general agreement the agenda was revised to open the Council with a general meeting (organization of Council and Budget Session) from 12 to 1:30 p.m. The Presidents Workshop and Corner Conversations were changed to 1:30 - 3:30; a full Program Session from 3:30 - 4:30; and, to conclude the afternoon, two Little Meetings from 4:30 - 5:30.

The executive secretary, Mrs. Beck, will be asked to serve as recorder of the Presidents Workshop. Discussion leaders and recorders from the Board will be assigned to the Little Meetings. Resource teams for State-Local Relations, Legislative Action Techniques, and National Program will follow a pre-determined schedule of attendance at each meeting. A page in the Workbook on national Program will prepare delegates for discussion on this subject, something new at Council and planned to meet the needs of Leagues which send no representatives to National Conventions.

For program following the dinner, set for 7:30, the committee recommended a panel or round table discussion on state-local relations, the specific area for discussion to be determined by Mrs. Pettis. Participants might be a practitioner in the field of state-local relations, a student in the research field, and/or a professor. The moderator should be some one from the League. ~~If the Governor accepts the invitation extended him, the amenities should be observed.~~

The committee further recommended that the Legislative breakfast be scheduled from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. and that the Board invite as their special guests the ten senators and key representatives elected from non-League areas. A question was asked as to the propriety, in terms of League policy, of the provisional San Marcos League extending the invitation to Senator Walter Richter of their district. Agreement of Board members was not unanimous, but the majority favored having the invitation to Senator Richter issued by the state Board. Mrs. Barstis reported the committee's suggestion that the breakfast be concluded promptly at 9:30 to make way for the Capitol Scoops program to

follow. To allow more time, introduction of the Capitol Committee should be deleted. at 10:25 chartered buses will be ready to take delegates to the Hill. Three buses will be needed at a cost of \$12 each for hire. The Board debated charging 10¢ a passenger but concluded that it was better to have this expense covered by the registration fee. The Board agreed that information (pros and cons) on change of Convention date should be presented in the last half hour of Council.

Mrs. Barstis stated that the Driskill's charges for Council meals will be these: brunch \$1.75; dinner - \$3.00; breakfast - \$1.50. Her committee proposed a registration fee of \$4.00 and recommended that all expenses for Board members' rooms and meals during Council be charged to the Council (a policy approved by the Board at the September 1962 meeting). In addition, they recommended that two Workbooks be sent to each local League with notice that additional copies may be had on request and for cost *of postage*.

Time changes approved by the Board during discussion included setting the brunch ~~earlier~~ from 11 to 12 noon - and starting the final session on Thursday at 3:30 instead of 3:50.

Agreements reached by the Board during discussion of the Council committee's report and recommendations were summed up in two motions. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Council registration fee be set at \$4.00. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Nolle moved acceptance of the Agenda as revised by the Board. Seconded. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 16

The president reconvened the Board meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Legislation
Council Breakfast Program Mrs. MacLaren suggested that the Board consider as a possible entertainment feature for the legislative breakfast two songs to Gilbert and Sullivan tunes and with lyrics about voter registration and Texas constitutional revision which ~~the Midland League~~ *had used in a skit*. Mrs. Linehan presented them. Mrs. MacLaren moved that the songs be presented at the Council legislative breakfast. Seconded. In a lively discussion Board members brought out a number of points: attractiveness of the songs, limited time for talk with legislators, value of a "light touch," unsuitability to time of day, and so on. When a vote was taken, the motion LOST (4 affirmative, 9 opposed).

State-Local Relations Mrs. Pettis opened her committee report with the comment that the National Municipal League Conference on State-Local Relations she and Mrs. Brown had attended was an aid to enthusiasm as well as to understanding.

Mrs. Pettis reviewed for Board members' information the substance of her committee's report for the Council Workbook. Entitled "Countdown," it will discuss areas of work open to the League in the second year of this item. These include 1) financing of local government, for which tools in the "Facts and Issues" type format could be prepared, 2) special districts (decisions could be expected in this area), 3) land use, in all its manifestations, 4) patterns of interlocal cooperation now in operation, 5) more state leadership in local government through a state agency (Department of Urban Affairs). Mrs. Pettis said that an article in the next VOTER will report trends. She stated that every local League has done something in a study of state-local relations. The committee recommends that the report on the National Municipal League Conference be sent as written by

Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Brown, by direct mail to State-Local Relations chairmen of the local Leagues. Mrs. Pettis moved that this action be approved by the Board. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Brown stated that the state office will handle the mailing.

