

League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

MINUTES
of
State Board Meeting
Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas
September 19-20, 1957

The State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at 9:00 A.M., on September 19, 1957, at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Hill Baggett	Mrs. H. B. La Tourette
Mrs. George Boller	Mrs. George Lemon
Mrs. Frank Bridwell	Miss Louise Loomis
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel	Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Miss Mary Hatcher Glade	Mrs. William H. Shutts
Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes	Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
	Mrs. Manley Williams

Mrs. Nay Hale of Lubbock and Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, Executive Secretary, were also present.

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order.

Miss Loomis moved that Mrs. Maurice Brown, Mrs. Manley Williams, and Mrs. H. B. La Tourette be formally appointed to fill vacancies on the state board. Motion was seconded and carried. (This action was a reaffirmation of the polling of the board by mail).

Mrs. Lemon moved the acceptance with regret of the resignation of Mrs. Wayne Sommer-ville as Nominating Committee Chairman. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Shutts moved that we appoint Mrs. Nay Hale as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Smith read a letter of resignation from Louise Tennant. Mrs. Rendall moved the acceptance of this resignation with regret. Seconded and carried. Miss Loomis agreed to accept the responsibility for this portfolio (National Item I) until Convention.

Mrs. Smith then welcomed the new members of the Board and also the new Nominating Committee Chairman who was an official observer at all the meetings.

MINUTES. Mrs. Lemon moved the acceptance of the post-Council board minutes with the substitution of Mrs. Kongable's name for Mrs. Davis' on page two. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Smith asked that the report of the State Policy Committee be made at the January board meeting.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATION MEETING. Mrs. Smith stated that on October 15, 16, and 17 in Dallas, the national board will conduct a training session for state board members from 10 states, each state being allowed 5 delegates. The following delegates were approved from the Texas board: Mrs. Lemon, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Bridwell, and Mrs. Smith. Alternates named were Mrs. Rendall, Mrs. Daniel, and Mrs. Pettis.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. State Proposed Program Items -- Mrs. Rendall, Chairman, Mrs. Bridwell, Mrs. Baggett and Miss Glade. Miss Loomis was appointed to report to state board later on National Program Proposals to be submitted by the Texas board.

Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. Daniel to be responsible for board recommendations for the state Budget Committee; Mrs. Hale to be responsible for board recommendations for the Nominating Committee; Mrs. Baggett to be responsible for state board nominations for national board members -- for action by the board at the final session.

A discussion followed regarding the advisability of appointing a committee to explore the question of travel equalization to Texas LWV conventions. A committee composed of Mrs. Manley Williams, Chairman, Mrs. Braunagel of Galveston, and Mrs. Martin of Amarillo was appointed.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS PROPOSAL. Mrs. Smith then read a letter from Cleveland Heights, designed to get the reaction of our board to a proposed national item on "Radiation-- Its Peacetime Effects". After discussion it was agreed that this was not a subject we should support at this time.

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER'S PROPOSAL. Mrs. Smith read a letter from an Austin High School teacher regarding his intention of seeking state legislation requiring students to study the Texas Constitution before graduation. After discussion, Mrs. Lemon moved that Mrs. Smith explore this subject with Dr. Edgar and others and bring a report to the January board meeting. (Dr. Edgar is State Commissioner of Education).

STATE WATER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT. Mrs. Smith reported the manner in which she handled the delicate position in which she was placed when asked to serve on the Governor's Water Committee. Her letter to the Governor explained her position in being unable to work for state water legislation; she met with the Governor's executive assistant to explain League policy and then sent to him League materials on water to aid him in preparing materials for the Governor's Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mrs. Shutts presented the treasurer's report as mimeographed. She stated that there was a check book balance of \$4,936.00, \$961.74 of which is a balance from last year. She called attention to the fact that Corpus Christi had not only paid their current pledge in full but \$300.00 on their unpaid back pledge.

PRELIMINARY CONVENTION REPORT. Mrs. Hughes presented the preliminary agenda step by step as mimeographed. It was decided to have the roll call of local Leagues before the president's report. The secretary's report will be eliminated with a statement that the minutes of the last convention are on file. Little Meetings will be devoted to the subject of "How to Spend Money in the LWV". For the dinner meeting it was decided to ask Mrs. Laves or Mrs. Reubhausen, either of whom could provide the kind of inspirational talk which the conference needs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. for committee meetings.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

STATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Mrs. Rendall referred to the articles on Program-making in the last VOTER. She stated that two more VOTER articles will deal with what happens to the proposals from local Leagues. In the last article it will be made clear that the board makes its pitch for the board-recommended Program on the first day of convention -- after that it is up to the delegates.

Mrs. Boller, TCR Chairman, reported that the Director of the Legislative Council has stated that they will seek outside funds for research on the Texas Constitution since the legislature did not make an appropriation. (In the past outside funds have been

considered suspect.) The 18 members of the Citizens Advisory Committee have not been appointed. The Governor and Speaker have let it be known that they will appoint dedicated people. The Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker each appoint 6 members. As soon as these appointments are made, Mrs. Smith will write letters to each of them and also send the list to the local Leagues. Since reports of consensus on Principles is due from local Leagues before January board meeting, an analysis can be submitted to the board at that time.

STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES. Mrs. Bridwell was commended on the compilation and publishing of the pamphlet on state continuing responsibilities called, "Let's Look at the Record". Three hundred and seventy-eight copies have already been ordered; 1,000 are available. The difficulty in finding past Program material in the files anywhere gave Mrs. Bridwell a reason for plugging for the keeping of a Program record. Discussion revealing widespread difficulties in determining what to keep in files lead Mrs. Smith to appoint Mrs. Baggett to work up a page devoted to ideas on the subject. Mrs. Lemon moved the acceptance of the state Program report. Seconded and carried.

PUBLICATIONS. Mrs. La Tourette plans to make a chart designed to simplify the ordering of publications. She believes that sending out suggestions to local Leagues in small bits will be less confusing. She had received the idea of having a Publications Party in local Leagues which she will develop. Mrs. Shutts moved the acceptance of this report. Seconded and carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. Miss Glade had met with her board committee (composed of Smith, Lemon, Boller, Bridwell). Her suggestion of sending out a questionnaire leading to a P.R. Swapshop was greeted with a groan as several other questionnaires to local Leagues are in the mill. A suggested title for the Swapshop was Trading Texans.

A letter pointing up U. N. Week material from National will be sent to local Leagues.

The importance of organizing a state speakers bureau was mentioned. It would be possible to plan a training session in connection with the January board meeting.

Miss Glade and committee had many suggestions for a public relations program for TCR. Some of these are long range plans to give local Leagues the idea that this item will require this kind of consideration. They will be sent to local Leagues before convention. They have worked out a six phase program. Some devices which might be tried were: essay contests for high school students next fall with the winner coming to Austin to read his essay before the Joint Session of the Legislature; local community workshops on TCR; Constitution Teas with authentic costumes and music appropriate to the period; fairs and exhibitions used to keep TCR before the public. Mr. Smith had the idea of presenting each convention delegate with a Constitution yardstick.

Discussion of local League confusion in deciding where to send clippings resulted in the decision that all clippings be sent to state office within a weeks time. They would be sent on to the P.R. chairman or others as indicated.

Mrs. Lemon moved the adoption of this report. Seconded and carried.

VOTERS SERVICE. Mrs. Williams had met with her board committee (Loomis, Shutts, and Brown). By October 1, a letter will be mailed to all Voters Service chairmen urging those who have not already ordered Voter's Guides to do so. Eighty-two thousand Voter's Guides had been ordered so far.

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Poll Tax drive plans include asking the governor to declare an official Pay Your Poll Tax Week, also suggesting to local Leagues the possibility of school poster contests, 21 year old parties, etc. The letter should include a recommendation that if local League members cannot be deputized that they become notarized as agents; also encourage local Leagues to have schools for election officials. Mrs. Baggett moved the adoption of this report. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

The state board reconvened at 9:00 A.M. on September 20, 1957.

Mrs. Smith reminded all of us that we of course do not repeat any information about local Leagues or personalities that are mentioned in state board meetings. We reply to every request from the state office and develop personal relationships with corresponding local League chairmen through correspondence.

ORGANIZATION REPORT. Mrs. Lemon reported that the Organization Committee had met 8 or 9 hours and reviewed each League in Texas. (Committee consists of Hughes, Ruggles, Daniel, Brown, Williams, and Pettis).

Mrs. Hughes reported on the 12 Gulf Coast Leagues, most of which are getting along well. The problem League is Port Arthur. This League has been in a state of collapse since 1951, having met recognition standards only one year since. The committee recommended that Port Arthur be allowed to rock along until Convention. The board agreed. All 12 Leagues have had board training with the help of a committee of five.

