

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

Minutes
of
State Board Meeting
Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas
January 16 and 17, 1958

The State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at 9:15 AM on January 16, 1958 at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Hill Baggett
Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel
Miss Mary Hatcher Glade
Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

Mrs. H. B. LaTourette
Mrs. George Lemon
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. Wm. H. Shotts
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
Mrs. Manley Williams

Mrs. Boller, Bridwell and Hughes were present when not meeting with Nominating Committee. Mrs. Daniel and Pettis were not present after 2 PM, January 17. Mrs. Ruggles attended pre-board meeting of Organization Committee but was called home because of family illness and did not attend board meeting. Miss Loomis arrived late Wednesday and attended all of the January 17 session. Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, Executive Secretary, was also present. Mrs. Nay Hale, Mrs. A. M. Allegret and Mrs. Duncan MacLaren of the Nominating Committee were present later during part of the session.

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order.

MINUTES. Mrs. Pettis presented the following corrections, submitted in writing by Mrs. Rendall.

Page 2, under STATE WATER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, line 3, substitute: "Her letter to the Governor explained her inability to serve on a committee endorsing a constitutional amendment on which the League had no position."

Page 2, under STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES, line 4, change "1000 are available" to "1000 were printed".

Page 3, last paragraph under PUBLIC RELATIONS, line 2, delete "within a weeks time".

Page 4, line 4, change to read "that they become Notaries Public to accept applications".

Page 5, line 6, change to read "which added expenses we had not foreseen".

Page 7, line 3, change "Meetings will be mixed as far as size of Leagues is concerned" to read "Leagues will be grouped according to size."

Mrs. Rendall moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded and carried.

REPLACEMENT ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Mrs. Smith reported that Mrs. Passmore of San Antonio has been unavoidably kept from attending the Nominating Committee meeting. Mrs. Rendall moved that Mrs. Duncan MacLaren of Freeport (already in Austin for the Budget Committee meeting) be appointed to replace Mrs. Passmore. Seconded and carried.

TRADE AND AID ASSIGNMENT. Mrs. Smith assigned the National Items and CR Chairmen the job of bringing in ideas to help the Lexas Leagues lobby on "Trade and Aid" program in Congress.

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL VOTER. Mrs. Smith read a letter from Mrs. Lee asking that a committee be appointed to examine member reactions to the National VOTER. California, Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts and Texas are being requested to name a member to this committee, which will correspond and then meet at Atlantic City. State board members were asked to help select a Texas member for this assignment.

LETTERS OF INVITATION. Mrs. Smith reported that she had received the following invitations: to be a member of the house party at the annual meeting of the Texas Safety Association in Dallas; to be a member of the State Advisory Board of the Texas Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report; to join the Friends of Texas Libraries.

ANNUAL REPORT FORMS DUE NATIONAL. Mrs. Smith suggested that every member of the state board be considering any end of the year questions about which the board member would like to secure answers from the local Leagues, as it would be expedient to send them to the local Leagues at the same time as the annual report forms from national. Any such questions should be turned in by the end of the state board meeting.

SHARED FIELD STAFF TELEGRAM FROM NATIONAL. Mrs. Smith received a telegram from Mrs. Marcy and Mrs. Richards asking whether we would consider deferring our Shared Field Staff plans one year to give us more opportunity to acquaint local Leagues with this service and secure the necessary financial support. After reviewing the letters from local Leagues regarding proposed budgetary items for Shared Field Staff (which showed about \$1,550.00 already proposed), it was unanimously agreed to wire that it appeared necessary to follow through on the original plan.

FORT WORTH'S REQUEST. A letter from the Fort Worth board was read requesting permission for one of their Units outside the city limits to conduct a separate Voters Service program. This request was referred to the Organization Committee, which later met and recommended that the request be authorized. (See afternoon session)

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT. Mrs. Brown, Budget Chairman, presented the proposed budget in detail. The committee had worked on the figures and proposed pledges from local Leagues all of the previous day. The proposed total expenditures were raised from the 1957-58 figure of \$19,615.00 to \$22,175.00 for 1958-59. This figure does not include Shared Field Staff costing \$2,000.00 which was proposed as an in-and-out item. The proposed increases under General Administration appear mainly under Board of Directors and Public Relations. Board of Directors was raised from \$2,585.00 to \$3,400.00 in order to provide for four board meetings, \$600.00 for National Convention delegates (maximum 3), and \$200.00 for president's expense. Public Relations was raised from \$100.00 to \$500.00. (see report of Public Relations Chairman on the last afternoon). Capital Expenditures were raised from \$125.00 to \$400.00 in order to buy a new typewriter and return \$200.00, paid on equipment already purchased, to the Reserve Fund. Field Service was raised from \$1,195.00 to \$1,390.00 in order to allow for an Area Conference. National Services were raised as requested, from \$7,350.00 to \$8,000.00. All Income is projected from local and provisional Leagues. The Budget Committee recommended that Members-at-large not be considered.

Mrs. Rendall recommended that future budgets be itemized on paper for the board presentation. Mrs. Brown stated that the covering letter to local Leagues as proposed will be a three page mailing entitled a "Road Map for the League Dollar". There would be (1) the covering letter, (2) budget and (3) comments. (Plan later revised by board.) Mrs. Rendall moved acceptance of the Budget Committee's report. Seconded and carried.

FIRST CONVENTION REPORT. Mrs. Hughes, chairman, began her report with a discussion of the physical arrangements. Mrs. Malcolm Sher, 3819 Purdue, Houston 5, Texas is local arrangements chairman. Board members who would like to communicate directly with her may do so but must send copies of such letters to Mrs. Hughes. Cost of meals at the hotel will be higher than at San Antonio two years ago; dinner will be \$4.50 and a salad lunch \$2.25 including tip. The hotel will serve any negro delegates at meals but requests that they arrange for lodging at the Algiers Hotel.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that the Convention Rules of 1956 be used. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Hughes referred to the mimeographed tentative convention agenda. She recommended adding a Resolutions Committee to the list of appointed committees. She also suggested the insertion of a report from the Credentials Committee before the Not Recommended items.

Plans for the Little Meetings on How to Spend Money are being made with the idea of having ten sections with the delegates assigned according to size of their Leagues. State board members will be assigned as resource people and as time keepers. It was suggested that a bell be used as a signal to alert the delegates to the end of the coffee break five minutes before the Little Meetings are scheduled to begin.

The dinner meeting is being planned with the extra feature -- Spot light on local Leagues. It has been suggested that five Leagues be so spotlighted with Mrs. Lemon recommending the five Leagues. Mrs. LaTourette and Mrs. Tennent will be in charge of the physical arrangements.

The Publicity will be handled locally by the Houston PR Chairman, with assistance of Miss Glade. Mrs. Baggett moved the acceptance of the tentative convention report. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM for committee meetings and lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 2:15 PM.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT. Mrs. Lemon, chairman, began her report by stating that the health of the local Leagues in Texas is heartening. That does not mean that there are no problems for every League has problems and some deeper than others. The Organization Committee has met and reviewed the situation in each local League. The Leagues in most need of help are Amarillo, Pampa and San Angelo in West Texas; Austin and Corsicana in Central Texas; Port Arthur in the Gulf Coast Area and Laredo in South Texas. Arrangements for service to these Leagues have been made.

Snyder, our provisional League, is eager to apply for local League status and be recognized by their annual meeting in March. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Hughes that the Texas state board of the LWV recommend that the national board recognize Snyder as a local League upon the final recommendation of the West Texas Organization Committee.

Fort Worth Request. It was moved by Mrs. Baggett that the Texas state board of the LWV authorize the Fort Worth board to give a Unit permission to do a Voters Service project. Seconded and carried. (The Organization Committee believes this is fully covered in the new Voters Service sheet in the Handbook.)

Pre-Provisional League of Irving. Irving will have completed all the requirements for provisional status after their general meeting on January 29th. However as of now they have 35 paid members and there is a difference of opinion in the Organization Committee over the number of paid members necessary before provisional status is granted. Mrs. Ruggles believes that no League should be granted provisional status until there are 50 paid members. It was agreed that Mrs. Daniel would phone the Irving president to find out how many more members had been gained from Little Meetings held this week, before the state board made any recommendations. Irving plans to apply for provisional status by the end of January.

Members-at-large. Mrs. Lemon reported that the Organization Committee had discussed members-at-large and had agreed that while we would not discourage such memberships we would not actively encourage them until such time as the board is able to consider organizing new Leagues.

Membership. Mrs. Lemon reported for Mrs. Ruggles. Mrs. Ruggles is of the opinion that the state board should take a serious look at membership loss. She asked also that a full discussion be held of the need for a new member tool to be assembled and designed and made available for local Leagues to purchase. After discussion it was decided to ask Mrs. Ruggles to have a sample tool at the March board meeting for further discussion. Mrs. Bolter moved the acceptance of the Organization report. Seconded and carried.

BY-LAWS. Mrs. Pettis, chairman, stated that there are two proposed state by-law revisions which have been received; the Dallas proposal, namely, that a Convention of the League of Women Voters be held biennially beginning with 1959; and secondly, from our state treasurer a proposal that the books of the treasurer be audited annually by a certified public accountant but omitting the exact time.

The By-laws Committee has had some correspondence on the pros and cons of the Dallas proposal and has come to no conclusions. There were no board members opposed to the second revision, the annual audit. After considerable discussion on the Dallas proposal there seemed to be a desire to have more time to consider. Mrs. Lemon moved that the decision on the recommendation of the board on the proposed by-laws change be postponed until the conclusion of the next day's session. Seconded and carried.

FINANCE. Mrs. Daniel, chairman, referred to her mimeographed report. She stated that since her report Harlingen has come within \$10.00 of their goal and Snyder has gone over the top. Over the last few years the idea of having a finance drive has come to be almost universally accepted by local Leagues so that now we can turn attention to improving on techniques. Mrs. Baggett moved the acceptance of the Finance report. Seconded and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mrs. Shutts referred to the mimeographed report. In addition she gave us the balance in the Reserve Fund -- \$1,787.80. The balance in the Memorial Fund is \$99.54. Adding these two balances, plus the bank balance on April 1, 1957 of \$986.74, gives an actual cash balance of \$5,514.22.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM for dinner and committee meetings.

The state board reconvened at 9:00 AM on January 17, 1958. Everyone present at the first day's meeting was there with the addition of Miss Loomis.

BUDGET REPORT. Mrs. Brown was asked to again go over the proposed budget, explaining each item. When it became clear that no change in the budgeted salary figure would be needed to grant the executive secretary a salary raise, it was the unanimous opinion that a token raise should be given. Mrs. Baggett moved that a \$10.00 monthly increase in salary be given to the executive secretary for the year 1958-59. Seconded and carried. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mrs. Brown moved that we go back to the policy of suggesting a proposed pledge amount to the local Leagues and include this in the covering budget letter. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Brown also moved that we recommend to the new board that the next Budget Committee meet in the fall. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Hughes moved the approval of the budget. Seconded and carried.

PROGRAM. Mrs. Rendall asked for permission to change the order of the Program report as listed and start with a summary of the proposed Program recommendations from local Leagues. The local League reports indicated that 24 Leagues want to continue TCR as the state Current Agenda. Four local Leagues wished the item to be placed on Continuing Responsibilities.