Texas Constitutional Revision Mrs. Linehan reported for Mrs. Martin, the chairman of the committee. The state office now has available a supply of 5000 copies of "Brief Case," revised and updated. She asked for suggestions for getting them into circulation. The post-Board report will promote them. Mrs. Linehan informed the Board that the revision and rewriting of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW has been halted by the inability of both Mrs. Horton Smith and Mrs. George Boller to devote the time necessary for this major project. Two tentative suggestions were offered, one, that Mrs. Smith might be able to recommend a replacement and, two, that Mrs. Martin might revise and update the material which Mrs. Joor might then edit. Since Mrs. Martin was not present, the Board agreed to postpone action to the next meeting. The committee recommended that the library project be dropped this year since copies of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW are no longer available. The legislative outlook forecasts the introduction of a bill to create a Constitutional Commission (a bill which the League can probably support) and a "Little Hoover" bill for reorganization of the executive branch (a bill the League would endorse). In the post-Board report Mrs. Martin expected not only to promote the new edition of "Brief Case" but to explain the difference between a Constitutional Commission and a "Little Hoover" Commission.

Finance Mrs. Linehan opened her report for the Finance committee by stating that February promotion for finance on the state level can not be carried through this year because of the change in ^{the administration} government. The advantages of holding drives in February remain unchanged in spite of this, she said. To assist Leagues with their public relations work for finance drives, the committee proposed sending a sample proclamation to be issued by the mayor of a city and a sample press release for use in a local newspaper. Board consensus approved preparation of these sample aids and any others that could help local Leagues promote their finance drives. It was suggested that Mrs. Linehan include information on the number of local Leagues holding February drives.

Voters Service Mrs. Abbott reported that her committee agreed that a proclamation for poll tax collection was unobtainable this year. The committee recommended that "Voter's Key to 1964" be retained as a title but that the leaflet contain an explanation of whatever system of voter registration is in force. Final recommendations for content will be presented to the Board at either the March or June meeting. The committee proposed also that the leaflet "Who, me? Go to my Precinct Convention?" be updated and printed for distribution ^{in Jan early 1964} a year from now. The Board took no formal action on this suggestion. Mrs. Abbott said the committee agreed that information should be sent local Leagues before the expected special election ^{on const amendment} but no pros and cons. Finally, she stated she would ask in her report to national for such voter's service aids as excerpts from political party platforms, continued publication of "Swap Shop," and for specific helps on how to educate the public to a new method of voter registration.

National Program Mrs. Joor began her report of committee plans for work on national program by stating that an article in the Council Workbook will stimulate delegates to come with suggestions for those who will represent the Texas League at National Council. The post-Board report will alert local chairmen to expect this. The plan to

ask delegates for advice will, the committee hopes, familiarize them (delegates) with the technique which is the same for both state and national program. The committee had expressed particular interest in the continuing responsibility on water conservation which has not been dealt with in Texas. Mrs. Joor reminded the Board of the excellent U. S. Study Commission Report on its study of eight river basin areas in Texas. She asked if Board members thought this should be offered to local Leagues as basis for a limited review and the matter talked about at Council. Board consensus was that a beginning should be made, as Mrs. Joor had proposed. Mrs. Joor offered a final suggestion from her committee, one that would set up League Days for national program chairmen and committees living fairly close together, within small areas. League Day, operated as a trial effort, would be a workshop on national program. She suggested that the first such League Day might be scheduled to follow close upon the receipt of the May National Board Report. The Board made no decision at this time on the committee's recommendation regarding League Day.

Local Program Mrs. Turner asked a series of questions about local League materials and sample publications. What has happened to loan library materials which were thought to be available in the state office? Does the Board recommend having a list of items that can be borrowed? Is the Board interested in having a local program handbook? After some discussion the Board agreed that no further work would be done to build a local program resource library. *at this time*

Mrs. Turner pointed out the need to make clear to local League leaders the importance of meeting deadlines for reports of various kinds. An opportunity to emphasize this will be available at Presidents Workshop when calendar making is discussed. A suggestion was made that participants in the Workshop be asked to turn in a preliminary report sheet giving names of the president, treasurer, publications and program chairmen.