Mrs. Shutts reported all South Texas Leagues doing well. Corpus Christi is coming along in League-like manner; Harlingen needs more feeling of success; Laredo does not have a full board, needing a Membership Chairman; San Antonio shows healthy growth, using committees; Victoria's problems are being resolved.

Central Texas. Mrs. Ruggles was unable to attend board meeting because of the serious illness of one of her daughters. Mrs. Daniel stated that Corsicana is in need of help, finance drive bogged down, board portfolios unfilled; the Arlington Provisional League was dissolved in June; Austin is in trouble -- four board members not League oriented are dominating the League. State board members might help to bolster the other board members by communicating with their alter-egos in Austin. Other Central Texas Leagues in good shape.

West Texas. Mrs. Lemon told of the good League health of the West Texas Leagues except Pampa. There is real danger of Pampa's dissolution. Another visit is planned immediately. The new Provisional League in Snyder is thriving.

POSSIBILITY OF NEW LEAGUES. Irving, a suburb of Dallas, has sent a petition signed by 55 prospective members, asking for a state board member to attend a pre-provisional meeting on September 30th. About half of the prospects have been members of the Irving Unit of the Dallas League. Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Pettis will attend.

The New Mexico League has written about the possibility that they may help us organize a League in El Paso. It was the feeling of the board that this possibility should be explored.

Brownwood has again been heard from through a former League member who has moved there. Mrs. Bridwell moved the acceptance of the Organization Committee report. Seconded and carried.

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SHARED FIELD STAFF. Mrs. Smith stated that there was a possibility of sharing a national field worker with the Kansas League and Mrs. Lee had written that a field worker would be available for 1958-59. While discussing this at National Presidents Council, Mrs. Smith learned that the pattern of work we had envisioned would have to be altered. A state board member would be expected to accompany the field worker on her trips, with added expenses we had not foreseen. The training of state board members would be considered part of the field workers job. This can be discussed at the Regional Conference with Miss Urban, national staff member suggested for Texas by Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Rendall moved that as firm an agreement as can be made, be authorized by our state president for shared field staff in 1958-59. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

UNIT CHAIRMAN REPORT. Mrs. Hughes referred to her written report. There are two changes since the report was written. Edinburg has revived their Unit plan and Midland has started a Unit.

Mrs. Daniel moved the acceptance of this report. Seconded and carried.

BY-LAWS. Mrs. Pettis stated that by-laws are on file for every League in Texas. However, only Provisional By-laws have been received for Nederland and Pasadena. Most local League By-laws are up to date. All serious deviations have been discussed with the Area Organization Chairman. In answer to Miss Loomis' query at last meeting, out of 35 Texas Leagues, only 9 have raised their dues to \$5.00, one has \$4.00 dues and one has \$3.50 dues. Mrs. Boller moved acceptance of this report. Seconded and carried.

FINANCE. Mrs. Daniel reported that on the whole finance drives are going very well. The state board Finance Committee met and discussed the proposed Finance Survey national board would like to have made before National Convention. The committee recommends sending out the questionnaire to the Texas local Leagues in duplicate so one can be kept for local files. Miss Loomis moved that additional finance questionnaire forms be ordered to comply with this request. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Daniel asked the Area Organization Chairmen for help in suggesting the local Leagues that are in need of special help in budget making for next year. Since there is no money for Little Meetings this year, Mrs. Daniel would like to recommend to the new board that Little Meetings on budget making be held next fall. Mrs. Boller moved the acceptance of the Finance report. Seconded and carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT. Mrs. Rendall's full report of the work done by the Legislative Chairman was in the kits. She reported further that out of 35 Leagues, 25 have Legislative Chairmen. This is good. There was discussion of whether Lobby by Letter should be reprinted. It was determined to send out a half page letter with order blank to local Leagues to see how many should be printed. Mrs. Bridwell moved this report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

NATIONAL ITEM I. Mrs. Hughes had brought the names of two Houston Leaguers to fill the vacancy in this portfolio. However, since Miss Loomis had agreed to take care of this until Convention, these names will be added to the list of potential state board members. Local Leagues will be reminded that they need to arrive at consensus on this Item by November 1st.

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NATIONAL ITEM II. Miss Loomis is hopeful that the local Leagues will report to her by November if they have reached any areas of agreement, areas they would like to have explored further during the next two years. She was most helpful to the state board members by giving us the benefit of her thinking on the questionnaire. It was agreed that she would prepare an article for the VOTER after the Special Session of the State Legislature. Mrs. Lemon moved this report be accepted with gratitude. Seconded and carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA. Mrs. Brown referred to her written report. She hopes to have the work guide for Local Current Agenda in shape by the January board meeting so that it might be published and available at Convention. She plans to get out a letter to ICA Chairmen suggesting that local Leagues might like to compile and publish a local program record. It has been suggested that they might like to make a social occasion of an anniversary of their founding with the published history of their program record as the focal point. Mrs. Lemon moved the acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried.

VOTER. Mrs. Baggett stated that her committee had met and discussed the contents of the next issue of the VOTER -- deadline October 20th. Suggested articles were as follows: Revision Highway with January 15th deadline for consensus reports on principles; Convention Story; names of committee for study of Travel Equalization; story on Nominating and Budget Committee appointments; Program making next step; blurb from Publications Chairman; Governor's Poll Tax Week proclamation; and the Regional Conference story.

Suggestions designed to help the Editor are as follows: do put meaty part of the story at the beginning so if it has to be cut, the important part will appear; make three copies double spaced; and count your words. Mrs. Rendall moved acceptance of this report. Seconded and carried.

COMMITTEES. Nominating Committee -- To fill the off-board vacancy, the names of Mrs. C. E. Jones or Mrs. B. H. Passmore were nominated. Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Bridwell were selected from the board.

Budget Committee -- Mrs. Maurice Brown was named chairman with Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Shutts from the board. Off-board members were Mrs. Duncan MacLaren and Mrs. Hugh Biggs with alternates, Mrs. Rosenblatt and Mrs. Kongable.

By-laws Revision -- Mrs. Pettis, chairman, with Miss Loomis and Mrs. LaTourette were named.

NATIONAL PROGRAM PROPOSALS. Miss Loomis reported that at this time there were no proposals from the state board.

UNESCO CONFERENCE. Mrs. Daniel will attend as a League representative.

Meeting adjourned.

The state board met in last session at 8:30 P.M.

CONVENTION AGENDA. It was decided that the emphasis on "How to Spend Money in the LWV" would be on action in the local community. These meetings would be set up with the idea of 24 participants as a maximum.

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Mrs. Daniel will prepare the material and the briefing instructions. Mrs. Hughes will provide the discussion leaders and state board members as resource people. (Unit set up.) Meetings will be mixed as far as size of Leagues is concerned. Mrs. Lemon will be responsible for the leaders for the Workshop on Committees.

Miss Glade will explore the possibility of Nieman's putting on a style show patterned after Tyler's "Constitution Under Six Flags" for the luncheon meeting at the Rice. Mrs. Bridwell will be the chairman of the Kit Committee. Miss Glade will work on an Idea Swap Shop Booth instead of the old clipping book display.

The registration fee will be 50 cents a session; kits, 75 cents. The Organization Committee will be responsible for the "Spot light on the Local League" dinner surprise.

The tentative date for the January board meeting was set for the 16th and 17th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Secretary

MINUTES
of
Fifth Biennial Convention
of
The League of Women Voters of Texas
March 27-28-29, 1956
Plaza Hotel - San Antonio, Texas

The Fifth Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas was called into session at 12:00 PM, Tuesday, March 27, 1956, in the Plaza Hotel in San Antonio, Texas by the state president, Mrs. L. K. Richards.

Mrs. Gerald Ashford president of the San Antonio League welcomed the delegates on behalf of the San Antonio League. She introduced Mayor Edwin J. Kuykendall of San Antonio who expressed his whole-hearted approval of the League of Women Voters and welcomed the delegates to San Antonio.

Board members present for the Convention were:

Mrs. A. Allegret
Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel
Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
Mrs. C. E. Jones
Mrs. Oscar J. Koepke
Mrs. George Lemon
Miss Louise Loomis
Mrs. H. P. Nichols

Mrs. Frank B. Nussbaum
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. L. K. Richards
Mrs. Wm. B. Ruggles
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
Mrs. Jack Story
Mrs. Howard E. Tewell
Mrs. H. R. Yeary

Mrs. Orville Foreman of the National Board was present as was Mrs. Sydna Hilliard, executive secretary.

Mrs. Rufus D. Bell, a member of the San Antonio League was appointed parliamentarian on motion of Mrs. Yeary, seconded by Mrs. Nussbaum. Motion carried.

Mrs. Smith moved the adoption of the Convention Agenda as printed. Mrs. Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried.

Mrs. Bell read the proposed Convention rules to the delegates. Mrs. Hughes moved that the rules be adopted as read. Mrs. M. S. Braunagel of Galveston seconded the motion and it passed.