Mrs. Boller then analyzed the response of the local Leagues to the questionnaire on consensus on the proposed principals: 22 Leagues look part in the study and made reports; 13 approved the suggested principals; 4 re-worded some of them; one disapproved of 1 principal; 1 League wants to do intensive study on the principals; 13 Leagues not heard from; one-sixth of total state membership took part in actual discussions. Mrs. Lemon moved that the state board recommend that provision be made at Convention for full discussion and action on these principals for a state constitution. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Rendall then stated that the Program Proposals Committee is proposing TCR as Item I but wanted Mrs. Boller to give the outlook for work before the board takes action. Mrs. Boller said that we do not know when the Citizens Advisory Committee will function. However, research is going along on a limited basis even though no funds were appropriated or secured from other sources as yet. Referring to the three aspects of the job (A) Building public opinion (Miss Glade's report will give the plans in this area later), (B) Support of research -- no doubt we will have to push the legislature at the coming session. (C) The committee feels that this angle or phase should not be pursued at this time. There is reason to believe that a report from the Legislative Council will be available for summarization and can be sent to the local Leagues by the end of 1958. Mrs. Shutts moved that the proposed State Item I read as follows: "The LWV of Texas will work for the revision of the State Constitution". Seconded and carried.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES. Mrs. Bridwell gave a resume of the local Leagues' recommendations in this area: 4 wanted TCR on CR; 1 wanted the present order of items changed; 1 wanted to drop discriminations against women; a number made no response. Mrs. Bridwell is working on a re-wording of the CR's so that they will indicate the League's position. This wording will be presented this afternoon.

Meeting recessed for committees at 12:00 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Mrs. Bridwell continued her report. The following proposed wording of the state CR's was presented: I. Support of legislation to improve legal status of women; II. Support of legislation providing for a state system of Family Courts; III. Support of legislation for the improvement of Texas election laws in the field of voting procedures. Mrs. Rendall moved approval of the proposed new wording for the state CR's. Seconded. Carried.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS Continued. Mrs. Rendall, chairman, reported that 13 local Leagues wanted two items on the state CA. Five suggested "Water". These Leagues were widely distributed geographically but the committee felt that this would make two heavy items. Other proposed subjects were: Poll Tax, Tax Structure, Education, Homestead Exemption Laws, Welfare (Homes for the Aged), Health, County Home Rule Amendment, City-County Government, and Integration. The committee rejected all of these. The Item II recommended by the committee was a study of the Jury System to be worded as follows: "Evaluation of the Role of the Citizen in the Texas Jury System". This should be a quick, interesting subject and should not cost much.

Mrs. Bridwell gave the outlook for work. The Texas jury system could be compared with systems in other states. Study of such factors as the laws governing selection of the jurors, physical arrangements for jurors, limitations placed on jurors, availability of evidence to jurors, pay of jurors, etc. Action within two years might be foreseen. After discussion Mrs. Rendall moved that the board recommend that Item II on the state Current Agenda be, "Evaluation of the Role of the Citizen in the Texas Jury System." Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Shutts moved the acceptance of the report of the Program Proposals Committee. Seconded and carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA. Mrs. Brown, chairman reported that the LCA tool is in the second draft form. Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Baggett, Mrs. Lemon and Mrs. Hale as readers. With their help it was proposed that a final draft be ready for the pre-Convention board meeting. Miss Loomis moved the acceptance of the LCA report. Seconded and carried.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. Mrs. LaTourette, chairman, discussed the Convention Publications display. It was decided that the Trade and Aid (swap shop) and Publications display would be combined. The state office will help with the publications to be sent to Houston. There was further discussion of the proposed Membership Kits for new member orientation suggested by Mrs. Ruggles. The board approved the idea again and asked that state office write to Mrs. Ruggles about this. Mrs. Rendall moved acceptance of the report of the Publications Chairman. Seconded and carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT. Miss Glade, chairman, reported that her committee had recommended that the board purchase 500 yardsticks imprinted with a TCR wording to be given free to the delegates at Convention. Mrs. Brown moved that the board authorize the expenditure of \$51.65 for the yardsticks and that they be given away at Convention. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Rendall suggested that some of the yardsticks be taken to National Convention. Miss Glade also suggested the purchase of a pair of giant size levis, which could be washed until shopworn and patched 124 times (number of amendments to State Constitution) and be used by local Leagues as a display item at Fairs, meetings, etc. to help citizens visualize need for TCR.

The committee will be working on ideas for editorials concerning TCR. Folders for the small TCR pamphlets for the average citizen to be formulated and distributed (through the local Leagues, etc. next year will be designed by the PR Committee. Miss Glade suggested that the LWV put out 5 maps of Texas showing the two Legislative, U. S. Congressional, State and Federal Judicial Districts. These maps would be notebook size and carry the names of the counties involved at the bottom of the sheets. Miss Loomis suggested that a "mock-up" for these be ready for the next board meeting. Miss Glade also proposed the possibility of a film strip to be prepared for furthering the TCR program if funds permit. It was suggested that the state president write a thank you letter to Humble Oil Company for their New Year's Eve program on the State Capitol, with the suggestion that it be offered to the schools and be used on a big hook-up, for example, on March 2nd. Mrs. Baggett moved the adoption of the Public Relations report. Seconded and carried.

VOTERS SERVICE REPORT. Mrs. Williams, chairman, asked for help on the Voter's Guides for the coming state elections; also on the nine amendments. Mrs. Williams will have the copy ready for the pre-Convention board meeting, so that it can be approved at the post-Convention meeting. Mrs. Rendall agreed to send all clippings relating to the nine amendments to Mrs. Williams. It was also suggested that each member of the VS Committee be assigned a couple of amendments on which to prepare material. Mrs. Williams asked for suggestions for ways of securing a wide distribution of "Who Me?" this spring. Mrs. Rendall moved acceptance of the report of the Voters Service Chairman. Seconded and carried.

NATIONAL ITEM I REPORT. Miss Loomis, chairman pro tem, referred to her report on the local Leagues' reports of consensus on this item. Brownsville's report was sent to the chairman, Mrs. Tennent, last July and needs to be added to the mimeographed copy.

NATIONAL ITEM II REPORT. Miss Loomis, chairman, referred to her written report on local League consensus. Miss Loomis concluded that local Leagues need to spend more time on this subject. She recommended a book "Law and Contemporary Problem -- River Basin Development." She also recommended No. 4 of the Senate Committee on Interior Affairs' pamphlets as the best of the five as it quotes from and summarizes the others.

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Miss Loomis suggested that a report on Texas water legislation be put in the February VOTER. Mrs. Bridwell moved acceptance of the reports on National Items I and II. Seconded with commendation and carried.

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES. Mrs. Baggett reported that the Reciprocal Trade Act will expire on June 20th. Discussion of how we can best help to encourage local Leagues to write their legislators and build public opinion for extension was held. Miss Glade suggested that in the post board letter, Mrs. Smith include mention of the pamphlets to come out soon from the national office on Trade and Aid. Mrs. Shutts moved the approval of the reports on Trade and Aid. Seconded and carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT. Mrs. Rendall, chairman, moved that the board give approval for sending the National and Texas VOTERS to Martin Dies, Ralph Yarborough, and Lyndon Johnson. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Rendall stated that not enough requests for Lobby by Letter had been received to warrant its reprinting at this time. Mrs. Lemon moved the acceptance of this report. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned for dinner.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM.

CONVENTION REPORT. Mrs. Hughes, chairman, led the discussion. The following plans were approved. Registration fee will be \$4.25. We can expect 250 to 300 delegates. Single session fee will be 75 cents. Extra kits will be 75 cents. It was agreed that Program Committee would write out their speeches so that we can time the agenda accurately. A Houston hostess will be appointed for Mrs. Laves. State office will write Mrs. Laves of the change in dinner meeting plans, if approved by the Rice Hotel. Mrs. Lemon will select the Leagues to be spotlighted by March 1st. There will be a table for state board members. The parliamentarian will probably be Mrs. Rogers of Houston. Two news releases about Convention will be sent to AP about Convention from state office. Mrs. Hughes again requested copies of all letters concerning Convention

CONVENTION KITS. Mrs. Bridwell, chairman, led the discussion. She suggested using good quality paper as they are used through the years. Mrs. Smith suggested that an index be placed on the inside of the cover and the next three pages be used for agenda. Mrs. Bridwell suggested that the only reports that might need more than one page are: Treasurer, Nominating Committee, Budget, and Finance Committees (and perhaps Travel Equalization). One page will be devoted to the Memorial Fund. All Kit Reports will be due March 1st.

TRAVEL EQUALIZATION PLAN. After discussion, Mrs. Williams, chairman, moved that the board recommend to the Convention the adoption of a Travel Equalization Plan based on a \$2.00 fee per delegate to go into effect at the next Convention (not 1958). Seconded and carried.

VOTER. Mrs. Baggett, chairman, asked for suggestions for the next VOTER. The following were given: Mrs. Laves' picture on the front page, Program Proposals (CA and CR's Nominating Committee's report, Budget, TCR Principals, Convention story and agenda. Mrs. Baggett suggested a re-order of Minnesota's Bulletin Tool for Convention display. Mrs. Smith agreed to supply editor with fillers for future VOTER's.

BY-LAWS REPORT. Referring to the previous discussion, the committee recommended the Dallas By-law change. Miss Loomis moved that the board recommend to the local Leagues that the proposed By-law change be made in the state By-laws. Seconded. Motion lost (3 for; 9 against). After further discussion of the effects of this By-laws change on local League members, Mrs. Lemon moved that the board not approve it. Seconded and carried (9 - 3).

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 AM.
LWV of Texas

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irving M. Pettis, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Texas

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MINUTES of Pre-Convention State Board Meeting Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas March 24, 1958

The Pre-Convention meeting of the state board of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at 9:00 AM on March 24, 1958 at the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Hill Baggett	Mrs. George Lemon
Mrs. George Boller	Miss Louise Loomis
Mrs. Frank Bridwell	Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. E. A. Rendall
(unavoidably delayed by plane	Mrs. Wm. B. Ruggles
until afternoon session)	Mrs. Wm. H. Shutts
Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel	Mrs. Horton W. Smith
Miss Mary Hatcher Glade	Mrs. Manley Williams
Mrs. H. B. LaTourette	Mrs. Eugene H. Hughes

Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, Executive Secretary, was also present. During the afternoon session Mrs. L. K. Richards, national board member was also present.

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order.

MINUTES. Mrs. Lemon moved the minutes of the January meeting be accepted as mimeographed. Seconded. Carried.

CONVENTION AGENDA. Mrs. Hughes, Convention Chairman, asked the board to consider the detailed Convention Agenda, item by item. Board participation for each step of the agenda was outlined. Under Convention Rules, Mrs. Rendall moved that, paragraph 2 under Consideration of Not Recommended Items be corrected to read, "If a not recommended item is voted for consideration by a delegate the official negative shall be presented by a member of the Board of Directors immediately following the vote to consider." Motion was seconded and carried. After discussion, Mrs. Rendall moved that the State Board Program Proposal be the same as the one that appeared in the Texas VOTER. Seconded and carried. The role of the state board member in Convention discussion was held. It was agreed that board members could vote and take part in discussion just as other delegates. However board members would not speak against program items agreed upon by the board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Mrs. Smith read the proposed draft of the president's message for board suggestions.

Discussion of the remaining items of the Convention agenda was held.

FINANCE REPORT. Mrs. Daniel referred to her written report and added reports from a few local Leagues not available when the report was written.

ORGANIZATION REPORT. Mrs. Lemon began her report with the Snyder Provisional League. The Texas board was happy to learn that Mrs. Smith had just received a telegram from Mrs. Lee granting recognition to Snyder as a local

League. The national board acted at our urgent request in unprecedented manner in order to get agreement from all national board members in time for Snyder to be recognized at this Convention. It was decided that this news would be held in strict secrecy until the roll call of Leagues at the first session. When Snyder's name is reached in alphabetical succession, the telegram will be read by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Lemon will escort the Observers to their official place among the delegates.

Irving will be recognized as our Provisional League at the end of the roll call.

Pampa. Mrs. Lemon reported that Pampa had sent an official letter to the state office stating that the members had voted to disband. Mrs. Martin of Amarillo has worked valiantly with them and has sent a long letter with the particulars to the state office. The matter of Pampa sending the balance in their treasury to the state office will be discussed in Mrs. Smith's letter to them.