Reference was made to the notice which had been sent local Leagues reminding them of the necessity to have state Board permission if they wish to take action in the Legislature on a local position. A question was raised as to need for further clarification of this policy. After a brief consideration the Board agreed that it would be best to wait to see if any Leagues report such interest and then answer them individually. of t

Mrs. Brown stated that improved Field Service has taken over service to local Leagues on matters concerning local program. Local Leagues need help with techniques, not content, for both local program and finance. Mrs. Turner moved that, since services rendered to local program chairmen are being adequately handled by Field Service consultants, the portfolio of Local Program chairman be discontinued. Seconded. **DEFEATED.** More discussion followed this action. Mrs. Joor then moved that the portfolio of local program chairman on the state Board be discontinued. Seconded. **CARRIED** with one dissenting vote. Mrs. Brown said the state office would so notify the Leagues.

The president adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m.

THIRD SESSION, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 17

Mrs. Brown called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Mrs. Murphree and Mrs. Nolle were absent during the first half hour while they kept an appointment with Senator Schwartz.

Texas Election Laws Mrs. Barstis summarized activity on CR 3 briefly. Mrs. Brown had represented the League in an appearance on December 6 before the Texas Election Law Study Committee to which she read a prepared statement. She was asked a number of questions, most of them related to the League position on permanent registration. The preliminary report of the Study Committee has been received. It is complete and good, according to Mrs. Barstis. She expects the final report of the Study Committee will be the legislation itself. Mrs. Barstis said she planned to prepare a new "Current Review of Texas Election Laws" from material on hand and have it ready for mailing on February 15.

Voter Registration Mrs. Barstis opened her committee report on CR 2 with a statement that the post-Board letter must carry an explanation of the federal amendment to abolish the poll tax and of the League's inability to act in support of it. She declared that League effort in behalf of voter registration should be directed to legislative action supporting 1) an amendment to the Texas Constitution to abolish the poll tax as a requirement for voting and 2) the principle of permanent voter registration. This means a program of public education to promote understanding of permanent voter registration. The committee recommends program action, not voter service, on this. This in turn would require explanation of why the League would not be offering pros and cons. Mrs. Barstis moved that the League engage in program action rather than voter service on voter registration. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Barstis next asked Mrs. MacLaren to give the Board information on several promotion tools they had had under discussion. These included a leaflet, a so-called popular piece, to promote action; tapes for TV; rubber stamps for use on mail; perforated stamps or stickers for the same purpose; bumper stickers for automobiles; mats for newspaper advertisements to precede the special election; and news articles. Mrs. MacLaren showed the Board designs for perforated stamps for which she had an estimate of 11¢ for a sheet of 50 and \$108.25 for 1000 sheets. Bumper stickers in red, white and blue would cost 10¢ each, she said. The Board discussed at some length the merits and costs of the several items. Mrs. Turner moved that the Board grant authority to the Public Relations vice president, Mrs. MacLaren, and the Voter Registration chairman, Mrs. Barstis, to plan and schedule the phases of program action and the types and use of "tools" to be used in support of the League position on voter registration. Seconded. CARRIED. Expressing her belief that specific action was required to authorize what is for the League an unusual kind of promotion, Mrs. Joor moved that perforated stamps and bumper stickers be approved for promotion of voter registration. Seconded. First Mrs. Murphree and then Mrs. Gause attempted to resolve questions raised in the ensuing discussion by proposing amendments to Mrs. Joor's motion to the effect that "any other tools" be added. Each died for lack of a second. The question was called. Motion CARRIED. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the proposed popular flyer and such other tools as the Voter Registration chairman and Public Relations vice president deem useful may be developed and used for promotion of voter registration. Seconded. CARRIED with two dissenting votes.

Mrs. Murphree asked the Board to consider the propriety of using the Memorial Fund to finance the program action under discussion. She asked if it is possible to use the Fund for a total educational program and stated that she thinks it is. Mrs. Brown suggested that the public relations account be used to introduce the tools just approved. Mrs. Turner moved that debate on use of the Memorial Fund be closed. Seconded. CARRIED.

Legislative Action Mrs. Nolle gave a full report on the prospects for legislation in which the League is interested. She foresees the possibility of four TIMES FOR ACTION: 1) on permanent voter registration 2) on a poll tax amendment resolution 3) on marking the ballot and 4) on a Constitutional Commission.