Mrs. Richards read the committee roster as follows:

The Election Committee: Mrs. E. P. Willete to serve as chairman. Others named were Mrs. Chas. Collier, Mrs. J. B. Cook, Mrs. T. A. Brottinberg and Mrs. Frances M. Koch.

The Credentials Committee: Mrs. Will G. Sexhauer, San Antonio chairman, Mrs. S. L. Fisher, Tyler, Mrs. Wilburn McDonald, Dallas.

The Tellers for the day: Mrs. Hugh Breland, Mrs. James Castleberry, Mrs. Nessye Scharlack, Mrs. Robert Smith - alternate Mrs. Charles Lieck.

Mrs. Nichols moved that the committees be approved as read. Mrs. Lemon seconded. Passed.

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Mrs. Richards proceeded with the roll call of Texas Leagues asking the delegates to stand as their League was mentioned. All Leagues were represented except Baytown, Lake Jackson, Kingsville, and Port Arthur. Victoria was given special recognition as the youngest League, having received official recognition from the National Board yesterday.

Mrs. Richards asked Mrs. Bell to repeat a few remarks on the philosophy of parliamentary procedure previously made to the board to set the tone of the Convention.

Mrs. Richards, State President, made her report to the Convention body. She introduced the state board members to the delegates.

Mrs. Pettis, Secretary reported that the minutes of the last Biennial Convention were available. Mrs. Nussbaum moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mrs. Lemon seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Jones read the Treasurer's Report which included a list of the anticipated expenses to the end of the fiscal year as well as the balance on hand. She called attention to the Reserve Memorial Fund, as being a new fund begun in June 1955 when Mrs. Rendall sent a gift in memory of Mr. Loomis. Later, other contributions were received in memory of Mr. Loomis, Mrs. Seaberry (Mrs. Rendall's mother) and for a father of a member of the Brownsville League. It is hoped that other contributions will be made in memory of friends and relatives of the League. This fund is to be kept in a separate account, interest to be used for some special project.

Mrs. Jones stated that the state board recommended that a sum of \$1,500.00 be maintained for emergency operating expenses. She also read a summary of figures compiled from the local League annual Treasurers' Reports. The president stated that the Treasurer's Report would be placed on file for the auditor.

In the absence of the chairman of the Nominating Committee, a telegram was read by the Secretary presenting the following slate of officers:

President	Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
1st Vice President	Mrs. E. A. Rendall
2nd Vice President	Mrs. George Lemon
Secretary	Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Directors:	
Mrs. Hill Baggett	Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes
Mrs. George C. Boller	Mrs. Wm. B. Ruggles
Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel	Mrs. H. R. Yeary
Chairman of Nominating Committee:	Mrs. Wayne Sommerville

The telegram further stated that after the slate had been presented to the membership the original nominee for Treasurer was forced to withdraw on doctor's orders. Under By-laws it was too late to make a substitution. The President called for nominations from the floor. Mrs. Elliott Gillerman of Austin was nominated for Treasurer by Mrs. Wm. Shutts of Austin. The President called for nominations for two members of the state Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Alschuler of Lubbock nominated Mrs. Nay Hale; seconded; carried. Mrs. Sher of Houston nominated Mrs. A. M. Allegret; seconded; carried. There were no further nominations from the floor.

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Mrs. Pettis, substituting for Mrs. W. D. Fagan of Abilene, Chairman of state By-laws Committee, who was unable to attend the Convention spoke of the proposed changes in the By-laws, Article X and XII have been rewritten to conform to National By-laws changes. Mrs. Pettis moved the further consideration of these By-laws revisions on Wednesday afternoon. Seconded and carried.

Miss Loomis presented the recommendations of the state board for three Platform items. She stated that the board had approved the suggestions made by the Committee appointed to consider State Platform Revisions and added one more item. This Committee consisted of Mrs. Clayton Scott, San Antonio; Mrs. Cohn MacDonald, Dallas; and Mrs. G.O. Walker, Lubbock. Miss Loomis moved that these revisions of State Platform be considered in the session set for Wednesday morning. Seconded and passed.

Miss Loomis as Chairman of the State Proposed Program prefaced the presentation by reminding the Leagues that a five member committee of the state board had carefully studied the 27 proposals received on the first round of Program-making and also the nine proposals received on the second round. Twenty-two of the 27 Leagues wanted to continue work on State Constitutional Revision. Two considerations have to be constantly remembered in adopting a program, (1) our budgetary limitations and (2) the fact that facilities for research are confined to voluntary efforts.

Miss Loomis introduced Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Rendall who presented the proposed Items I and II. Mrs. Rendall also presented ramifications of the three proposed State Platform Items. Mrs. Ruggles then read the By-law provisions covering consideration of the "not recommended items". Mrs. S. E. Cockrell of Dallas moved that the not recommended item "Appraisal of Mental Hospitals in Texas" be considered. This item had more local League support than any other item except proposed Item I. Mrs. Kongable of Texas City seconded.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read. There were 160 registered delegates, four alternates.

Mrs. Ruggles called for a vote. The motion lost. Eighty-eight voted for consideration and 92 were needed.

Mrs. R. E. O'Connell, Jr. of Waco moved consideration of "Water Conservation" as Item II on the proposed Current Agenda, the exact wording as follows, "A study of the governmental policies for the conservation of water resources, including the coordination of local and state agencies concerned, as a basis for legislative action." Seconded by Mrs. Wilburn McDonald of Dallas. The motion passed for consideration of the item with 103 for and 47 against.

Mrs. Ruggles was called to give the official negative on this not recommended item. The suggested negatives given were the magnitude of this item, the fact that the League has no background and lacks sufficient finances.

The Convention recessed for 15 minutes at 2:35. At 2:55 Mrs. Richards called the Convention to order and Mrs. L. M. Daniel, Budget Committee Chairman presented the proposed budget for 1956-57. She explained that the total figure on the proposed budget represents exactly the total average of the figures proposed in the Little Meetings on the Budget held in December in which 29 local Leagues participated. Since local Leagues recommended the increase, it is hoped and expected that local Leagues will now recommend the wherewithal.

In the Roll Call of local Leagues only \$19,760.00 was pledged toward the \$21,960.00 proposed budget. Mrs. Wentworth of San Antonio, a member of the state Budget Committee mentioned the surpluses in the local League treasuries and made a plea for delegates to reconsider their pledges and contact the Budget Committee before they completed their necessary revisions. Mrs. Shutts of Austin announced Austin would increase their pledge \$100.00.

Mrs. Richards announced that notice had been received that two Leagues have proposals which they wish to have considered. A suggested order of procedure was suggested for this period, namely: 10 minutes will be allowed for presentation of proposals, 5 minutes for questions for clarification, opponents to be allowed the same time, with the further suggestion that no motions be made at this time since there will be a period tomorrow for further discussion and if necessary a period on the last morning. Mrs. Martin moved this procedure be accepted; seconded and carried.

Mrs. Emmet Davis of Amarillo then presented the Amarillo proposals pertaining to methods used in conducting opinion surveys by the national board and the release of figures obtained in these polls. A period of questions and answers followed. The attached statement made at the close of the discussion by Mrs. Passmore of San Antonio covered the questions of the opponents.

Mrs. Wm. H. Shutts, Austin, presented the proposal brought to the attention of the Austin League by members of University of Texas faculty. Under this proposal, the Texas League would appoint an advisory committee of Texas Citizens to formulate a code of conduct for public officials. Motion was made for consideration; seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned so that the delegates could attend the Little Meetings.

Tuesday Evening
8:00 PM - Roof Garden

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, Chairman of Item I presided. Former Item I Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Wacker of San Antonio, introduced Mr. John E. Bebout who spoke on "Methods of Constitutional Revision". A lively question period followed.

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Wednesday Morning

Mrs. Frank B. Nussbaum presided as the meeting came to order at 9:15. She announced the winners in the membership contests and awarded the orchids. The three Leagues having the smallest number of dropped members based on the figures in the state office January 1st were: Pasadena, first; San Angelo, second; and Nederland, third. The three Leagues showing the largest increase in membership were Baytown, first; Pasadena, second; and Midland third. Mrs. Murphree of Dickinson proposed another criterion for membership award another year -- namely, percent of member participation. Dickinson had 90% participation this year.

The Credentials Committee reported 163 voting delegates and 4 alternates. The following Tellers were listed as serving on Wednesday: Morning Session, Mrs. H. J. deKanter, Mrs. Boyd Ladd, Mrs. Charles Luck, Mrs. Keith Rogers, with alternate,

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Mrs. James Castleberry. Afternoon Session, Mrs. John Benham, Mrs. Rudy Marshall, Mrs. Robert Solomon, Mrs. Joe H. Ward, Jr., and alternate, Mrs. James Castleberry.