SPECIAL REQUESTS ON LCA. Requests have been received from San Antonio and Houston to be permitted to work on County Home Rule on the state level. After discussion Mrs. Ruggles moved that San Antonio and Houston be permitted to take action on the County Home Rule Amendment. Seconded; carried. (In the case of Houston with the consent of Pasadena and Baytown.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE AWARD. The American Water Works Association wishes to give the National League an award for its work on "Water" at their annual meeting in Dallas on April 21. Mrs. Ruggles was asked to be present to receive this award on behalf of the LWV of the U. S.

NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE. Mrs. Smith read a letter from Miss Urban, national staff member, stating that she is hoping to be with the Texas League in October, details to be discussed at the National Convention.

STATE BOARD POLICY SHEET. Mrs. Hughes read the proposed revised policy sheet as recommended by the appointed committee. Considerable discussion ensued. It was suggested that the word shall be changed to "should" in section 3 paragraph 2. In section 7, the last item was reworded to read, "A member of the board shall not be reimbursed for tipping." Mrs. Pettis moved that the committee be thanked for their work and the proposals be referred to the new board for their consideration. Seconded. Carried.

LCA. Mrs. Smith reported the completion of a new publication by the LCA Chairman and committee "On the Home Front". Since it was approved by the committee early enough to be mimeographed for Convention, 35 copies were reproduced for sale at Convention for 10 cents each. Mrs. Rendall moved board approval for this publication. Seconded and carried.

MEMBERSHIP KITS. Mrs. Ruggles discussed the possibility of Membership Kits similar to the Wisconsin kit being made available to the local Leagues by the state board. She recommended that this matter be given more thought before action is taken.

NATIONAL TIME FOR ACTION SHEETS. It was suggested that local Leagues might be encouraged to order enough copies for each member of their Leagues as a device to encourage member participation.

TEXAS LEAGUES NEEDING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Mrs. Lemon outlined briefly the situation in the following local Leagues where there is need of immediate help: Port Arthur, Laredo, Midland, Austin, Baytown, Amarillo.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Secretary

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MINUTES

Post-Convention State Board Meeting

Houston, Texas

March 27, 28, and 29, 1958

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 27, 1958

Following the sixth biennial convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas, the state board met at 2:40 PM in the Cascade Room of the Rice Hotel in Houston. Mrs. H. W. Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. Hill Baggett
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown

Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. William H. Shutts
Mrs. Horton W. Smith
Mrs. Manley H. Williams

Mrs. Walter H. C. Laves and Mrs. L. K. Richards of the national board and Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, Executive Secretary, were also present.

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order.

APPOINTMENTS. Mrs. Pettis moved that Mrs. Boller, Mrs. Hughes, and Mrs. Murphree be appointed to fill vacancies on the state board. The motion was seconded and carried.

At 3:00 PM the following members joined the meeting:

Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. Eugene Hughes

Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.

Mrs. Smith welcomed the new members. The board meeting was transferred to the Hunt Room.

NATIONAL PROGRAM. Mrs. Laves spoke briefly on the role of the national resource chairman, emphasizing the importance of good communications, regular meetings, and personal letters between state and local chairmen.

BOARD ORGANIZATION. Portfolios were tentatively assigned as follows:

Program Vice President: Mrs. Bridwell
Organization Vice President: Mrs. Pettis
Area Organization: Mrs. Baggett
Area Organization: Mrs. Braunagel
Voters Service: Mrs. Murphree
Finance: Mrs. Brown
Local Current Agenda: Mrs. Hughes
State Constitutional Revision: Mrs. Boller
National, Water Conservation: Mrs. Williams
Legislative Chairman: Mrs. Rendall
Public Relations: Mrs. LaTourette (absent)

The board instructed Mrs. Smith to telephone Mrs. Duncan MacLaren of Freeport and Mrs. Loren Gordon of Dallas to determine whether they would accept appointment as directors.

STATE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE. Mrs. Pettis said the state would be divided east and west with each chairman reporting to her. She described the "consultant plan" under consideration for Texas, a plan whereby one person, preferably not on state board, would be assigned as "consultant" to each League. She would familiarize herself with that League's problems and virtues, answer requests for help and information, and scout problems. With long distances and short finances in Texas this would be of great help to the Organization Committee. It would also provide leadership training. Final, extensive, consultant plans were expected to wait upon the visit of Miss Urban of the national field staff.

Mrs. Pettis asked all state board members to work on Organization to the extent of reporting errors, helping to spot weaknesses, and serving as trainers or consultants. She said that her committee hoped for intensive training of those who would be consultants and those who would do board training but this would not take place immediately. Immediate plans were to take care of board training where needs were acute, or requests had been made.

Mrs. Boller suggested that where board training was given, another person from the area should be taken along or asked to assist as a method of developing more talent.

VOTERS SERVICE. As an aid to planning, Mrs. Smith distributed a list of questions regarding the Voters Guides for the July primary. Decisions on these plans are to be made Friday.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA. Mrs. Hughes stated that good Local Current Agenda is basic to League success and asked that all state board members make it a part of their thinking and responsibility. She particularly asked attention to the handling of county items, problems involving metropolitan areas, and county council arrangements. Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

THURSDAY EVENING. After 9 PM state board members were guests of Dr. and Mrs. David Mendell, 3611 North Braeswood, Houston, for a social evening.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 28, 1958

The state board reconvened at 9 AM in Room 336, Rice Hotel, Houston. The same members attended as on Thursday with these exceptions: Mrs. Murphree was absent, as was Mrs. Richards of the national board. Mrs. Mark Barkan arrived at noon, met with a committee during lunch, and left at 2:30 PM. Mrs. MacLaren arrived at 12:30 PM. Mrs. Laves of the national board attended until 12:30 PM.

APPOINTMENTS. Mrs. Smith announced that Mrs. Mark Barkan of Houston and Mrs. Duncan MacLaren of Freeport had agreed to accept appointment to the board. During the meeting Mrs. Loren Gordon phoned to say that she, too, would accept appointment.

ORGANIZATION. Specific problems of several Leagues were discussed, including:
Snyder - It was agreed each member of state board would write to her local board counterpart. Mrs. Hale, who was suggested as Snyder consultant, will visit along with Mrs. Bridwell to help set up annual meeting in April and guide choice of Local Current Agenda.

Irving - Mrs. Lewis Daniel to continue as consultant. Problem is to develop greater self sufficiency, to divorce from Dallas.

Port Arthur - Mrs. Braunagel was asked to help them. Problems include necessity of evening and Saturday meetings since president is a teacher, and concentration on Voters Service to neglect of Program.

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Laredo - Situation desperate. The board assigned Mrs. Rendall to make a confidential survey of possibilities. Following her report, to be made within two weeks, if reorganization seems feasible, Mrs. Shutts is to set up reorganization status. Following this a consultant would be assigned to visit. Possible consultants suggested were Mrs. J. Coleman of Victoria, or Mrs. S. E. Cockrell or Mrs. B. H. Passmore of San Antonio.

Corsicana, Odessa, and Midland - These were suggested as Leagues in need of consultant service immediately. Mrs. R.G. Boster was suggested for Odessa and Midland.

San Angelo - Mrs. Bridwell asked and obtained state board permission to continue meetings with San Angelo board for a few months.

TRAINING MATERIAL. A description of a Galveston training aid -- telephone company slides with discussion and leadership course -- will be mimeographed and made available.

A national letter on Finance will be ordered by state office for all of board.

Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. Pettis to decide about copies, notebooks, and training materials for Organization Committee.

JUNE STATE BOARD MEETING. Tentative dates set were June 17, 18, 19. The important business will be: Area Conference final planning, and Program outlook.

1960 STATE CONVENTION. Mrs. Rendall moved that the 1960 State Convention of the Texas LWV be held in Dallas at the Adolphus Hotel. The motion was seconded; carried.

AREA CONFERENCES. Mrs. Rendall suggested that Leagues which invited the next State Convention of the Texas LWV be given consideration as locations for Area Conferences. A tentative division was made as follows:

At Amarillo - Odessa, Midland, Wichita Falls, Snyder, Lubbock

At Fort Worth - (2 sections) Abilene, San Angelo, Dallas, Irving, Corsicana, Longview, Tyler, Waco, Austin

At Corpus Christi - Victoria, Harlingen, Edinburg, Brownsville, Laredo, San Antonio

At Galveston - (2 sections) Lake Jackson, Freeport, Houston, Baytown, Texas City, Port Arthur, Nederland, Beaumont, Pasadena, Dickinson, La Marque

In line with suggestions from local Leagues the board decided to stress Finance while tying it to Program (and incidentally to Units and Membership). Mrs. Laves suggested "Tips on Carrying Out Program" as a basic tool. Board members wanted a "fun" title and liberal use of visual aids.

Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Bridwell, Mrs. Barkan, Mrs. Rendall, and Mrs. Brown to meet during lunch and bring in more specific suggestions for the Area Conferences.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 28, 1958

The state board reconvened at 2:30 PM in Room 336, Rice Hotel, Houston. Everyone present at the morning session was there except as already noted.

AREA CONFERENCES. Mrs. Bridwell reported that her committee suggested a noon to noon program; that two state board members be assigned to each conference; that these leaders be used all the way through. Tentative dates: October and November.

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They suggested the following assignments:

Galveston - Mrs. Rendall, leader; Mrs. Barkan, assistant
Mrs. Brown, leader; Mrs. Braunagel, assistant
Amarillo - Mrs. Bridwell, leader; Mrs. Gordon, assistant
Corpus Christi - Mrs. Hughes, leader; Mrs. Ashford, assistant
Fort Worth - Mrs. Boller, leader; Mrs. LaTourette, assistant
Mrs. Baggett, leader; Mrs. Pettis, assistant

It was suggested that an evening panel prepare a hypothetical problem to bring out the meaning of Finance and Program in their relation to the member, that the problem be handed to the delegates for buzz sessions, that the small groups select their own spokesmen to report back to the meeting. Suggestions were: preparation of a national budget; a problem of a weak League.

Other ideas were: End each session with a light touch. Give much to the delegates to take back. Start with a brief introduction of a general nature, then specifics, and end on a general theme of integration. Make or work out a specific budget. Try to pinpoint and use "Tips on Carrying Out Program".

Mrs. Brown suggested that afternoon sessions might explore problems, that Miss Urban might comment at the evening session, and in the morning Finance integration into Program could be emphasized.

Mrs. Smith agreed to write to Miss Urban, give her our tentative Area Conference plans, and find out how our plans will fit into her program. The board felt it would be desirable to have Miss Urban participate in one or more Conferences if possible.

Mrs. Ashford suggested that it might improve attendance and ensure the greatest benefit to stress attendance by Finance Chairmen and local, state and national resource chairmen in particular.

Mrs. Baggett stressed the importance of trying to get local point of view and deal with local problems as opposed to presentation from state level.

Mrs. Smith indicated she would appoint a permanent Area Conference Committee within a few days.

LEGISLATIVE. Mrs. Rendall suggested that we get an opinion on the lobby regulations as they apply to the LWV, whether we must register and pay. Mrs. Smith will check with the Attorney General.

It was decided that Mrs. Rendall would collect excerpts from the Austin Report for the board. The state office will distribute them. This is to be tried for a time as an aid to better understanding and more effective legislative activity.

Mrs. Rendall said she had asked five people to clip and keep her informed of editorial attitudes on trade and on the constitutional amendments in various parts of Texas. Board members felt it would be helpful to collect specific answers to specific questions, particularly on oil and on the effects of other imports on Texas industry.

Mrs. Rendall and Mrs. Boller reported that Leagues had indicated at Convention Little Meetings that they wanted to introduce resolutions at precinct conventions calling upon the legislature to appropriate money for continued research on constitutional revision.