Mrs. Nolle recommended plans including providing information to local Leagues on bills related to League positions, notification to all when bills are considered in committee, special notice suggesting action to Leagues whose legislators are members of such committees, and appearance of the state president or other state Board member before a committee, if deemed advisable. The period when a bill with which the League is concerned is reported out of committee, especially in the House, is a time when every-member action may be called for. Mrs. Nolle recommended that if a bill of interest to the League is so amended as to be incompatible with League position the League should discontinue support but not actively oppose the resulting bill. Requests for action from local Leagues will depend on what happens to the bills, resolutions, and amendments which involve League positions. For Your Information reports will be sent when they will be helpful, for example, on any bill proposing annual exemption certificates and on Article 17 Amendment. Only minimum action is anticipated on the Deadwood Amendment and on the Little Hoover Commission bill. Mrs. Nolle will wait for Mrs. Martin's recommendation for action on the two latter.

Mrs. Nolle explained that her aim will be to inform local Leagues of what is happening and why specific requests or suggestions for local League activity on state legislation are made at any given time. She plans to send out a one page briefing with each summary and explanation of a piece of legislation. She and the program chairman concerned will determine when this is to be done. Mrs. Pettis moved that Mrs. Nolle carry out legislative plans as outlined for the Board. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Nolle concluded with a comment that hindsight showed up the errors in League planning of interviews on Texas constitutional revision. She gave to each member the affidavit for lobbyists and asked that it be completed and returned promptly by mail to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Austin.

Nominating Committee Mrs. Horton Smith, chairman of the committee, joined the meeting for a brief time. She was warmly welcomed by all the Board members.

Publications, Publishing, and VOTER Beginning with the Publications section of her committee's responsibility, Mrs. Gause announced she plans to write to all Publications chairmen, both new and old, after April 1 to offer a brief orientation to the job. Mrs. Schwind suggested that, since this portfolio has three facets - bookkeeping, distribution, and promotion, Mrs. Gause might suggest that Publications chairmen try involving program chairmen for help with promotion and unit organization chairmen for help with distribution. She proposed getting out a new edition of the "Publications Handbook" soon. Copies of "Publications - Life Blood of the League" are still available. No replies had been received from local Leagues in response to a request for information about local subscription services, Mrs. Gause planned to send a mimeographed form asking Publications chairmen questions about such services in their Leagues.

Mrs. Gause urged that Board members taking part in Corner Conversations at Council promote publications. She also suggested that some of the inexpensive publications be made available free, Mrs. Turner moved that the committee prepare a selected list of publications which will be made available to Council delegates, details of distribution to be left to the committee. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Joor moved that a display of the current year's publications be made at Council. Seconded. CARRIED.

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Reporting for the Publishing activity of her committee, Mrs. Gause stated that the State Program flip chart is proving popular and selling fast. ~~Mrs. Brown commented that this illustrates one of the instances of great pressure on the Board; the publication in question should have been cleared through the Public Relations officer but was not.~~ *lean*
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In addition to the coverage necessary at this time of the League year, the February issue of TEXAS VOTER will include a news item on Mrs. Brown's appointment to the advisory committee to the national Bylaws Committee and an article by Mrs. Pettis on state-local relations.

Discussion then returned to publications. The chart prepared by the treasurer of sales of selected publications will be included in the Council Kit. Mrs. Gause stated that her committee had decided that a publication that does not move fast or is specialized would be listed below the chart with a key to explain it. Publications in general use will be listed by categories... program, etc. Mrs. Gause moved that the Publications committee be authorized to select the state publications to be included in the report for the Workbook (the report called Publications Ordered). Seconded. CARRIED. No plan had been made to prepare a similar report on national publications, Mrs. Gause said.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 17

Mrs. Brown reconvened the meeting at 2 p.m.

Field Service Mrs. Macdonald announced that the Field Service committee wished to report to the Board the current status of seven Leagues that have been having serious difficulties. She then asked the consultant of each of these Leagues to review the situation as it appears now.