Mrs. Smith then presided over a 15 minute discussion period on Item I on the proposed Program. Questions were raised by Mrs. Murphree of Dickinson, Mrs. Francisco of Austin, Mrs. Cockrell of Dallas, Mrs. Tindell of Houston, Mrs. Erd of Texas City relating to carrying out the three sections. Mrs. Smith stated that the delegates are here to give the board direction but the most important step in this long range project is for the League to organize a statewide Citizens Committee whose objective would be to stimulate the Legislature to appoint a Constitutional Revisions Commission to do the research job that must precede revision. This Citizens Committee might then wish to organize local Citizens Committees to help in the public education job which would lead to ultimate revision. This statewide Citizens Committee would be able to secure much needed funds not available to the League which funds would be vital if the necessary public education was accomplished. Mr. Bebout pointed out what large sums of money are necessary. We are working first for a Constitutional Commission not a Convention because no major research has been done in Texas except in the Judiciary field. Ideally all research should proceed at one time and the Commission usually is appointed by the Governor, the Legislature and the Supreme Court Justices. Research must precede a Constitutional Convention.

Mrs. Rendall introduced the discussion of Proposed Item II by saying that if this item is not on our Current Agenda, we will lose our legislative initiative. Many older state Leagues have built through the years a large legislative program -- items the League is known to endorse. If a state legislative program is going to be strong, it should have continuity. Otherwise, legislators and friends will feel the League does not follow through with their programs and the League will be less effective. Mrs. Herman of Houston and Mrs. Tallman of Fort Worth spoke for placing the item on Continuing Responsibilities. Mrs. Mitchell of Austin and Mrs. May of Edinburg spoke for the item to be placed on the Current Agenda.

Mrs. Rendall discussed the Continuing Responsibilities giving background on Legal Status of Women and emphasizing that legislation on the subject will be introduced at the next legislative session.

Under the Family Courts item she suggested that although what we are after is a system of Family Courts we will have to be contented with starting with legislation codifying juvenile laws.

Mrs. Ruggles led the discussion of the Proposed Water Resources Item. Mrs. O'Connell of Waco again read the proposal. Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Odessa, Wichita Falls and San Antonio delegates spoke for the item. Lubbock and Midland delegates spoke against it as a state item. Mrs. Koepke, state board member with National Item I portfolio suggested that if a Water Conservation item is on the National Agenda, judging from the activity on Trade, "We would get all the answers without crowding the state Agenda.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 so that the delegates could attend the Little Meetings.

Wednesday Afternoon

At 1:30 Mrs. Richards called the meeting to order. She introduced Mrs. Tewell, stating that she has been chairman of a new portfolio on the state board and it is hoped that this program will convince you that we have not neglected this very important part of League work, -- Local Current Agenda. Mrs. Tewell presented five speakers from different Texas Leagues who spoke on their Local Current Agendas. Mrs. M. L. Coltharp of Abilene discussed Abilene's City Charter Study. Mrs. Chas. F. Mitchell of Austin discussed Study and Action Leading to the Adoption of Austin's Master Plan. Mrs. T. A. Pollard spoke on Dallas' Tax item -- A Study of the Tax Structure. Mrs. Joe May of Edinburg brought down the house with her discussion of their activities in connection with the study of Open Toilets and their Elimination. Mrs. J. R. Montgomery of Tyler spoke on their Know Your County Survey with particular emphasis on the need for a Court of Family Relations. This led to the adoption in 1955-56 of an item, Voting Procedures in Tyler.

Mrs. Pettis asked for further discussion of By-laws Revisions. Mrs. Sleeper of Fort Worth raised the question of what action, if any, can be initiated under Continuing Responsibilities. The question to be answered in discussion period under CR's.

Mrs. Smith led a 15 minute discussion period on Item I. Mrs. Boster of San Angelo asked whether the League is now ready to go to the legislators urging Constitutional Revision. Mrs. Smith answered, "We are now at the point of not even saying 'good morning' to the milkman without mentioning the need for revision." Mrs. McDonald of Galveston asked for clarification on Section C. How far would it take us? Mrs. Smith envisioned this requiring brief study not before 1957, with the possibility of discussion in two Unit meetings. Material might be gathered by issuing brief questionnaires from which some principles or standards might be arrived at by which to judge the Constitution. This would be a device to keep the League's "hand in" and keep our members aware and alert on the subject while hopefully research would be going on of a more thorough nature.

Mrs. Rendall began the discussion period on Proposed Item II by answering Fort Worth's question. If this item is placed on Continuing Responsibilities we could only take action when the opportunity occurred, we could not enter into a new field and it would prohibit a great deal of study. If the item is placed on Current Agenda, it would give us authority to initiate action and give it a great amount of time and study.

Mrs. Macdonald, Dallas, asked if the state board is prepared to give out material on the Poll Tax between now and 1957 Legislature in case we want to take action. Mrs. Rendall believed material could be in local Leagues' hands by October or November. Mrs. Brownscombe of Dallas said Dallas would find it impossible to arrange for study on item by time of Legislative session unless material was available before September. Mrs. Sinkin of San Antonio asked what action on this item was foreseen? Mrs. Rendall replied that there would be plenty of time to initiate action this year and we could do a much better job. Reforms we could take action on have already been studied and positions taken -- items such as universal exemption certificates and methods of marking ballots. We would begin at least 6 months in advance and would not sponsor an omnibus bill. Mrs. Miller, Freeport, spoke for the item on the ground that their membership would like an item calling for a final thrust of action on a subject we have already studied. Mrs. Murphree, Dickinson, stated that this Election Law item will be with the Texas League a long time. We will be beginning a long study of the Poll Tax which may take 2 or 3 years before the LWV would come to any conclusions.

Mrs. Braunagel, Galveston, again asked the question, "Could action be initiated on items we have already studied if proposed Item II goes on Continuing Responsibilities?" Mrs. Rendall replied that we could not. Mrs. Smith further stated that it is not a ruling or policy from the state board that you really mean. What you want to do in terms of initiated work on a Continuing Responsibility is up to the delegates -- you give us the directives. Do not fool yourselves, however, by suggesting initiating action on a Continuing Responsibility for that really means placing it on the Current Agenda as far as work load is concerned (no matter what you call it).

Mrs. Richards called for discussion of the Water Conservation issue. Mrs. O'Connell of Waco went to the microphone. Mrs. Tallman of Fort Worth, Mrs. Malcolm Sher of Houston, Mrs. Von von Phul of San Antonio and Mrs. T. H. Tennent of Houston all spoke for including the item on the Current Agenda. Points mentioned were the need for a new study item to interest the membership (the two proposed items having been on the program a long time), the possibility of our coordinating the agencies already at work, and the fact that we are probably going to be studying this problem as a national item anyway. Mrs. Emerson of Laredo spoke against the item since we might be duplicating the work of some 70 other agencies already studying the problem and it would require a lot of background information to evaluate the work being done by these other groups. Miss Loomis wondered if the delegates were aware that the Governor set up a Committee on Water Conservation which reported to the Governor in January 1953. This committee recommended the creation of a Water Resources Committee which was set up with an original budget of \$25,000. Its purpose was to establish a long range program for conservation and development and recommend policies for coordinating Federal and state agencies concerned.

Mrs. Richards called for discussion of the new business, proposals, beginning where we left off yesterday with the Austin proposal. At Mrs. von Puhl's request, Mrs. Shotts made clear that the Austin League did not recommend their proposal but brought it to the attention of the Convention as requested. It was a compliment to the League to be asked and might reconsidered if it is the desire of the local Leagues after there has been time to evaluate its merits. The Austin League therefore withdrew the proposal at this time. Accepted by the chair and delegates.

Mrs. Richards introduced the Amarillo discussion by reminding the delegates that they are not held to the 3 day rule on anything except the Program. Mrs. Davis, Amarillo, read a prepared statement about the personal element which has been brought into this discussion which they had hoped to avoid. It emphasized incorrectness of the idea that Amarillo has any distrust in the national board. Mrs. Alschuler, Lubbock, stated that the Lubbock League has studied these proposals for one year and voted to back up Amarillo. Mrs. Haldane, Pasadena, raised the question of whether you would get a true picture if consensus were mandatory since Leagues might feel they must answer even though not ready. Mrs. Martin replied we would be protected on that score because if enough Leagues send in a report that we need more time to study, that no action would be taken at that time and it would reflect consensus.

Mrs. Sleeper, Fort Worth, commended Amarillo for their fine thinking. It has stimulated us to report more carefully to state and national. We do not support their proposals but we support their initiative and good thinking. Mrs. Boster, San Angelo, raised the question of whether placing their proposals under Time for Action and Recognition standards was emphasizing the main idea which to her seems to be "determining consensus" as stated in Local Leaders Handbook. Mrs. Martin replied Amarillo didn't care where it goes in Handbook -- just so it goes in.