COMMITTEES. All board members were tentatively assigned to Program, Finance or Organization and adjourned to committee meetings at 4:20 PM.
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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 28, 1958

The state board reconvened at 8:30 PM in Room 929, Rice Hotel, Houston. Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr. joined the group present in the afternoon.

VOTERS SERVICE. The board went over the previously distributed list of questions on the Voters Guide for the July Primary.

Consensus was that the old form calling for narrative type answers was preferable to the new multiple-choice type form on questionnaires for Congressional Candidates. Mrs. Rendall agreed to supply a list of those Leagues with same Congressmen. Mrs. Murphree will work out a system to avoid duplication.

Mrs. Pettis made a motion that we keep the legislative candidate questionnaire short, two questions, only. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was decided to have one question on support of funds for Texas Constitutional revision. The second question would have to do with the candidate's plan for increasing state revenues. Mrs. Murphree and Mrs. Bridwell were assigned to work on wording these questions.

The post board letter will alert Leagues that the questionnaire will be sent to them, and that the state supplies the only questions for legislative candidates.

The board agreed it would be desirable to include on the Voter's Guide a pitch on citizen participation, information about what party participation means, and a political calendar if space would permit.

The board disagreed on whether a reference to marking the ballot such as "Why do you scratch" with a cartoon of a mosquito, chigger, or Chinese back scratcher should appear on the Voter's Guide. Those opposed felt that no reference to an issue on which the League had a position should appear. Those in favor liked the humorous touch and felt no unfavorable public reaction was likely to occur. Mrs. Pettis made a motion that the content of the Guide should be left up to Mrs. Murphree's committee who should bring in a report to the June board meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Rendall suggested sending out to the local Leagues as soon as ready whatever information was prepared as a guide to party activity (for the Voter's Guide).

Mrs. Smith stated that the Voter's Guide to the July Primary should be ready for the June board meeting, ready to go to print. (The following day, at the Saturday morning meeting, Mrs. Smith stated that her time table was in error, that the Voter's Guides should be printed as soon as possible after the filing was over, without waiting for board approval again.)

Mrs. Murphree asked for direction on how to form her committee and Mrs. Smith indicated board committee assignments would be made and sent out very shortly. Meanwhile Mrs. Rendall is to help Mrs. Murphree.

VOTERS SERVICE, GUIDE TO AMENDMENTS. Brief discussion brought out: They should be ready August 15 for Speakers Bureau use. We should try for clearer explanations this time. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Smith will investigate cost, date, availability, reliability, and nonpartisan point of view of the Amendments Guides prepared by the Institute of Public Affairs at the University, with a view to possible Speakers Bureau use or supplementation of our guides.

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FINANCE. Mrs. Brown reported she will furnish other board members with a list of local Leagues planning finance drives during the next three months.

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 29, 1958

The state board reconvened at 9:00 AM in Room 1216, Rice Hotel, Houston. Mrs. Barkan was present in addition to those who met Friday evening.

CONVENTION, FINANCE. Substituting for Mrs. Malcolm Sher, Mrs. Eugene Hughes gave a preliminary report on Convention finances which indicated convention income would adequately cover convention expense. Mrs. Smith thanked Mrs. Hughes for her work as Convention Chairman.

APPOINTMENTS. Mrs. Shutts made a motion that the board appoint Mrs. Mark Barkan, Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, and Mrs. Loren Gordon as directors. The motion was seconded and carried.

ORIENTATION. Mrs. Smith promised kits of materials to new board members and cautioned them to remember that the state board member advises or consults, but never directs local League members.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. Mrs. Boller reported Leagues did not ask for refresher material but she will keep Leagues informed so Units keep up to date. She may prepare correction sheets on TCR after November.

Post board letter will contain information that the resolution to be introduced in precinct conventions (on funds for TCR) will be ready by May 10. Mrs. Boller will word resolution for state office by May 1. Sample will be sent with price for local orders.

Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Rendall will prepare a letter of instructions for local Leagues on the use of the resolution, nonpartisanship to be emphasized.

VOTERS SERVICE. Mrs. Smith suggested a Voters Service letter on this subject about this same time. Deadline also May 1.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. Mrs. Boller reported each League wants a copy of the full Legislative Council Report as soon as available. She said her committee would plan for the use of many public relations suggestions made by delegates.

Following discussion of the possibility that the League's new leaflet about patches on the Constitution might be construed as opposition to the amendments to be voted on in November, Mrs. Ashford moved that there be an intensive use of this leaflet now, use to end June 1st; and that any League with an exceptional situation requiring its use before the amendment election would be over should check with state office. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Boller will prepare an information sheet about the patches leaflet, the bristles available for borrowing, suggestions for use, and the poem used at Convention.

Mrs. Boller reported delegates were interested in a TCR film strip. Mrs. Brown suggested the script could be done now with the film later, that it could be budgeted over a two year period.

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It was decided to send the list of principles adopted at Convention out with the post board letter. Mrs. Boller will prepare material on the merit system principle which was deferred to Council. Leagues will be promised this material by October 1.

Mrs. Ashford agreed to furnish Mrs. Boller an account of San Antonio's public relations experiences when they used their "principles" in working for council-manager government. Mrs. Boller's committee will consider ways to make use of the adopted "principles".

State office will send out when ready a list of appointees to the Citizens Committee on Constitutional Revision.

The question of whether the League should push for a special (tax-free) fund for constitutional research was referred to Mrs. Boller's committee. It was suggested that this might be the subject of a future board letter from Mrs. Boller.

JURY SYSTEM. Mrs. Bridwell and Mrs. Barkan reported. The question of when local Leagues should start go-see tours and interviews with officials was referred back to the jury system committee. They are to prepare a letter to be sent to local Leagues during May regarding their plans.

The questions compiled on Jury service in connection with the program proposal will provide the framework for publication of "A Layman's Look at the Texas Jury System". Mrs. Bridwell stated this publication would have careful approval by competent authorities.

The question of the extent to which local Leagues should be encouraged to spend money and publish local booklets of jury service in view of plans for the authoritative state publication "Layman's Look" was referred back to the jury system committee for further study.

VOTERS SERVICE. Mrs. Murphree and Mrs. Bridwell brought in suggested wordings for the questions on the Voter's Guide to the July Primaries.

1. Will you support legislation to provide funds for the continuation of constitutional research by the Texas Legislative Council?
2. What is your solution for the problem of adequate revenue to support Texas government?

Mrs. Brown moved that the two wordings suggested be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

ORGANIZATION. Mrs. Pettis reported the Organization Committee will not press for local board training before October but will try to answer requests and cover trouble spots.

The post board letter will encourage board chairmen to write to their state board counterparts. Mrs. Smith wants two copies of such correspondence (one for Organization). Local presidents should receive copies of replies. State office requested that writers indicate in lower left corner who received copies.

The board agreed that the Organization Committee should go ahead at once on a consultant plan for West Texas as a sort of pilot project. A motion by Mrs. Boller approved the expenditure of about \$25 to prepare expanding files as an aid to the consultant for each League where a consultant was to be assigned. The motion was seconded and carried.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION. Mrs. Pettis made a motion that we have two delegates to National Convention 1958, that the president be one, and that the president have the privilege of naming the other. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Bridwell as the second delegate.

BOARD ORGANIZATION. The following additions were made to the plan of state board organization:

State Program, Jury System: Mrs. Barkan
National Item I: Mrs. Gordon
Publications: Mrs. MacLaren
Public Relations and VOTER: Mrs. LaTourette

State and National Continuing Responsibilities will be assigned later.

VOTER. The Texas VOTER in May will carry report of Convention, new board, adopted budget, Program plans on State Program Outlook, Voters Service, President's Letter, Revision Highway, TCR Resolution Story, National Convention Delegates and biographical sketches of appointed board members.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

League of Women Voters of Texas

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AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

April 10, 1958

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

State Board Report

March 1958

Your new state board convened immediately after Convention to complete its organization with appointments to fill six places. I'm sure you will agree that Texas has once again secured the strongest possible leadership to augment those board members who were elected by you at Convention. A little sketch of each of the new appointees will be included in the May Texas VOTER.

OFFICIAL ENCLOSURES

Included in this mailing (going out on standing order) are materials necessary for the notebooks of all local board members:

State Board of Directors, 1958-60

State Program, 1958-60

State Budget, 1958-59 (including Local League Pledges)

State By-Laws Revision (corrected wording for each notebook -- one copy only)

Constitutional Principles

Checklist for Important Contacts with Your Postman

Local League Presidents, 1958-59 (two copies only)

Additional copies of any of these pages may be ordered from the state office at 1¢ per page. Most of this information will also be included in the May VOTER.

AREA CONFERENCES

As directed by Convention delegates, plans for holding Area Conferences were begun by the board. First announcement of details will be made immediately after the June board meeting. But your planning, budget-wise and travel-wise, can include this League activity for Fall --- some time in October or November. Theme of the Conferences will be the interrelationship of League Program, Finances, and Member Participation.

VOTERS SERVICE

Detailed plans for the year were discussed by the board so that local League planning for the big local-state-national activity this year might be completed. The questionnaire for Congressional candidates will be sent you after a plan has been worked out whereby two or more Leagues in the same Congressional district may coordinate their work. The questionnaire for your legislative candidates was approved by the board and will be provided for your use. The two questions which will be asked of these candidates will be:

1. Will you support legislation to provide funds for continuation of constitutional research by the Texas Legislative Council?
2. What is your solution for the problem of adequate revenue to support Texas government?

(You do remember that only the questions provided by state can be used for candidates for the Legislature.) State Voter's Guides will be printed in the usual form and those for the July primaries will be ready to ship about the middle of June. The expanded version of Pros and Cons on the nine constitutional amendments for the November election will be ready for your members and speakers bureau by September 1st.

STATE PROGRAM

ITEM I. Enclosed with this mailing is the list of Constitutional Principles adopted by Convention delegates. Information on the Principle relating to personnel policies, which Principle was deferred for action until Council in March 1959, will be sent to local Leagues by October 1. You will receive about May 5th a sample copy of the Resolution approved by the state board for presentation at all Precinct Conventions in July, and additional copies may be ordered from state office at 1¢ each. In a separate mailing will be sent an EXTREMELY important letter to TCR, Public Relations, Publications, and Voters Service chairmen, regarding your planning for distribution of the new TCR pamphlet, "Ma is right! THE TIME HAS COME!"

ITEM II. In a separate mailing will be the first letter to chairmen of our new State Program Item, "Evaluation of the Role of the Citizen in the Texas Jury System." You will note that resource materials and suggestions for their use will be ready for you very early -- by July 1 you will have the information you need for that first Go-See tour to the Courthouse, and by September 1 you may begin to schedule Unit and General meetings on this subject.

NATIONAL ITEMS I AND II

While firm planning for work on these two items will have to wait until after National Convention, it would seem fairly safe to begin setting up committees for both foreign policy and water items, based on the remarkable unanimity of proposals sent in for new National Program. State board plans for help with these two items will be sent you as soon as possible after National Convention.

LEGISLATION

You will need the Legislative Letter contained in the Convention Kit for planning in this activity. Additional copies may be had from the state office. In addition to work on national legislation, a very active state legislative campaign is being planned, following the suggestions made by Convention delegates, and beginning with introduction of a Resolution at Precinct Conventions which would request state funds for adequate constitutional research.

ORGANIZATION

New plans for a greatly expanded State Organization Committee are being worked out, in anticipation of assistance and training which will be given in October by Miss Christine Urban, national Program and Organization secretary, when she comes to Texas. In the meantime, requests from local Leagues for board training will be answered, but it is hoped that local Leagues will avail themselves of the services of ALL state board members by writing to them for specific guidance. This is a service to local board members which has not yet been thoroughly utilized, but which would seem to be an invaluable aid in a state the size of Texas where personal visits must, of necessity, be few.