Galveston: Mrs. Turner stated that the Galveston Board had decided it must await the outcome of the special city election (in January) before setting dates for a finance drive. As earlier reports have shown, the fate of the League seems inextricably linked with the results of this election to choose between types of city government. The ability of the Nominating committee to fill slate for a minimum Board and the Budget committee to propose a working budget with some confidence depend in large measure on the election since the recent history of this League shows it to have been fully and publicly involved with the issues. Mrs. Turner recommended that the state Board wait to see what the Galveston Board is able to accomplish at its February meeting. The paid membership of the League is 90; the active membership, 10, she reported. Mrs. Macdonald pointed out that the minimum number for a local League Board is ten according to an agreement reached by the Field Service committee. Basic functions and/or portfolios that should be represented on a Board

are president, program director (vice president?) membership, treasurer, secretary, finance, publications, voter's service, public relations (vice president?), and bulletin. It was agreed that the state Board must keep reminding the Galveston Board that to be effective they must meet minimum standards. After hearing Mrs. Turner say that the Galveston Board had considered the need for a controversial local program item to rekindle interest in the League, Board members questioned the wisdom of this point of view in the light of the Galveston League's experience. Suggestions were made that Galveston be encouraged to work on a non-controversial local item and, in fact, develop interest in state or national items, whichever is selected during the reorganization period.

Port Arthur: Mrs. Turner informed the Board of a crisis within the Port Arthur League, one which had developed the week before the present state Board meeting. At a League public meeting on the Supreme Court of the United States, nine Negro women had joined the Port Arthur League. Many in the membership are disturbed by this. Several questionable actions were taken in the name of the League as a result. For example one hostess to a unit meeting cancelled the meeting; women who had resigned from the Board because of their opposition to Negro members cancelled arrangements for a poll tax station in a large store, in each case using the admission of Negroes to League membership as a reason. The strong, negative reactions to integrated membership come from a number of women who are also members of the John Birch Society. Several of these have been Board members though they might be among the four who had resigned as a result of this situation. Mrs. Turner said figures on Board resignations were not exact since some had not been made in writing but were rumored. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Brown had both had telephone calls from the Port Arthur leaders in which they reported, among other things, a chaotic Board meeting which was unable to solve the problems and their concern for the poll tax drive and the coming TV panel program on charter revision which is a major voter service and public relations effort of the Port Arthur League in connection with a local election. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Brown had already given the Port Arthur leaders good counsel by telephone. In addition, a statement on the open membership of the League had already been wired to the Port Arthur president by Mrs. Brown with the request that it be duplicated and sent at once to all members. The state Board agreed that it would be well for Mrs. Turner and Mrs. MacLaren to go to Port Arthur on January 24 to be present at a special Board meeting. Mrs. Turner will encourage the Port Arthur Board to replace immediately those Board members who had resigned and to go on about their League business.

Wichita Falls: Mrs. Macdonald supplemented the information given in her pre-Board report with the news that the Nominating committee feels it can come up with a slate of officers. There has been a small increase in membership, and the new members are young women, a healthy development for this League. Mrs. Macdonald also reported that the Wichita Falls League is doing a much better job on program in recent months. They plan to hold a finance drive in February.

San Angelo: Mrs. Braunagel reported that she has little knowledge of what is going on and is very concerned about this League. The president is teaching full time. Mrs. Braunagel plans to visit the San Angelo League before the middle of February. She believed at least three visits will be needed.

Henderson: Mrs. Braunagel said that social affairs rather than League affairs are emphasized in the Henderson League. She will encourage them to ask for a Field Service visit and Board training immediately after Council. She felt that it would probably require at least three visits during the year to re-orient this group.

Amarillo: Mrs. Linehan reported that the Amarillo League did an all-out and very fine job to support its position favoring voting machines. They put a great deal of effort into an extensive public relations program. Eighteen members took part in the successful campaign, and this, she believed, would help their League. A membership campaign was being planned at the time she spoke. Mrs. Linehan stated she would advise a Field Service visit right after Council. The suggestion was made that Mrs. Linehan go earlier, for the membership party, if she could arrange it.

Corsicana: Mrs. Pettis stated that the situation in the Corsicana League has been about the same for the last eight years. It has too few leaders by far and almost no change in leadership. The reason this League continues to exist is due to the unending efforts of a very few women who do not give up. All work is carried on by seven or eight members who do a pretty good job, she said, on program, poll tax drives, and finance. She recommended that the Corsicana League be visited by a new face from the state Board. *aneta FS person*

The Denton Provisional League's application for local League status was next reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board approve the application for local League status of the Denton Provisional League and so recommend to the national Board. Seconded. CARRIED. Due to a typographical error, the national CR on D.C. Home Rule was missing from the application though Mrs. Macdonald knew the Denton League had covered this program item. It was agreed, therefore, that Mrs. Macdonald would communicate with Denton to ask that a new sheet including the report on the missing CR be sent to the state office.