Mrs. Sommerville of Wichita Falls, said after study of proposals by their membership and board, they were most sympathetic with idea of making more members interested in formulation of consensus. They, however, parted with Amarillo on the mandate idea because any mandated organization ceases to be truly democratic and becomes regimented. We like it as it is and don't want any change. Mrs. Sher of Houston moved that the Convention reject the proposals from Amarillo, seconded.

Mrs. Baggett of Lubbock spoke against the motion. Mrs. Ashford, San Antonio, recognized that it is difficult to determine consensus but it does not make it any easier if we make it compulsory. After the Parliamentarian, Mrs. Bell, ruled that the motion did not include "that debate shall cease" the discussion can proceed, Mrs. Sher withdrew the motion to continue debate. A coffee recess was then taken.

Little Meetings were held following the recess. Then Mrs. Elizabeth Halsey, visitor from Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund gave a speech.

At the dinner meeting Mrs. Orville N. Foreman spoke on "Individual Liberties and the Public Interest".

March 29
Thursday Morning

Mrs. Richards called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Mrs. Foreman spoke on Proposed National Program. This was followed by a question and answer period.

Mrs. Richards then announced the revision of the Agenda. No objections were raised. Adoption of the Budget will come first, then Adoption of Current Agenda, Adoption of By-laws, and adoption of Continuing Responsibilities.

Mrs. Foreman was presented true Texas hat by Mrs. Richards.

Mrs. Daniel presented the revised budget. She stated that the Budget Committee had met yesterday afternoon to revise the proposed budget. The four absent Leagues had been called to obtain their figures. State committees could take a smaller figure as the Nominating Committee will not meet this coming year. Since \$500.00 has already been advanced to the Austin office, the lower figure will do. The bulletin should have a minimum of four issues. There can be no Regional Conferences, but the cut figure would cover a Little Meeting. Mrs. Daniel pointed out that local Leagues had recommended a 10% increase in their budgets and this represents less than 1% increase over last year's budget. Also, they have been talking about the help that state is going to give in carrying out our Program (costing more money) but there's too little money. Mrs. Daniel then asked if any local Leagues could raise their pledges. Houston, Laredo, Edinburg, Odessa, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Abilene, Tyler, Amarillo, and two personal gifts raised the budget figure to \$20,780.00. Mrs. Daniel moved the revised budget be accepted; seconded; passed. Mrs. Wentworth, on the Budget Committee commended the Leagues on raising their pledges.

Discussion on Current Agenda followed. Miss Loomis moved the adoption of the introductory statement -- preamble. Seconded and carried. There are now 187 voting delegates (19 of which were state board) with 5 alternates.

Mrs. Smith read the proposed Item I and moved its adoption. Seconded and carried. Mrs. von Puhl moved that an editorial change be made.

Mrs. Rendall moved the adoption of Item II. Mrs. Herman of Houston argued against this item -- Mrs. Shutts argument for it. The count was 93 for -- 77 against.

Mrs. Ruggles moved the adoption of the water resources item. Mrs. Tallman of Fort Worth amended with second to "A Study of Water Resources". Mrs. Tewell objected to wording. Mrs. Call of San Antonio moved an amended wording. Mrs. Emerson of Laredo spoke against. Mrs. Dunlop proposed amendment of wording to "A Study of Water Conservation"; seconded; passed. Mrs. Wellmaker of Midland moved debate cease. The vote revealed 85 for -- 85 against. The motion lost.

The Secretary moved the adoption of the By-laws revision; seconded and passed.

Miss Loomis moved the adoption of the proposed Continuing Responsibilities. Mrs. Passmore suggested the League cooperate with other organizations on the Legal Status of Women item. Dallas wants material on poll tax. Mrs. Brownscombe of Dallas would consider these as legislative action items. She also wants information on Juvenile Code. Miss Loomis reminded delegates that we have a big election year -- state Voters Service will be putting out the Guides.

On the Amarillo proposal -- Mrs. Davis moved consideration of their No. I proposal to be recommended to National Convention. Seconded. Spoke to point raised that this proposal is damaging to League: "If more member participation is damaging then we must admit we approve a few members making decisions." Amarillo objects to manner in which Bricker Amendment stand was made - not to the amendment.

Mrs. von Puhl stated that there is no doubt that the Amarillo Proposal is saying that the opinion poll taken on the Bricker Amendment was the stand of only a minority. Traced history of National's handling of this matter and stated, therefore, the opinion poll was an adequate and accurate sampling.

Mrs. Murphree, Dickinson, spoke for the proposal and Mrs. Young of Longview against.

Mrs. Godbey, Dallas, moved that debate cease. Seconded. Carried.

Vote on Amarillo's first proposal lost by voice vote.

Mrs. Davis moved that this convention body approve No. II and No. III proposals to be recommended to National Convention. Seconded.

Mrs. Cockrell, Dallas, spoke against this proposal on the ground that it would result in dangerous oversimplification of the manner of reaching consensus on national issues. It would result in a simple polling of our membership.

Mrs. Boster, San Angelo, moved to amend the proposal to read "The National Board shall provide local Leagues with interpretation of League opinion surveys when such information is requested. Seconded. Motion lost.

Mrs. Martin stated that Amarillo is not asking for polling of membership but just wanted to be told the methods by which National arrives at consensus, etc.

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Mrs. Tallman, Fort Worth, raised question of whether this convention is the time for this discussion since it is being considered by the committee appointed by National and will be considered at National Convention.

Mrs. Martin emphasized that these policy matters in the LWV are decided by the membership and delegates, not by boards and committees.

Mrs. Ray, San Antonio, moved to close debate; seconded; carried.

Mrs. Ashford thanked Amarillo for looking to our democratic proposals for improvement. "We agree that the greatest amount of information is desirable in our Leagues. It is only with their methods and techniques that we are quarreling." The vote on the second and third proposals was lost by a voice vote.

Mrs. Martin thanked the convention for their patience in considering this at convention, and in studying the proposals at home. "If any Leagues have not studied them, they should do so because the matter will come up at National Convention."

Mrs. Tennent, Houston, read a resolution, as follows:

Be it resolved that,

This convention formally express our admiration for the Amarillo League for their industry and perseverance in promoting their views and acknowledge our debt to them in encouraging a rethinking of our responsibilities both as Leagues and as individual members.

Applause. Seconded. Passed.

Mrs. Richards reiterated our thanks for helping us all realize our League responsibilities.

Mrs. Bell, the parliamentarian spoke because a protest was made about some of the rules made by the parliamentarian the previous day. A parliamentarian should speak when spoken to except when under the greatest compulsion as when the Amarillo proposal was worded. The charge was made that the parliamentarian had thrown the weight of position into that stand. Mrs. Richards expressed appreciation for what Mrs. Bell has done.

Mrs. Richards announced that 152 votes were cast on the voting machine.

Mrs. Sher of Houston invited next convention to Houston in 1958. She had a full invitation written including telegrams from the mayor. Mrs. Hale of Lubbock would like to invite to Lubbock. Mrs. Richards showed telegrams from Corpus Christi inviting us there.

Mrs. Somerville, Chairman, Resolutions Committee, called on Mrs. Macdonald of Dallas for a statement of gratitude to Mrs. Richards. Mrs. Brown of Waco welcomed Mrs. Richards back home.

Mrs. Richards announced that all of the officers were elected, including the off-board members of the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Richards stated that "you people have been most wonderful and I cherish every minute of it". She turned the gavel (along with an ice cap) to Mrs. Smith who gave the new office address and introduced the new executive secretary. Mrs. Smith asked for direction on how to proceed with Item I and notes about what was liked and not liked about Convention. She announced that the Fifth Biennial Convention is adjourned

League of Women Voters of Texas
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Minutes
Board meeting

Minutes
of
State Board Meeting
Driskill Hotel - Austin, Texas
June 21 - 23, 1956

The state board of the League of Women Voters of Texas met at 1:00 on June 21, 1956, at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Hill Baggett	Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. George C. Boller	Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel	Mrs. L. K. Richards
Mrs. Elliot Gillerman	Mrs. William B. Ruggles
Miss Mary Hatcher Glade	Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
Mrs. C. E. Jones	Mrs. T. H. Tennent
Mrs. George S. Lemon	Mrs. H. R. Yeary

Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, was also present.

The first order of business was evaluation of Organization Training Meeting just completed. Consensus of opinion was that the meeting had been most successful. Comments of the off-board members solicited by Mrs. Lemon indicated that they were left confused, overwhelmed and challenged.

Five points were brought out as a result of the discussion.

1. Responsibility of Organization Committee to put these trained people to work.
2. Discussion developed some new techniques in the Organization field.
3. This committee could be used to develop potential new state board material.
4. The need for training someone from the three metropolitan Leagues.
5. New method of recruiting members for committee would be for one of the newly trained persons to take untrained person from area along on Organization business.