1960 STATE CONVENTION

Dallas has been selected as the site of our next State Convention. Invitations were received from Corpus Christi, Tyler, Fort Worth, Galveston and Amarillo and these League towns will be considered for future League Conventions.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegates from the state board will be Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bridwell. Though we are allowed three delegates, the board voted to send only two since the amount of money allocated is not adequate to pay full expenses for more than two people. If you were at State Convention, you'll be especially interested to know that Texas' exhibit at

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Atlantic City will be on TCR -- the patched britches theme. Since nearly 3/4 of the state Leagues are presently working on some phase of constitutional revision, we think this will be of special interest and value to most delegates. The Dallas League has been asked to trim the Texas HAT -- for the Hat Parade on April 23, and we're hoping you can use your local news media to publicize Texas' dependence on world trade on that day.

A PERSONAL NOTE

These are the highlights for local and state over all planning for the coming year. I'm sure you are in the throes of "getting organized", just as your state board is, and specific planning for much of our work will better be delayed a bit to give us time to settle into our jobs.

If we are all able to find time to read our League Handbooks again, to get some perspective on where each of us fits into the total board responsibility to our members -- the details will more easily fall into the pattern in which each of us will try to work.

Remembering Mr. Frech's illustration of the meaning of the word "bear" ("bare"?) -- I should like to stress once more the value to each of us of personal correspondence between local and state chairmen.....not each of us will interpret our jobs in the same way from what we read on the printed page. But we do have an opportunity to custom tailor our jobs to individual capabilities, individual Leagues, individual communities. Through these personal conferences-by-mail we will all be able to do a better job, and with, I believe, less needless stress and strain.

For myself, I'm looking forward to a year of good communications with every local League president in Texas! You can't imagine how much your letters help me to do a better job in this role of president of your state League. You have honored me highly by electing me.....now I ask your assistance in carrying out the duties of the office in the way you feel is best.

League of Women Voters of Texas

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AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

Minutes of State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas June 17, 18, and 19, 1958

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1958

Meetings were held from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM and from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM of the following state Board committees: Program, Organization, Publications, Public Relations, National I, National II, State I, State II, Finance, Voters Service, Legislative, and Local Current Agenda. All Board members present Wednesday morning attended Tuesday's committee meetings.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1958

The State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas met at 9:00 AM in the Provincial Suite of the Driskill Hotel in Austin. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. Hill Baggett
Mrs. Mark Barkan
Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Loren Gordon

Mrs. Eugene Hughes
Mrs. H. B. LaTourette
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, was present except from 9:45 AM to 11:30 AM. Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order.

MINUTES. Mrs. Ashford moved that the minutes of the Pre-Convention State Board Meeting be accepted as mimeographed with the following changes in wording suggested by Mrs. Rendall and others:

Page 2, under SPECIAL REQUESTS ON LCA, the wording to be changed to: "Requests have been received from San Antonio and Houston for permission to work for a County Home Rule Amendment to the Texas Constitution. Both have studied it on their local Current Agenda and have reached consensus. Such action would be on the state level; however, since the Amendment would specify the population of the counties to which it would be applicable, it would, in effect, be a 'local bill'. After discussion Mrs. Ruggles moved that San Antonio and Houston be granted permission to take action on the County Home Rule Amendment. Seconded; carried. (In the case of Houston, the consent of other Leagues in the county must be secured; namely, Baytown and Pasadena!)"

Page 2, under NATIONAL LEAGUE AWARD, a rearrangement of the first sentence to read: "At its annual meeting in Dallas on April 21, the American Water Works Association wishes to present an award to the League in recognition of its work on 'Water'."

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Ashford moved the acceptance of the minutes of the Post-Convention State Board Meeting as mimeographed, with this change suggested by Mrs. Rendall:

Page 6, under CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION, second line, change to "so Units may keep up to date."

Also this addition suggested by Mrs. Smith: Page 3, under AREA CONFERENCES, following the names of the temporary committee, add: "Later Mrs. Smith confirmed these appointments as the permanent Area Conference Committee and added Mrs. Eugene Hughes."

The motion was seconded and carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Mrs. Smith asked the Board to do some thinking about the role of the state President - what is essential for her to do; what she should not be doing; how to make the job reasonable. She raised the question of whether we should be thinking in terms of a permanent state office in Austin and permanent executive-secretary help, plus an additional full-time clerical worker. At her suggestion Mrs. Cockrell outlined briefly the routine, staff, and services of the state office involved in a "typical" day.

Mrs. Smith suggested that the Board give some thought to the compilation of a fact sheet to aid the induction of new state Board members. It was suggested that part of such a sheet should be made available for the use of the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Smith reported that she had not responded to the May 23 Time for Action on the Trade Agreement Act (and would so notify national office) because of the large volume of correspondence with Congressmen preceding that date.

She said that the State Leaders Handbook is being revised and ideas for revisions should be forwarded to her immediately.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mrs. Pettis made a motion that the resignation of Mrs. William Shutts, Treasurer, be accepted with deep regret. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Smith stated that she had not yet obtained a replacement for Mrs. Shutts who moved to California. Meanwhile Treasurer's duties are being handled by state office. A report will be completed and mailed at the end of June.

Mrs. Bridwell asked whether a State Program chairman could be reimbursed for parking fees which amounted to 65¢ each time she visited a Law Library to do intensive research in preparation of resource materials. The Board felt the chairmen could legitimately charge such expense.

BUDGET COMMITTEE. The president named Mrs. Baggett, chairman, Mrs. Brown, and the new Treasurer to the Budget Committee.

Mrs. Pettis moved that Mrs. David Mendell of Houston, and Mrs. Warren Tallman of Fort Worth be asked to serve, with Mrs. E. Jack Turner of Lake Jackson, and Mrs. Herbert Martin of Amarillo as alternates. Seconded; carried.

PRELIMINARY AREA CONFERENCE PLANS. Mrs. Bridwell announced that Mrs. Pettis had been added to the Area Conference Committee since Miss Urban's visit would come at the time of Area Conferences and joint planning with the Organization Committee would be necessary.

Mrs. Bridwell submitted a written report on general plans. The Board favored an exercise in budget-building rather than a buzz-session analysis of hypothetical weak and strong Leagues for the evening program. The March Board choice of theme - Program as a tool in carrying out League Purpose - was reaffirmed. The Board also wanted interdependence of Program, Finance, and Budget stressed, with a subtle emphasis on the role of the member in these activities.

The Board felt it would be desirable to have Miss Urban lead one session of the Conference if possible. Mrs. Smith is to write for confirmation.

PRELIMINARY PLANS - MISS URBAN'S VISIT. Mrs. Pettis announced that Miss Urban expected to visit Texas to give leadership training from October 20 through November 7. She outlined an itinerary which would take Miss Urban to all of the Area Conferences and provide meetings with several local League Boards, the Organization Committee, and the State Board at a proposed November 5, 6, and 7 meeting.

The Organization Committee suggested a special Area Conference of the four metropolitan Leagues to be held October 21.

She stated that Miss Urban would be accompanied on her travels by one or more members of the Organization Committee.

VOTERS SERVICE. Mrs. Murphree announced that 93,502 Voter's Guides for the July Primary Election had been ordered to date. They will be ready for distribution during the first week of July. She suggested for the top of the second page of the Guide the slogan, "Party Participation Promotes Political Responsibility". The Board approved.

Following discussion of a request to do Voters Service work in Richardson, Highland Park, and University Park where Dallas League has units, Mrs. Brown made a motion "That approval be given to Dallas' request for metropolitan Voters Service". Seconded; carried. Mrs. Murphree will write a letter to Dallas and include a suggestion that state office would like to be kept informed of plans and progress.

Mrs. Murphree suggested that next time in planning a Voter's Guide on candidates, suitable questions be devised for all state-wide races -- administrative and judicial, as well as legislative.

On Pro and Con material on proposed state constitutional amendments the deadline for material to Mrs. Murphree is July 15. Local Leagues will be furnished full and complete information on amendments for study and speechmaking.

The Board approved a change from the usual pro and con presentation on amendments to an explanation of "how it is now" and "how it will be" if the Voters Service Committee finds it more useful in explaining the amendments briefly and simply.

Mrs. Hughes moved the acceptance of the report of the Voters Service Committee. Seconded; carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 for lunch and reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Mrs. Barkan and Mrs. Bridwell were absent during a Program conference until 3:00 PM. Mrs. Barkan left the Board meeting at 4:20 PM to return to Houston because of illness at home.

ORGANIZATION. Mrs. Pettis complimented the Area Chairmen on the work they have done. She said her committee is still exploring what is meant by "Organization" and is trying to determine the qualifications of a good "Consultant", as well as to find candidates. They are working to perfect a plan of maximum communication and cooperation with all state Board members and local Leagues. Through postcards the Organization Committee will try to keep Board chairmen informed of local weaknesses and achievements gleaned from local League minutes. She reported that there seemed to be no insurmountable problems in the seven Central Texas Leagues for which she has temporarily assumed organizational responsibility.

The Board liked the detailed outline Mrs. Baggett used for her analysis of eight West Texas Leagues and recommended that her type of presentation be used in the future by the Organization Committee. All West Texas Leagues except Wichita Falls have Consultants.

Mrs. Baggett and Mrs. Smith suggested that since West Texas is the subject of a Consultant Pilot Project the fullest possible records be kept. In line with this recommendation correspondence between state chairmen and all local League chairmen

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will require the following distribution of seven copies: 1. Original, 2. State Office, 3. Organization Vice President, 4. Organization Chairman, 5. Consultant (if one assigned), 6. Local League President, 7. Sender.

Mrs. Baggett named Abilene and Midland as needing special help. There is a lack of information about Wichita Falls. Abilene minutes have been very poor and Mrs. Ashford is to write the secretary. All Board members are to write Midland counterparts. Mrs. Ashford is to write Wichita Falls secretary.

Mrs. Braunagel reported on Gulf Coast and South Texas Leagues. Port Arthur is showing progress. The Board suggested Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Braunagel continue their visits every other month, stretch visits to every three months, and continue to visit at least through next annual meeting.

Baytown will need special help and attention for some time. Mrs. Barkan is to continue as Consultant.

Laredo continues as the biggest problem. A changing local political situation offers a faint hope for reorganization. The Committee will continue work along the lines suggested at March Board meeting. All other Leagues in this area are in healthy condition and going a great deal of work.

Complete or partial Board training has been given in seventeen Leagues. The following have assisted with the Board training program: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. LaTourette, Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Shutts, Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Rendall, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Barkan, Mrs. Boller, Mrs. Lemon, Mrs. Baggett, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Bridwell, and Mrs. Murphree.

At least three Leagues have had special Board orientation programs of their own. There have been numerous additional visits by members of the Organization Committee and Consultants.

Mrs. Smith announced she had been invited to San Antonio July 22 to speak on Constitutional Revision at a meeting for members and the public.

The Board agreed that more Leagues could be placed under the Area supervision of Mrs. Baggett.

Mrs. Rendall moved the adoption of the Organization Committee report. Seconded; carried.

STATE ITEM II - JURY SYSTEM. (Mrs. Barkan's report was advanced on the agenda because she was called home by illness in her family.)

Mrs. Barkan reported plans to prepare a letter to local chairmen of State Item II suggesting courthouse tours in conjunction with seeing the filling of the jury wheel.

Material on the first ten questions on the jury system, now ready, will be mimeographed about July 1. Material on the remaining thirty-six questions should be ready about September 1. The Board approved as a reading committee for resource material: Mrs. Bridwell, Mrs. Rendall, and Mrs. Barkan.

Following discussion regarding what form resource material should take, Mrs. Ashford moved that answers to the forty-six question be mimeographed and distributed in approximately the present form of the first ten answers as resource material for State Item II chairmen, their committees, and unit leaders. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Smith suggested resource material be sent out with a "light" preface and suggestions for use. Mrs. Rendall commented on the possible need for a report form after all resource material is out.