Mrs. Pettis moved that the Board invite Mrs. Samuel Ziegler, off-Board member of the Field Service committee, to attend Council at state Board expense. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Brown will write the invitation.

Mrs. Macdonald announced these changes in assignments of consultants: Mrs. Linehan will visit Abilene and Amarillo; Mrs. Turner will visit, temporarily, Waco and Corsicana; Mrs. Macdonald will add San Antonio. The Field Service budget had a balance of approximately \$400 as of January 1.

To answer requests for a special subscription service on the state level, Mrs. Macdonald proposed the following as the most practical way to meet the need that her committee could offer at this time: a president's mailing will be sent direct to local League vice presidents, the mailings to be charged to the local Leagues and their number of standing orders to be reduced by the number of vice presidents. Mrs. Macdonald explained that the committee considered that this should be used as a pilot project and, also, that it had been designed to fit the state office ability to handle the bookkeeping. There was general consent that the state Board try this as a pilot project.

Questions were raised and discussed as to the probable effect on the Dickinson League if an election for incorporation of Dickinson fails and Texas City annexes the area. Port Arthur's interest in a bylaws change that would permit an area-based, rather than a city-based, type of organization was also discussed. Dickinson League members were concerned at the possibility of loss of identity and effectiveness if their League were absorbed by the Texas City League. Almost no members of the Port Arthur League live within the city limits but reside instead in the separately incorporated (or unincorporated) areas which encircle the city. This has caused some local criticism of their right to take action on Port Arthur city matters. The Board agreed that Mrs. Macdonald should write to the national Board for information on procedures in these cases.

San Marcos Provisional League would be visited soon, Mrs. Braunagel said, and her visits will continue every month. This League is doing well, she reported. It is possible it will be ready for recognition as a local League by the time of the 1964 Convention. The San Marcos city-county survey was in the process of being edited and will be published. The League has a good resource committee in charge of this item. A finance drive is scheduled for February. Mrs. Braunagel asked the Board for comment on San Marcos' proposal to ~~elect~~ ^{nominate} an elected official as chairman of their Nominating committee. The Board agreed that the San Marcos League should make the decision but that the consultant should offer advice as to the pitfalls.

Mrs. Macdonald summarized committee plans for the Council Workshop for Local League Presidents. The Kit will contain more material than it did last time. Presentation of information will be made on the local League president's job by Mrs. Linehan, on organization by Mrs. Turner, on Board agenda by Mrs. Macdonald, and on calendar making by Mrs. Braunagel. An addition will be made to Checklist for Important Dates with your Postman: under Treasurer, add "4 copies of adopted budget". March 1 is the deadline in the state office for materials for the President's Kit. It was agreed to postpone until the next Board meeting a discussion of the advisability of including publications chairmen with vice presidents on the list to receive the presidents' mailing.

Presidents Council Mrs. Barstis announced that, because the opening session of Council had moved up to 12 noon, the brunch would be served on the Mezzanine. She then checked with the Board the list of contents for the Workbook.

Post Board Report The deadline for all material is January 24, Mrs. Brown announced. She checked with members the items for which they are responsible. In her opening letter Mrs. Brown will give the official Call to Council and will mention its purpose. She will include the deadline of February 20 for annual reports from local Leagues and will also announce receipt of the Denton League's application for local status. Mrs. Abbott will remind Voter's Service chairmen that their poll tax report is due by February 15. Mrs. Linehan will prepare a sample proclamation for finance drives and will remind finance chairmen to specify on their reports which drive, 1962 or 1963, is meant. Mrs. Martin will provide a notice to promote the new edition of "Brief Case." Mrs. Joor will alert local Boards that national program is to be discussed at Council. Mrs. Schwind will write a piece to encourage local League discussion of budgets. Mrs. Nolle will provide an explanation of her plans for reporting legislative information to local Leagues. If information on voter registration bills is available in time, she will add it.

Press Release Mrs. Brown stated that she would issue a press release on the League's legislative goals, due at the close of the meeting, from the state office after her return to Waco.

March Board Meeting Dates Mrs. Brown announced that the pre-Council Board meeting will convene at 1 p.m. Monday March 25, at the Driskill Hotel, Austin. She reminded members that written reports for the pre-meeting mailing are doubly important since the meeting will be short. The Council will convene at noon on Wednesday, March 27. The post-Council Board meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 29 and will adjourn at noon on Saturday, March 30.

Mrs. Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Winnifred B. Schwind
Mrs. Carl H. Schwind
Secretary