Mrs. L. K. Richards has been appointed to the National Board. The vacancy left by her resignation on the state board needs to be filled. Mrs. Rendall moved that Mrs. T. H. Tennent of Houston be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Richards as Public Relations Chairman. Seconded and carried.

The minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as corrected on motion of Mrs. Lemon. Seconded and carried. The corrections made were:

1. Deletion of the first sentence of the second paragraph of the minutes of the meeting of March 29th.
2. Page three, in sentence concerning Mrs. Rendall, the word "instructed" changed to "directed".

PRELIMINARY Mrs. Boller stated that her committee had had a meeting at which it was
TCR REPORT decided that the organization of the proposed Citizens' Committee was of prime importance and this must be done soon if the committee were to be at all effective at the next legislative session. Outside advice has been sought and given on qualifications most valuable for membership on the committee, including such points as geographical location, influence, money to travel, leaders of groups in organizations such as labor, ex-legislators, etc.

AREA CONFERENCE PLANS Mrs. Rendall stated that the Area Conference Committee had met and reviewed tentatively the plans already submitted. These conferences are planned as real workshops, with few V.I.P's.

Mrs. Lemon spoke of the desirability of having Area Conferences with approximately six Leagues participating in each conference. Members of the Organization Committee will be present in the background and will have ample time arranged for individual conferences.

There was general agreement that Leagues might be given latitude on the conference locale choice. Texas City and Laredo have each issued a cordial invitation for an Area Conference to be held in their cities. Mrs. Richards brought up the advisability of including in the Conference Agenda the recent attacks on the Leagues and how they might be answered.

Mrs. Ruggles moved that the tentative Area Conference Agenda be approved. Seconded and carried.

Second Session

The state board met at 9:15 A.M. June 22, 1956, at the Driskill Hotel. All those present at the first session with the addition of Miss Louise Loomis were in attendance.

NOMINATIONS FOR The board first considered recommendations for vacancies on
STATE BOARD VACANCIES the state board. Mrs. Noel D. Hook, 2nd Vice President of the Corsicana League, and Mrs. J. A. Hallmark, 2nd Vice President of the Fort Worth League, were suggested.

Miss Loomis moved that the President telephone these nominees asking them to serve on the state board. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Smith later reported that Mrs. Hook agreed to serve and has been assigned to the State Continuing Responsibilities portfolio. Mrs. Hallmark could not accept.

Minutes of the first session were read and approved.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Lemon reported that the Organization Committee met last evening
REPORTS and worked out plans and procedures for both immediate and long range action. Subject to the Board's approval each area chairman will have a one day meeting with the members of her committee before the October board meeting so that the newly trained members will be put to work immediately.

A letter will be formulated and sent out to the Campus Leagues in the early fall informing them of the change in National By-laws but offering them our services in re-organization.

The state By-laws chairman will write to each local League requesting several copies of their current by-laws to be made available to the organization personnel.

Mrs. Ruggles reported on Central Texas area. Fort Worth has worked out its difficulties with the former treasurer and is going ahead under good leadership. Arlington is having membership problems, as many local people still believe it is a unit of the Fort Worth League.

Mrs. Ruggles stated that the following cities were suggested as possibilities for the organization of provisional Leagues, at last night's meeting, Del Rio, Snyder, Brownwood, Farmers Branch, Marshall, Huntsville and Kerrville.

It was also agreed that a type of fact sheet for each League should be drawn up and a copy be placed in the files of each League so that an organization worker could see at a glance such factual data as size of community, size of League, congressional district, etc. Mrs. Ruggles agreed to assume the responsibility for this sheet.

In the absence of Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Lemon called attention to her written report. Miss Loomis had visited Port Arthur and reported on their reorganization plans. They are going to publish a local Voter's Guide and are enthusiastic about the future of the League.

Mrs. Yeary reported on the South Texas Leagues, Board training has been asked for by San Antonio and Mrs. Shutts of Austin will be asked to go. Corpus Christi has asked that Mrs. Hughes be selected for their training session.

Mrs. Lemon moved the acceptance of the Organization Committee's report; seconded and carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Mrs. Ruggles suggested that the board give consideration to the value of asking local Leagues to keep detailed account of the reasons for their dropped members, tabulating the results and sending them to the state office. If started now this material could be useful in the November area conferences.

Mrs. Baggett moved acceptance of the membership report; seconded and carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Yeary referred to her written report listing current agendas of local leagues in Texas with comments. She believes the organization workers could help local Leagues develop their local current agendas by teaching them the techniques employed in arriving at State and National Program. Many local Leagues do not use their Bulletins for informing members on the progress of their local agenda but repeat material in State and National Voter. Mrs. Yeary moved acceptance of the report; seconded; carried.

FINANCE REPORT Mrs. Daniel referred to her written report to the Board. Since the report was compiled, word has been received that Beaumont will hold its finance drive in the fall. Also Kingsville held its drive in May. Mrs. Daniel made it clear that her digest of "The Little Meetings on the Budget" was a matter of her interpretation of very rough notes and minutes. Mrs. Daniel raised the question of when to appoint the state Budget chairman and reminded us that we had agreed that it should be a state board member. (At the session on June 23rd Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. C. E. Jones).

Miss Loomis moved acceptance of the Finance report; seconded; carried.

NATIONAL ITEM II Mrs. Smith announced that on the way home from National Convention Miss Loomis agreed that her portfolio be changed to National Item II. Miss Loomis then told of the research she is at present engaged in and hopes to make a report of this study by the October Board meeting. The Texas Education Agency has a publication titled "Water", copies of which were available for each member of the board.

Mrs. Rendall moved acceptance of the report; seconded; carried.

CONVENTION CITY FOR 1958 The Board discussed factors influencing the selection of the city in which to hold the 1958 State Convention, namely need for strengthening local Leagues in the area and the city's availability to delegates from Leagues throughout the state. Miss Loomis moved that a Convention Committee be appointed; seconded; carried. Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Ruggles, chairman, Mrs. Tennent and Mrs. Baggett, who will report to the October Board meeting.

Third Session

The Board reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

STATE PROGRAM REPORT Mrs. Boller stated that TCR committee met and it was decided to recommend that one name submitted by each local League be asked to serve on the Citizens' Committee if possible. Interviews will be held soon with proposed temporary Chairman so that additional names for the committee can be secured from him -- also the time and place for an Organization Meeting. The committee discussed the letter of invitation to the Citizens' Committee member; agenda for the meeting; speaker (League or otherwise?); question of how formally to organize the Committee -- perhaps committees on Public Relations, Finance, By-laws, etc.

In regard to the relationship of the local League member to this project, it was thought that questions for refresher courses to be used in one or two unit meetings would be formulated; also some questions and answers for release to local newspapers by the League.

It was thought best to postpone any new pamphlet until the Citizens' Committee has been formed and this can be mentioned in the president's post-board letter. Pamphlets might be written with the idea of sending them to contributors urging them to write to their legislators.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES STATUS OF WOMEN Mrs. Rendall referred to her full written report. The two types of publications, KIT FOR ACTION and a pamphlet will be available by July 1st and September 1st, respectively. Both will be designed to help women understand the nature of the two inequalities which the proposed legislation would eradicate and the necessity for women to let their legislators know that women want these inequalities removed. A tentative design for the pamphlet entitled, "Now Really" was suggested and it was referred to an editorial committee for this item composed of Mrs. Tennent, Mrs. Rendall and Mrs. Jones

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Mrs. Rendall stated that there are nine local Leagues with no Legislative Chairman at last report. One of the first jobs of the local legislative chairmen will be to secure information on their legislators and record it on file cards. Also be sure that all legislators have a copy of TCR. After discussion, it was decided that instead of sending out more Legislative Newsletters, material would be sent out to local Legislative Chairmen and Bulletin editors urging them to include the material in their local bulletins, thereby reaching every member. Miss Loomis moved adoption of the Legislative Report. Seconded and carried.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT Mrs. Jones referred to the two sheets put out since last Board Meeting: Please say "Yes" and Do It Yourself Kit, model calendar. In the fall a new sheet on board integration will be mailed to local Leagues. One of the suggestions to be sent to local Publication Chairmen will be to prepare a list of old and new publications available and send it to local libraries, colleges, schools, etc., urging them to make use of the material.

Mrs. Jones asked the board to reconsider their decision to mimeograph the state By-laws in favor of printing them and selling them to local Leagues at 10¢ per copy. It was also agreed that our State Charter was to be amended and printed on the By-laws. Mrs. Ruggles moved that the State By-laws be printed and sold. Seconded and carried.

Local Leagues will also be told how to order standing orders for state leadership material. Miss Loomis moved that the Publications Report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS As Mrs. Tennent had to leave at this time, she appointed her board committee as follows: Miss Glade, Mrs. Baggett and Mrs. Jones.