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Final plans for a popular publication in layman's terms are to be made at November Board meeting with printing planned by the time of Presidents Council. Mrs. Barkan will ask local chairmen to send her copies of briefing material they prepare for units since such condensations and simplifications may speed the work of preparing a popular publication.

Mrs. Baggett made a motion to accept the State Item II report. Seconded; carried.

FINANCE. Mrs. Brown reported that known weak spots are Houston, Baytown, Victoria, and Waco. Lack of reports from Dallas and Fort Worth make it impossible to know how they are doing. Some reports of spring finance drives are good, some poor. Mrs. Brown has written personal letters to 15 Leagues.

She distributed copies of a shorter, more simple report form which will be used this year.

She stated that her committee was looking for a League to function in a pilot project to try out new and old finance ideas such as "blue-chip" prospect lists, men's advisory councils, one-day drives, finance workshops, and semi-annual "stockholders' reports". Waco decided not to try the pilot project plan. Other Leagues have not been approached.

To promote member understanding of the importance of finance to League Purpose the Committee favored budget-making emphasis at the Area Conferences, more help to local Leagues on budget-making, promotion of local finance workshops, and better orientation on finance. One suggestion was that ten or fifteen minutes be given at the beginning of a unit meeting for a report by a member (not on the local Finance Committee) on what the finance chairman does, the member to be loaned a copy of the Local League Handbook in order to prepare her report. The finance chairman could be a visitor (guest) but the object would be to spread understanding among members not previously exposed to finance

A letter to local Leagues in late August suggesting the appointment of the budget chairman's job with suggestions on materials she would need to assemble be sent at the same time. *chairman and inviting her to an area conference was planned. It was suggested that a job description of the budget*

The Board planned a composite letter to local League Boards, each state chairman to prepare five or ten lines for her counterpart on the theme "You have a stake in the budget". They will suggest prospects, plans, and ideas, not the budget figures. These suggestions are to be sent to state office by July 10 to be forwarded to Mrs. Brown for an early fall letter.

Other suggestions on finance were: Mrs. Ashford: Quit speaking of finance as a "lark" and telling members how easy it is, only to have them disillusioned. Give finance a respectable place as one of the difficult things we do, with adequate training, proper techniques, and consequent highly satisfying results to League and member. Mrs. Rendall: At Area Conferences, plant the idea of a budget-making unit meeting. Mrs. Smith: Why not break down the classifications on the budget-making form to make them more meaningful?

Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board accept the report of the Finance Committee. Seconded; carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA. Mrs. Hughes reported that her principal activity had been correspondence with local Current Agenda chairmen. Thirty-two letters have been written to date.

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She is preparing a file by Leagues, cross-referenced by subject, on local projects. The file is planned as a help to Leagues in the future, especially on the first, difficult steps of each type of LCA. Her committee hopes to have successful examples of each type of project for Leagues to follow, rather than to refer them indiscriminately to other Leagues for information.

Tentative plans are for a supplement to "On The Home Front" about December with a page of ideas on metropolitan problems.

Mrs. Braunagel moved "That the report of the local Current Agenda chairman be accepted". Seconded; carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM for dinner.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM.

PUBLICATIONS. Mrs. MacLaren reported that she had been trying to devise ways of promoting publications. Nederland and La Marque had no publication activity in March and April.

She suggested the use of alliterative sentences, several of which she read, to be inserted in League communications, wherever space would permit, promoting use of publications. The Board approved.

She has written for information about a Publications Display Board in use in Louisiana.

She suggested our next constitutional revision leaflets be printed in larger quantity, probably 10,000 of each, since 8000 copies of the first leaflet, printed in two batches, were not enough to fill the demand. It is planned that "Ma Is Right" will be brought up to date after the November election and reprinted.

She asked for Board opinion on encouraging the type of local subscription service underway in Houston whereby the member pays \$2.00 and has materials mailed to her in advance of meetings. While agreeing that the early and wide distribution of publications was highly desirable some board members thought time should be allowed to see how the clerical and financial details of the Houston plan worked out before encouraging it.

Mrs. MacLaren plans to send a letter to her local counterparts emphasizing the importance and possibilities of their jobs. This will be mimeographed by the state office and returned to Mrs. MacLaren. She will add personal notes and address the letters to local chairmen. After her mailing is completed she will notify state office so standing orders may go out.

She reported that she has had requests for New-Member Kits. The Board agreed that it would be desirable to have samples of some, but a distribution of Membership Kits to all Leagues was not favored.

Mrs. Boller moved that the Board accept the report of the publications chairman. Seconded; carried.

LEGISLATIVE. Mrs. Rendall reported that a three-way communication from TCR, public relations, and legislative chairmen is planned for early July on last-minute plans for the TCR Resolution at precinct and county conventions. It will include a sample press release and report forms.

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She stated that her committee recommends the reprinting of "Lobby by Letter" in time for Area Conferences. They recommend a letter-size folder, redesigned and simpler, with the "Do's and Don'ts" on the outside (if cost would be less). The cover might be kept the same. Mimeographed inserts would be furnished as legislation develops. First inserts would bring up-to-date information on state and national legislation and might provide sample letters and instructions on how to handle Time for Action notices.

Mrs. Hughes moved that the Board authorize printing of 1000 copies of "Lobby by Letter" in time for Area Conferences if they can be sold for 25¢ including first inserts. Seconded; carried.

Plans are to encourage public, open meetings - "legislative round-ups", after the November elections. A letter suggesting this, or interviews before Christmas, will be sent in September. It would include "talking points" for the benefit of new chairmen.

Mrs. Rendall stated that she had made plans with the Capitol Committee for better scheduling and communications. Postcards will be used by the Committee and an effort will be made to work out a technique for postcard information to local chairmen to keep them up to date on legislation.

Mrs. Smith said she had investigated the application of the new Lobby Bill to the League and that apparently no payment would be required of us; possibly a formal registration. She would check further through other sources.

Mrs. Pettis moved that the Legislative report be accepted. Seconded; carried.

NATIONAL PROGRAM - ITEM I. Mrs. Gordon reported on the current status of Trade and Mutual Security legislation and referred the Board to the May National Board Report and the May 1958 National VOTER for explanations of the directions for work on National Item I.

She stated that she will attend committee meetings of the Dallas National I chairman, Mrs. Daniel. She asked and received permission to add the following off-Board members to her committee: Mrs. Lewis Daniel, Mrs. Delia Mares, and Mrs. M. Randhawa.

She stated that she planned a summer letter, probably partly mimeographed and partly personal note, to local National I chairmen with suggestions on bringing local Leagues up to date, exchange of useful ideas, clipping of editorial comment, use of the New York Times and Christian Science Monitor, and participation in U.N. Day observances.

Because some Texas Leagues seem to be in highly isolationist areas and in need of special help, she said that she would like to explore the feasibility of taking a survey of local Board opinion of local community thinking on the four aspects of National Item I. To do this her committee would plan to submit a questionnaire to the November Board for approval. The Board gave Mrs. Gordon permission to write to Mrs. Laves of National Board about the feasibility of such a survey.

Mrs. Gordon obtained Board permission to prepare for local Leagues a fact sheet on Texas imports and exports using figures from the Department of Commerce office in Dallas.

Mrs. Baggett made a motion that the report of the National Item I chairman be accepted. Seconded; carried.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - ITEM II. Mrs. Bridwell made the report in the absence of Mrs. Manley Williams. She referred Board members to her June 2 over-all look at total League Program which had been the only communication to local Leagues on this National Item. She stated that study would be in two areas: 1. Evaluation of particular proposals relating to U. S. water policies and practices, and 2. Study of problems and possible solutions on a river basin basis.

There will be a National tool in the fall for reviewing the study of the federal agencies, and a Know Your River Basin Study Outline.

She stated that it would be a heavy job for the state chairman to coordinate and direct joint work of Leagues on river basins.

Mrs. Bridwell read a letter from Mrs. Williams indicating that she had been in the hospital twice since March, that her health was still poor, but that she would try to discharge her Item II responsibilities when she became able.

Mrs. Smith obtained permission from the Board to talk to Mrs. Williams about a resignation and to look for a replacement if Mrs. Williams resigned.

Mrs. Bridwell said she planned to prepare for the post-Board letter a short notice of Program help to come from state Board on this Item.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1958

The state Board reconvened at 9:15 AM in the Provincial Suite, Driskill Hotel, Austin. The same members were in attendance as on the previous day with the exception of Mrs. Barkan. Mrs. Cockrell, executive secretary, was present for part of the morning and all of the afternoon session.

STATE PROGRAM - ITEM I, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. Mrs. Boller reported on the first meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on June 13. Her complete report will be sent to local chairmen following Board meeting. She stated that funds from private foundations for constitutional research have not yet been obtained, that the Texas Legislative Council will prepare a supplemental budget request for the 56th Legislature. Mrs. Smith has been elected second vice chairman of the Committee. Mrs. Boller was appointed chairman of Public Information.

Mrs. Rendall made a motion that traveling expenses to Citizens Advisory Committee meetings of Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Smith be defrayed by the League. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Boller reported that Mrs. Smith had made a most favorable impression during her appearance before the Texas State Tax Study Commission on May 23 at which she recommended that the Commission include in its recommendations a strong position in favor of complete revision of that portion of the Texas Constitution relating to state finance.

Resource material on the Personnel Policies principle will be sent to local Leagues about October 1. The TCR Committee recommended that a publication on the principles be deferred until after Presidents Council. The Board agreed.

Mrs. Boller said Leagues have requested material for newspaper question and answer series on constitutional revision. Mrs. Ashford will obtain and forward copies of such columns from San Antonio's League Viewpoint series to Mrs. Boller.

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Mrs. Boller's committee recommended revision of the old TCR speech and detailed outlines of shorter speeches to meet local requests. The Tyler skit on constitutional revision will be cut and revised by Mrs. LaTourette and forwarded to Mrs. Boller to send out.

The Committee is hoping to get four more leaflets ready for printing so that one may be distributed in September. Mrs. Boller circulated leaflet cartoon drawings for comment and suggestion.

Mrs. Braunagel moved the adoption of the State Item I report. Seconded; carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. Mrs. LaTourette stated it had been difficult to assess public and League reaction to "Ma Is Right". She urged public distribution be pushed on the forthcoming leaflets on constitutional revision.

The Board agreed Mrs. LaTourette should explore further the possibility of organizing a state Speakers Bureau on TCR.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee will meet again in September. Promotion ideas should be sent to Mrs. LaTourette and Mrs. Boller. As chairman of Public Information Mrs. Boller will need and want League help.

In reply to Mrs. LaTourette's question about the advisability of employing a clipping service in order to determine the amount of newspaper lineage about the League, the Board felt the expense would not be justified.

Leagues will be encouraged to get newspaper coverage of their "go-see" jury tours, to send in stories and pictures of special program and Voters Service events, and to clip and send copies to state chairmen of editorials on constitutional revision and foreign policy (especially the four phases representing League positions).

Mrs. Murphree made a motion that the public relations report be accepted. Seconded; carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 AM to join the Austin Board at the Hitching Post restaurant for lunch. Each Board member sat with her counterpart on the Austin Board. Mr. Charles E. Green, editor of the Austin American American, spoke briefly on politics and public service.

The Board reconvened at 1:45 PM. Mrs. Boller remained to speak to the Austin Board about constitutional revision. She rejoined the Board at 2:15 PM.

THE VOTER. Mrs. LaTourette reported that the VOTER is now being printed and mailed in Austin. It was found that address plates would be more economical in the long run than typing stickers.

Mrs. Pettis made a motion that the Board approve the allocation of funds over a four-year period, from the Reserve Fund, for Elliott Addressograph plates. Seconded; carried.

Following a discussion of the advisability of having photographs of all state Board members for use, it was agreed that Mrs. LaTourette would present a plan for obtaining them and bringing biographical information up to date - that the plan would include information on size and finish, and thoughts on the use of such photos and information.