The president appointed a newly created Editorial Committee of the board: Mesdames Jones and Tennant, with the interested Resource Chairman to be appointed for each publication being considered.

Fourth Session

The state board met at 9:00 A.M. June 23rd in the Driskill Hotel.

VOTERS SERVICE REPORT Miss Glade stated that she had heard from all but 10 local Leagues regarding Voter's Guide projects. The Voter's Guide will be off the press by July 1st. One hundred and fifty thousand will be printed and sold to local Leagues at \$10.50 per 1000. One hundred and six thousand have been ordered to date. Press releases will go out June 26, July 3 and July 10. Plans for a fall publication on the nine proposed constitutional amendments include a 15-page background booklet with extensive description of the pro's and con's to be sent to locals about August 1. Price will be a little more than 1 cent per page. This can be used as resource material for preparation of speeches, etc. In the first week of October, Fall Voter's Guide covering the nine amendments will be published for wide distribution.

There was discussion pro and con of a proposed permanent "WHO, ME?" pamphlet aimed at an audience outside the League. The demand for the original "WHO, ME?" exceeded the supply and after discussion at the state office, it was determined to put an ad for the new "WHO, ME?" in the July Voter's Guide. The cost would be \$1.75 per 100 copies for the general public. Miss Loomis moved that 10,000 permanent "WHO, ME?"'s be published. Motion was seconded and carried. An editorial committee for this publication was appointed as follows: Misses Loomis and Glade and Mrs. Smith. Public Relations will release publicity to newspapers throughout the state.

A preliminary discussion of a publication on what you do once you are summoned to be a juror was held. More ideas on this publication will be presented at the October board meeting.

A discussion of what stand the League should take on the three referendum questions ensued. The following statement was agreed upon and will be sent out to local Leagues for their use in answering any queries. "The State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas believes the three referendum questions to be in the realm of opinion and any factual information we might present would be of little benefit to the voters." Another point is the fact that the Guides had gone to the printers the day of the announcement of the referendum question. Mrs. Baggett moved acceptance of the Voters Service Report. Motion seconded and carried.

AREA CONFERENCE Mrs. Rendall stated that the Area Conference Committee had met and discussed further plans. The recommendation is for two conferences in each area, on November 13-14 and November 15-16. There are to be no kits but perhaps a notebook with pages blank except for headings, leaving the rest of the page for the participant to write down ideas.

Perhaps there may be sheets from various state portfolio chairmen to be given out at end of conference. Emphasis will be placed on how the individual member can work with various portfolio chairmen. Mrs. Lemon proposed that each area Organization Chairman write the local League presidents in her area plugging these conferences which they "asked for." Miss Loomis moved acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried.

DATE FOR OCTOBER BOARD MEETING It was agreed that the October board meeting would be held October 4, 5 and 6.

VOTER REPORT Mrs. Baggett reported that the deadline for copy for the August Voter would be July 15th. It was agreed that the following subjects would be included: Fall Finance Drives, TCR, Status of Women, Area Conferences, New State Board Members, Houston's success story on their Local Current Agenda. It was agreed that there would be a column on Legislative Outlook for the next issues and also a column for the Publications Chairman in which she could plug any new publication -- for example the October Voter's Guide. Mrs. Baggett requests the copy for the November VOTER at the October board meeting. Mrs. Lemon moved acceptance of the report. Seconded and carried.

COMPLETION Mrs. Rendall moved that the president write to Mrs. J. D. Perryman asking
OF AGENDA her to accept appointment to the state board when she returns in October,
with National Item I portfolio. Seconded and carried.

The president appointed Mrs. Pettis chairman of program for the State Presidents' Council in March 1957. It was suggested that the time of the convention be set so as to avoid Holy Week and that the new Governor be invited.

It was agreed that the matter of the postage meter be postponed until Fall.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Secretary

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MINUTES
of
State Board Meeting
Driskill Hotel Austin, Texas
October 4, 5, 6, 1956

The state board of the League of Women Voters of Texas met at 1:00 P.M. on October 4, 1956, at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. M. E. Arnold	Mrs. George B. Lemon
Mrs. Hill Baggett	Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Mrs. George C. Boller	Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. Elliot Gillerman	Mrs. Wm. B. Ruggles
Miss Mary Hatcher Glade	Mrs. Eugene Hughes
Mrs. Noel D. Hook	Mrs. H. R. Yeary
Mrs. C. E. Jones	Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. L. K. Richards, member of the National board of the League of Women Voters, past president of the Texas League, and Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, were also present.

The minutes of the June Board Meeting were approved on motion of Mrs. Ruggles, seconded by Mrs. Lemon; carried.

New Board Member Appointed Mrs. Yeary moved the formal appointment to the state board of Mrs. M. E. Arnold of San Antonio. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Arnold was welcomed by the president and given the portfolio of National Item. I.

Announcements by Mrs. Smith

Visit of National President of LWV Mrs. Percy Maxim Lee is coming to Texas in January to see and talk to local League members. She will visit in San Antonio on January 22 and 23 and in Houston January 24 and 25.

Survey The Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan has begun the survey of the LWV of the U.S. and in Texas has selected the Laredo, Houston and Corsicana Leagues for their interviews.

New League Interest Letters from persons interested in information regarding organization of Leagues in their communities, have come from Bryan, Snyder and Sweetwater.

Request for Speech - National Item II The Texas Water Conservation Association asked Mrs. Smith to give a 30 minute address at their Annual Meeting in Fort Worth on October 20.

Non-partisan Policy Discussion Letters from many local League presidents indicate a lively interest in reviewing the policy of local board members not attending precinct conventions. Therefore time for discussion would be indicated at Presidents Council.

Mrs. Smith proposed that three additional items be added to the agenda for this meeting; first, discussion of location of the next State Convention; second, disposition of Campus Leagues; third, state board appointments for National Continuing Responsibilities.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Gillerman called attention to the mimeographed report and moved its acceptance. Seconded. Carried.

The president then asked that the board amend the proposed agenda and devote this session to a review of the status of the 36 Leagues in Texas so that every board member might have a clear picture of strengths and weaknesses and be ready to make recommendations to help the Organization committee. Meeting adjourned 5:15 P.M.

The board reconvened at 9:00 A.M. October 5, 1956. The members in attendance the previous day were present. Miss Louise Loomis was also present.

Mrs. Rendall moved the agenda be amended to move the Program reports to the afternoon session in order to finish the Organization review of Leagues. Seconded. Carried. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

The board reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

State Continuing Responsibilities Report, Item I Mrs. Hook stated that local Leagues will be urged to contact their Legislators regarding Legal Status of Women legislation after the November 6th election.
Item II Family Courts. Resource material is available if legislation is proposed in this field.

Item III Improvement of Election Laws. Absentee Voting, Exemption Certificates and Secret Ballot were the subjects on which consensus of interest was expressed by delegates to the State Convention. Resource material will be furnished to local Leagues if legislation is proposed. Mrs. Hook moved the adoption of the Continuing Responsibilities report. Seconded. Carried.

Texas Constitutional Revision Report Mrs. Boller divided her report into four phases.
(1) Voters Guides included answers of candidates to our question re: support for research on the Texas Constitution. Most candidates indicated enthusiastic support.
(2) Local Leagues were urged to get endorsement for TCR by resolutions introduced in precinct, county and state conventions. Many were successful at the precinct and county level, and the Republican state convention gave endorsement to our resolution.
(3) Additional material has been sent out to local Leagues for Units.
(4) Mrs. Boller reviewed the four possible ways to approach our State CA Item for research: (a) through appointment of a Constitutional Commission, (b) through the Texas Legislative Council, (c) through the Texas Research League, by request of the Governor, or (d) through other private agency or foundation. Because we could not get the Citizens Committee organized this summer as planned, we sought further advice on how to proceed. It was decided that the League alone should work toward (b) with a resolution prepared for this purpose. This would be financed through an increase in the general appropriation, rather than a special appropriation of great size for (a) -- which would be extremely hard for the League to get.

A first draft of the resolution was read by Mrs. Boller. This called for a Citizens Advisory Commission of 18 members to be appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Lt. Governor for this TLC project. The Legislative Council is composed of 10 representatives appointed by the Speaker and 5 senators appointed by the Lt. Governor for two-year terms. There is also a technical staff.

Steps to be taken if this plan of the TCR committee were approved by the board were outlined. Mrs. Ruggles moved acceptance of the report and procedures as outlined to be followed. Seconded. Carried.

It was decided that this new approach would be explained in the post board letter and in the Texas VOTER.

Mrs. Rendall moved that authority be given the TCR and Legislative committees to prepare a small pamphlet for general distribution if it considered one useful. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Rendall moved that a subscription to the Texas Legislative Service be taken again. Seconded. Carried.