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The following plans were made for the VOTER to be published in late August: President's Letter and Revision Highway to be regular columns in all VOTERS; Area Conferences to be a top story, with Mrs. Bridwell responsible; a picture of Miss Urban and a front-page story on her visit by Mrs. Pettis; a story of the Citizens' Advisory Committee by Mrs. Boller; a jury system story by Mrs. Barkan; Mrs. Pettis and her committee are to furnish material for a human-interest story on Organization; Mrs. LaLaren is to be responsible for some notes on publications; Mrs. Murphree will contribute a Voters Service report; Mrs. LaTourette will try to gather and use a column of personal incidents. In general, this issue will feature the beginning of the League year. Mrs. LaTourette obtained Board permission to try to put out a "lively" issue with more cuts, cartoons, and personal data than usual.

The deadline for material will be July 15, except for plans to save space and try to get in a report on the fate of the TCR Resolution.

The Board discussed the advisability of making the November VOTER a short, inexpensive one, carrying only the prescribed information to precede Presidents Council. Mrs. LaTourette is to talk to the printer about the possibility of a one-page VOTER.

Mrs. Rendall moved the adoption of the VOTER report. Seconded; carried.

PLANS FOR MISS URBAN'S VISIT. Mrs. Pettis presented the following revised itinerary for Miss Urban's visit:

Monday, October 20 - Austin, president and Organization Committee
Tuesday, October 21- Austin, Metropolitan Area Conference at noon
Wednesday, October 22 - Waco, Area Conference at noon
Thursday, October 23 - Amarillo, Area Conference at noon
Friday, October 24 - Amarillo, training Organization Committee and Consultants
Weekend - free time
Monday, October 27 - Abilene, local Board
Tuesday, October 28- Arrive Corpus Christi late afternoon, Area Conference
Wednesday, October 29 - Corpus Christi until 6:00 PM
Thursday, October 30 - Brownsville, local Board
Friday, October 31 - Beaumont, local Board
Weekend - free time
Monday, November 3 - Galveston, area Consultant training AM
Area Conference at noon
Tuesday, November 4 - with County Council, Galveston
Wednesday, November 5 - Austin, local Board, state Board meeting
Thursday, November 6 - Austin, state Board meeting
Friday, November 7 - Austin, state Board meeting

She stated that the Organization Committee planned to have their report complete for Miss Urban before her visit; that tentative suggestions would be sent to Miss Urban concerning plans she might wish to make for weekend recreation. It is expected that a large share of the November state Board agenda will be reserved for Miss Urban's comments and suggestions on Texas.

AREA CONFERENCE PLANS. Mrs. Bridwell inquired whether the Area Conference Committee could spend money for a meeting in August probably at Waco. Mrs. Baggett moved that the Area Conference Committee be authorized to meet. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Bridwell outlined general plans to use the theme: Interdependence of Program and Finance. The afternoon session would concern Program as a tool. The Committee would plan presentations, questions, and timing for leaders. Following dinner the hypothetical budget of a hypothetical League would be presented for analysis and rebuilding. The morning session would emphasize the role of finance in carrying out Program, with summary and conclusions on the Conference. Miss Urban's part in the Conferences could not be assigned at this time.

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The tentative schedule of Conferences was changed to have San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, and Fort Worth meet at Austin October 21. Instead of two sections meeting at Fort Worth, there will be one section at Waco to consist of the Leagues previously assigned to Fort Worth. Austin League will go to Waco but may be invited to have observers at the metropolitan Conference. The Area Conference Committee will make new assignments of leaders.

It was decided that the Committee would work out some form of report and evaluation on each Conference.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING. Tentative plans were made for the Budget Committee to meet November 4, followed by State Board meeting on November 5, 6, and 7. It was suggested that committee meetings might begin at 7:30 PM, November 4. If possible, adjournment would be at noon, Friday, November 7.

Important business would be: analysis of Area Conferences, consultation with Miss Urban, and preliminary plans for Presidents Council.

STATE POLICY SHEET. The Board considered the proposed State Board Policy Sheet dated February 1958. The following changes were made, resulting in the adoption of "Policy Sheet, League of Women Voters of Texas, June 1958". See copy attached.

Mrs. Pettis moved the adoption of Section 1, as written. Seconded; carried.
Mrs. Baggett moved that the words "giving advice and" be deleted from Section 2. Seconded; carried.
Mrs. Bridwell moved the adoption of Section 2, as changed. Seconded; carried.
Mrs. Bridwell moved the adoption of Section 3, with the following changes: First paragraph, third line, omit the first "members". Second paragraph, first line, substitute this sentence for the first sentence: "Funds shall be provided for each local League to be visited by the president during each biennium". Seconded; carried.
Mrs. Rendall moved the adoption of Section 4, as written. Seconded; carried.
Mrs. Bridwell moved the adoption of Section 5, as written. Seconded; carried.
Mrs. Pettis moved the adoption of Section 6, as written. Seconded; carried.
Mrs. Pettis moved the adoption of Section 7, with the following changes: Change first paragraph to: "Traveling - A member beyond a 250 mile radius may charge plane fare plus limousine fare to and from the airport.
- A member within a 250 mile radius may charge coach fare, via train or bus, plus taxi fare to and from the station.
- A member traveling by car may charge 6¢ per mile providing she is accompanied by at least one other member."

Change last line of Section to: "A member shall not be reimbursed for tipping".

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Bridwell moved the adoption of Section 8, with this change in the last line: Change "shall be destroyed" to "may be destroyed". Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Rendall moved the adoption of Section 9, as written. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Ashford moved the adoption of Section 10, as written. Seconded; carried.

Members stated that there had been unanimous agreement that Section 11 should be omitted (when the Policy Sheet was discussed at pre-Convention Board meeting).

POST BOARD LETTER. Each member reviewed the items she expected to furnish for the Post-Board Letter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Secretary

LWV of Texas

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o AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

June 1958

POLICY SHEET

1. NONPARTISANSHIP

Members of the State Board shall adhere carefully to the nonpartisanship policy of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

The State Board shall assist local Boards in defining partisan activity in light of the structure of the political parties and the election laws of Texas. It shall provide opportunities for local Leagues to exchange opinions and experiences relating to the policy.

2. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Since the president is the official spokesman for the League in Texas, no statement shall be made for the League by a State Board member unless authorized by the Board.

When State Board members are invited to attend meetings of their local Leagues, it is recommended that they accept as often as possible. At such meetings and in all correspondence with local Leagues, State Board members shall use the utmost tact and caution in making suggestions.

Generally, Board and membership lists shall not be made available to the public.

3. ORGANIZATION

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The ~~Organization~~ *Field Serv.* Committee shall be composed of members who have had specific organization training and who are well versed in current League policies. It shall be composed of off-Board as well as State Board members.

Plans shall be made to assist each local League in accordance with its needs.
→ ~~Every local League should be visited each year by a member of the Organization Committee, preferably a member of another local League. Organization reports shall be made to the state office following each visit. Official visits shall be made only when authorized by the area chairman.~~

Funds shall be provided for each local League to be visited by the president during each League biennium. Such visits shall be financed by the state treasury. ~~visits by other State Board members on invitation from local Leagues shall be financed by the local League.~~

When Leagues request special visits of State Board members outside the field service plan, they may be asked to finance such visits.

4. LOCAL LEAGUE BY-LAWS

Since all proposed revision to local League By-laws must be submitted to the state By-laws chairman by January 1, the local Leagues shall be notified by November 1 of this requirement.

Plans shall be made to assist each local League in accordance with its needs.

5. REVISION OF THE STATE BUDGET

If it should become necessary to revise the state budget, the president, treasurer and finance chairman shall propose revision and present it at the next Board meeting for adoption. This authority shall not permit the raising of the budget adopted at Convention or Council, but only reallocating of funds to the separate accounts.

6. BOARD MEETINGS

Dates for Board meetings shall be determined by the president, considering the availability of all Board members. Board members shall send in written reports in time for mailing to members. Except in emergencies, Board members shall attend the entire Board meeting.

7. BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING EXPENSES

Traveling - A member beyond a 250 mile radius may charge plane fare plus limousine fare to and from the airport.

- A member within a 250 mile radius may charge coach fare, via train or bus, plus taxi fare to and from the station.

- A member traveling by car may charge 6¢ per mile providing she is accompanied by at least one other member.

Hotel - One half the double room rate shall be allowed each member. Those preferring single rooms shall pay the difference.

Meals - \$2.50 shall be allowed for every 3 meals as the estimated difference in cost between hotel and home meals.

Tipping - A member shall not be reimbursed for tipping.

8. STATE OFFICE FILES

The state office shall review the state League files each year. Local League files shall be maintained intact; material on policies, Program and statistics shall be retained; all other material may be destroyed.

9. BOARD MEMBER FILES

At the expiration of her term of office, each State Board member shall turn in her complete file, including notebook, leadership and Program material, supplies, and equipment.

10. BOARD MEMBERS HOLDING LOCAL LEAGUE PORTFOLIOS

Since State Board assignments are usually time consuming, it shall not be considered wise for Board members to accept full local League Board portfolios.

League of Women Voters of Texas

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• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

June 27, 1958

TO: Local League Presidents and Board Members
FROM: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
RE: June State Board Report

The June meeting of the State Board is always a planning one, and with so many new Program items, plus an election year, this meeting was an unusually productive one. We hope that plans outlined in this report will be carefully studied by local Board members so that a coordinated League job may result. Questions or suggestions relating to any of these plans should be sent to the state chairman involved.

AREA CONFERENCES

Theme of the conferences will be the interdependence of Program and Finance in the League, with the object of finding better ways of encouraging citizen participation in government. The place of Program in the League will be analyzed, and the necessity for adequate finance, as the foundation which determines the effectiveness of the League's efforts to achieve this purpose, will be developed by delegates. Plans are firming up which will supply an exciting and challenging exchange of ideas, a time to apply some "hard application of our minds" to the fundamental concepts in these two vital areas of our activity.

With the program set up in each case from noon to noon, these are the cities, dates, and assignment of Leagues to each conference:

October 21-22 in Austin: Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio
October 22-23 in Waco: Abilene, Austin, Corsicana, Irving, Longview, San Angelo, Tyler
October 23-24 in Amarillo: Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Snyder, Wichita Falls
October 23-29 in Corpus Christi: Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, Laredo, Victoria
November 3-4 in Galveston: (two sections) Baytown, Beaumont, Dickinson, Freeport, Lake Jackson, La Marque, Nederland, Pasadena, Port Arthur, Texas City

The Conference of the four metropolitan area Leagues will be held in Austin because of its central location. The same program will be considered as at the other conferences, but with emphasis on the special problems faced by metropolitan Leagues in these fields.

These conferences are for every member. Pertinent information will be sent to you well ahead of time so that you can come equipped with well organized thinking about the purpose of the conference and with ideas and questions which will result in a valuable "pooling of ideas" -- the ultimate goal of any area conference.

ORGANIZATION

Details of Miss Urban's visit to Texas in the Fall have been almost completed. So that there will be no surprises when her agenda is announced, we'd like to remind you once more of the purpose of her visit -- to help the State Board to train leadership so that local Leagues may have the assistance they require or request in order to do a better -- a more effective -- League job. Her visits to local Leagues will be in-service training for the State Board and Organization Committee, and all Leagues will ultimately benefit from this training. We're doing everything possible to spread this training project out as far as possible across our big state.

Two especially interesting and valuable tools are now available on loan from the state office -- you pay postage only. First, Mrs. Rodrick Shaw, Lubbock president, has put on tape her hilarious (and so-informative) remarks on member participation, which you heard at State Convention. Good for any kind of League meeting, Unit, general, or committee. Second, the speech made at National Convention by George Watkins on League finance has been received on a 33-1/3 rpm record. Good for training finance drive workers and committee, for building interest in the League itself at general meetings, or as part of an orientation program. Both of these are available on a first come, first served basis -- if possible, please indicate two choices of dates when you order.