Publications Committee Report Mrs. Jones referred to communications sent out to local Leagues. There are now 23 local Leagues with Standing Orders for state leadership material. Mrs. Jones moved acceptance of the Publications report. Seconded. Carried.

Public Relations Report Mrs. Tennant was unable to attend but attention was called to an article in STET, a magazine that goes to every house organ in the country. It contained a full article on the LWV. Mrs. Rendall moved acceptance of the Public Relations report. Seconded. Carried.

Texas VOTER Report Mrs. Baggett stated the last VOTER containing Program material was well received and additional copies ordered by some Leagues. The main stories for the October VOTER will be on Area Conferences and TCR. The deadline for material for the October VOTER will be midnight tonight. Mrs. Baggett moved acceptance of the report. Seconded. Carried.

Presidents Council Report Mrs. Pettis referred to the tentative agenda. Mrs. Smith will invite the in-coming governor to welcome delegates. Mrs. Ruggles moved that we substitute a breakfast with our legislators for the usual dinner meeting with them. Seconded. Carried. (See second recommendation under Miss Loomis' report.) Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The board reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

Discussion of the November Area Conferences was held. Mrs. Hughes reported that Baytown had a conflicting convention in town on dates scheduled for Area Conference. Therefore Texas City agreed to run concurrent conferences as their facilities will take care of both groups. The dinner meeting would be the only meeting held jointly. Mrs. Hughes phoned Mrs. Nichols of Tyler who agreed to be the leader. A discussion of kits followed. It was agreed that there would be a cover (prepared at state office). Inside there would be sheets on which delegates might take notes, with not more than three to six basic questions per page relating to subjects on the agenda. These questions will be prepared by the chairman involved and be sent to the state office by October 25th. Local Current Agenda sheets already prepared will also be included in the kits. State office will prepare background material for the leaders on each local League attending the conferences. State office will also prepare introductory and closing material for leaders. Mrs. Ruggles moved that the registration fee be \$1.00. Seconded. Carried.

It was decided that in all our letters and publicity about the Conference we would stress the fact that it is being designed for the member. Meeting adjourned.

The board reconvened at 10:00 A.M., October 6, 1956.

Committee meetings had preceded this for the first hour.

Voters Service Report Miss Glade referred to her written report. 175,000 July Guides were printed but only 140,000 ordered, with a loss of \$250.00. Several newspapers printed the Guide. 2,825 WHO, ME?'s were sold out of our printing of 10,000; this will make a good tool for finance drives and will be used again in 1958 before precinct conventions. PROS AND CONS on the 9 constitutional amendments have been very well received; as of September 29th 1,656 copies have been sold, and orders are still coming in strongly. The October Guide is just off the press; 125,000 were printed, with orders for 100,100 to date. Pros and Cons in abbreviated form are included in this Guide.

It was decided to send out questionnaires to candidates in the coming special election for U.S. senator and send the replies to local Leagues for use in their communities as they see fit. Material will go out on the coming Poll Tax drive to local Leagues. The governor will be asked to proclaim "Pay Your Poll Tax Week", as usual. Mrs. Ruggles moved acceptance of the Voters Service report. Seconded. Carried.

National Item I Report Mrs. Arnold, newly appointed chairman, stated that a letter to local Leagues regarding this item will be sent out soon. Mrs. Lemon moved acceptance of the report. Seconded. Carried.

National Item II Report Miss Loomis referred to her written report to the board. Research on this item has been conducted, material compiled and a meeting of the state committee has been held.

Mrs. Rendall moved that the board accept the project of sending out to local Leagues compiled material including an outline for local study worked out by the state water committee. Seconded. Carried.

Miss Loomis moved that Mrs. Hayes of the National Board be invited to State Presidents Council to talk on National Item II and conduct board training. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Lemon moved acceptance of National Item II report. Seconded. Carried.

State Convention Site Mrs. Ruggles stated the committee had discussed all possibilities and recommended Houston as the city in which the 1958 convention be held. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Ruggles moved that the possibilities be explored now for having the 1960 convention in Dallas. Seconded. Carried. Dallas hotel facilities are being booked so far in advance that the Committee felt this recommendation important. The committee felt it was increasingly worthwhile to consider the policy of holding state conventions in cities where convention rooms can be secured in which exhibits, etc. can remain set up during the whole convention.

National Continuing Responsibilities Appointments The president appointed Miss Glade responsible for NCR I, II and III; Mrs. Pettis for number IV; Mrs. Baggett for number V and Miss Loomis for VI, VII, VIII and IX.

State Budget Committee The board approved suggestions for the two members to be appointed from local Leagues: Mrs. Wilburn McDonald, Jr., Dallas, and Mrs. Gilbert Muddell, Amarillo OR Mrs. A. G. Haigh, Edinburg. Mrs. Jones, committee chairman, asked that each state board member send to her a memo on the amount needed for her portfolio, before the January meeting of the budget committee.

Organization Report Based on board discussion of each local League, committee recommendations for organizational help to each League were approved. Mrs. Lemon reported that the possibilities of a new League in Brownwood will be explored by Mrs. Ruggles who will be visiting there soon. Mrs. Smith will write a letter to the interested women immediately. Mrs. Lemon reported that women

in Snyder had inquired regarding the organization of a League there. Mrs. Lemon will visit since it is close to Lubbock. Interest in a League in Marshall will be furthered by a visit from Mrs. Young in November. Mrs. Smith agreed to write to women in Bryan who have expressed interest in a League. This situation is complicated by having Bryan and College Station, separate governmental municipalities, adjoining each other but being large enough to support only one League. Mrs. Smith announced she will be speaking to the AAUW in Kerrville on November 3rd and expects that interest in organizing a League there will be explored.

Mrs. Smith will write to the three Campus League presidents informing them of Convention action.

Mrs. Lemon moved the recommendation (made by the Organization Committee) that the state board allow the Organization Committee to send trained people into West Texas where necessary in order to give the sustained attention required. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Lemon moved the Organization report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Area Conferences It was believed that the recent attacks on the League might be brought up for discussion at these conferences and each leader must be ready to satisfactorily answer them. Mrs. Hughes agreed to prepare brief statements helpful for the leaders. It is hoped that these discussions can be controlled so that the prepared agenda can be covered.

Mrs. Rendall gave the details of a plan for conducting the dinner meeting on Local Current Agendas at the Area Conferences. Mrs. Yeary moved that the plan as presented be adopted. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Smith impressed on each board member the necessity for reading and re-reading all Area Conference material so that each one will be able to step in where needed.

It was decided to hold the January board meeting the third week of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Irving M. Pettis

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Questions were asked about the amount of attention that should be given to local Leagues by the State Board. Miss Urban thought we might be a bit too solicitous -- that perhaps we should enjoy our local Leagues more. She suggested we let local Leagues know what services are available, that we serve according to their needs; that we think more of concentrating on Leagues where we know the help would pay off. She suggested trying to tailor the League to the community to some extent -- not to try to make all local Leagues alike.

She pointed out the need of a qualitative factor in the Organization Committee's reports on Leagues. The Board agreed that an effort should be made to evaluate quality, that the statistical type report would not be needed for every State Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM for lunch and reconvened at 3:00 PM.

BUDGET ACTION Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Murphree pointed out that the proposed State Budget included items providing for a program designed to "humanize" the job of the president and to improve and expand field service to Leagues. Items specifically aimed at this purpose included "Presidents Visits", Salary of "Organization Secretary", "Field Service, to Local Leagues", "Consultant Expense", "Consultant Training", and "Area Program Workshops".

They also pointed out that the Budget Committee had not raised the pledge to National Services for the reason that more expenditure within the state was planned for the year ahead.

The Board approved the plan for an Organization Secretary since she would free the Field Service people for more evaluating of needs and special service to local Leagues, but they decided to call her simply "Stenographer".

It was decided that the category "Program Action" should be underlined and treated in presenting the budget, as a major one, on a par with "General Administration".

Mrs. Rendall made a motion that the Board approve the expenditure side of the State budget. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. Braunagel to bring in on Friday a recommended wording for the Policy Sheet which would express the new emphasis on Program in Field Service.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM. All those present were guests of Mr and Mrs. H.W. Smith at their home for a social evening.

FRIDAY, November 7, 1958

The State Board reconvened at 9:00 AM in the Jim Hogg Suite, Driskill Hotel, Austin. The same members and visitors were present with the exception of Mrs. Mendell.

FIELD SERVICE Mrs. Ashford made a motion that Miss Urban be invited to return to Texas for field service, subject to the approval of the National Organization Committee, and the limitations of the Shared Field Service budget. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Brown moved that Miss Urban's services be requested for the first three weeks of March 1959. Seconded; carried.

POLICY SHEET Mrs. Braunagel reported that she had met with Mrs. Ashford and recommended that the third section of the Policy Sheet be changed to read as follows:

LWV of Texas