VOTERS SERVICE

State Voter's Guides will be shipped to you during the first week in July. Please make a note to send three copies of your local Guide to the state office -- which will forward one copy to the State Voters Service chairman and one copy to the State TCR chairman.

Pro and con explanatory material on the nine proposed constitutional amendments is being prepared and, hopefully, will be available by September 1st. The order blank for the Guides for the November General Election will reach you by September 1st, also, so do make a note that the quantity you want to order must be decided at your August board meeting.

The supply of "Who, Me? Go to a Precinct Convention?" is down to a few hundred. If you have plans for further distribution, this is the last call!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Speakers Bureaus should be lining up speakers and engagements for Fall on TCR and on Pros and Cons on the amendments to be voted on in November. A revision of the August 1956 TCR speech outline and outlines for two shorter TCR speeches will reach you by October 1st -- Pros and Cons by September 1st. Cartoons for more TCR leaflets are being polished, with the next one ready for your speakers, etc., by September.

PUBLICATIONS

Less than 100 TCR yardsticks left -- only about 500 "Who, Me?" leaflets. The next TCR leaflet, probably on State Administration, will be ready in September; in November we can begin again on distribution of the "britches" TCR leaflet. And a full summer ahead to make the most imaginative plans possible for "public saturation" by these and future TCR facts sheets! (See important note on page four)

NATIONAL ITEM I -- FOREIGN POLICY

In the past few months, the greatest League activity in the field of foreign policy has been action on mutual aid and trade agreement legislation. It is gratifying to be able to report that all but 3 (not voting - Dies) Texas Congressmen voted to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for 5 years. This will probably come to a vote in the Senate before you receive this report. Your Congressman, if he voted favorably, would be happy to have a thank you letter from you. Time for Action calls will be issued during the summer when the appropriation bill for Mutual Security comes before Congress -- National Item I and Legislative chairmen still have time to work out a plan for maximum response to this Time for Action.

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We have at the state office two recordings on Foreign Aid, which will be loaned to you on request. One, "Partisanship Takes a Holiday", was also sent to each local League -- if you use it would you report to Mrs. Gordon on how. The other is a tape recording of portions of the White House Conference on Mutual Security and features John Foster Dulles and Adlai Stevenson -- it is recommended for use on one of your radio stations. Both would be especially timely during discussions in Congress of appropriations for Mutual Security.

Until resource material comes from National, most Leagues will want to schedule "catching up" sessions on those aspects of foreign policy which the League now supports -- either in Units or the Resource Committee.

From the State Leader's Handbook: "The State Board may act as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas on techniques that have been successfully used in taking National Program to the membership and the community." If you will share your plans and problems with Mrs. Loren Gordon, State National Item I chairman, she will issue an "idea exchange" later this summer.

NATIONAL ITEM II -- WATER

Mrs. Manley Williams, State Water Resource chairman, has been forced to resign from the State Board because of her health. You may address your questions and comments on this Item to the State Program VP, Mrs. Frank Bridwell, until this new appointment is made to the State Board.

Besides a general investigation of local water supply, local Leagues may choose to work on a river basin basis. This will require close coordination with other Leagues within the same river basin and your State Water chairman will serve as coordinator of this kind of study. A letter is being prepared with suggestions to help in your committee planning for cultivating interest while waiting for material from National which is due early in the Fall.

STATE ITEM I -- TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

A report on the organizational meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee is included in this mailing for the president and TCR chairman -- but additional copies are available for committee members and others at the usual rate of 1¢ per page. Interesting to all League members is the news that the two LWV members on this Committee have been given much responsibility. Other state plans affecting local TCR action are given under Public Relations and Publications in this report.

Resource material on the remaining Constitutional Principle which will be discussed at Council will be ready for local Leagues by October 1st. This is the Principle concerning basic policies for state employee selection, retention, and promotion -- the one on which we could not agree at Convention and which was postponed until Council so that members could discuss it further and arrive at a decision on it.

STATE ITEM II -- TEXAS JURY SYSTEM

The committee is at work on preparation of the material for use by local resource committees for presenting to members the laws which govern our role as citizens in the Texas Jury System. The first material to reach you will cover the mechanics, mostly, of getting on a jury. The second part of the material will bring the jury system into personal focus for each member, covering the actual service in a jury

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trial. This study promises to become more exciting the further we go, and members who have served on one or more kinds of juries will surely be needed to give "expert testimony" as the discussions progress. A letter to local chairmen regarding this resource material will go out shortly from State Item II chairman, Mrs. Mark Barkan.

LEGISLATION

A 3-way letter to local TCR, PR, and Legislative chairmen will go out within the next week, with last-minute notes on the TCR Resolution to be presented at Precinct and County Conventions and a report form for your convenience.

Two Legislative-Public Relations plans you may wish to consider: a "Welcome Home" for Congressmen when they get back in a few months; as you think about interviewing Legislators after the November General Election, you might consider a Legislative Round-Up before they leave for Austin.

THE TEXAS VOTER

The next issue of the VOTER will reach members about September 1st and is planned as a "beginning-of-cur-year" issue. If you'd like additional copies for those new and prospective members, please send in your order to the state office now -- no charge for a reasonable number. If your League is going through an official "summer slump", perhaps the Treasurer should be reminded to send in to state office not later than August 1st the names of every new member, the correct address of every old one -- to insure their receiving the VOTER.

Note to Publications Chairmen: As receiver and distributor of State Standing Orders, will you make a special effort to get this Board Report in the hands of your Board members as soon as possible....much of the information contained in it will be of little or lesser value if the Report is held until that first Fall meeting.

Note to Treasurers: The June letter and checklist from Mrs. Robert Phillips, National President, has undoubtedly added more confusions about procedures of your job. Just remember, in Texas, ALL communications from local Treasurers MUST GO TO THE STATE OFFICE -- you do not send checks, membership changes or lists, etc., to the National office. Your state office handles all such matters for all local Leagues in Texas, in the interest of efficiency and ultimate economy. (Texas is one of several state Leagues which have such a well organized and functioning state office.)

If you will follow the suggestions listed on the April 30, 1958, CHECKLIST FOR IMPORTANT CONTACTS WITH YOUR POSTMAN, you can't go wrong. Also, if you are using the National publication, Guide for Local League Treasurers, please check to be sure you have the "Texas insert" for page 5 & 6 (orange color). This page and the above-mentioned CHECKLIST will be sent to you free of charge.

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Minutes of State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas November 4, 5, 6, and 7, 1958

TUESDAY, November 4, 1958

Meetings were held from 7:30 to 10:30 PM of the following committees: Finance, Publications, Foreign Policy, Water Conservation, and State Budget Committee.

WEDNESDAY, November 5, 1958

The State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas met at 9:00 AM in the Jim Hogg Suite of the Driskill Hotel in Austin. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The following members were present:

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Loren Gordon
Mrs. Eugene Hughes

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Two new Board members joined the group following their appointments to the Board: Mrs. Robert Wagner, and Mrs. Herbert Martin.

Mrs. H. B. LaTourette and Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, joined the group at noon. Mrs. M. S. Braunagel came in at 2:00 PM after spending the morning at a training session with the Austin local Board. She was accompanied by Miss Chris Urban of the National Staff.

Visitors were Mrs. David Mendell and Mrs. Warren Tallman, members of the State Budget Committee.

MINUTES Mrs. Ashford moved that the minutes of the June State Board Meeting be accepted as mimeographed with the following paragraph to be substituted for the seventh paragraph on page five. The substitution to be made because two lines were dropped from the original minutes in the mimeographing:

"A letter to local Leagues in late August suggesting the appointment of the budget chairman and inviting her to an Area Conference was planned. It was suggested that a job description of the budget chairman's job with suggestions on materials she would need to assemble be sent at the same time."

The motion was seconded and carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Boller moved that the resignation of Mrs. Mark Barkan, due to returning to full-time employment, be accepted with regret. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Rendall moved that the resignation of Mrs. Hill Baggett, due to her husband's illness, be accepted with regret. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that Mrs. Herbert Martin be appointed to the Board as chairman of National Program II, Water Resources. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Brown moved that Mrs. Robert Wagner be appointed to the Board as treasurer. Seconded; carried.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Smith appointed the following committee to bring recommendations on Friday regarding the replacement of the two Board members who resigned, and to recommend the time when the Board should name two of its members to the State Nominating Committee: Mrs. Bridwell, Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. Boller.

Mrs. Smith spoke briefly about the accelerated interest in the state in Family Courts. She outlined some of her interest and activities with regard to this subject, including her attendance at the Texas Institute on Children and Youth. She expressed a wish to be an active member of the State Continuing Responsibility Committee concerned with Family Courts.

Mrs. Smith had recently returned from an interesting speaking tour to the "Valley" Leagues: Harlingen, Brownsville, Edinburg, and Laredo.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wagner presented the treasurer's report as of October 1, 1958 showing expenditures of \$10,445.94 and income of \$17,835.58. Bank balances as of September 30, 1958 were: Checking Account \$6,706.99; Reserve Fund \$2,121.70 and Memorial Fund \$116.27. Of the total \$20,145.00 pledged for local League support of State and National Services \$17,227.50 had been received through October 31.

Of the total \$2,470.00 pledged for local League support of Shared Field Service \$1,680.00 had been received through October 31.

She stated that the total expenditure figure for the State VOTER was now \$593.02.

Mrs. Hughes moved the adoption of the treasurer's report. Seconded; carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE Mrs. Murphree, chairman, outlined the proposed State Budget as recommended by her committee consisting of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Mendell, and Mrs. Tallman, final action on the proposed budget to be taken later during the State Board meeting.

The following plans for presentation to local Leagues were recommended: (1) A personal letter to the local League president containing the suggested pledge. (2) Furnishing a cartoon or a lively bit of material regarding the State Budget that could be used in the local Voter. (3) Make the next Texas VOTER a finance issue. (4) Present the Budget in pamphlet form (notebook size) with a cover showing a map of Texas, dots for Texas Leagues, and the caption "How Big Is Texas?". Next inside page would have half a dozen questions designed to point up money needs to operate the League in a state this large. Budget itself to be presented with full explanations as last year. (5) Ask for letters from State Board members to local counterparts on subject "Your Stake in the State Budget". (6) Enlist the aid of an off-Board committee for a clever presentation of the budget at Presidents Council, probably exploiting the theme "How Big Is Texas?".

FINANCE Mrs. Brown reported a generally improved finance picture for the state, adding some figures to her written report. Mrs. Murphree moved the acceptance of the Finance Chairman's report. Seconded; carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL PLANS Mrs. Ashford presented preliminary Presidents Council plans. Among recommendations coming out of the discussion which followed were these: Provide opportunity for local presidents to be together; consider and evaluate past, present and future of Program (especially State); provide legislative briefing before breakfast with legislators; allow local Leagues to exchange techniques; try to define place of Voters Service in total League activity; increase understanding of Field Service; give some time to our two National items: Foreign Policy, and Water Resources.
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Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Rendall, and Mrs. Hughes were designated to meet with Mrs. Ashford when possible Thursday and Friday to bring back later Council plans. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Boller, and Miss Urban also met with this committee.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Murphree presented the Voters Service report. In answer to her query the Board decided that the time and expense of preparing the large, mimeographed pro and con guide on amendments are justified. Plans were made to start the amendment guide earlier next time, as early as May 1959.

The Board decided that unopposed candidates should be included in Voter's Guides.

Following a discussion of Area Voters Service, Mrs. Brown moved that the Voters Service Chairman bring to the January Board meeting a sheet of plans and procedures for an expanded Voters Service program for a local League, the sheet of procedures to be approved by the State Board. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Pettis made a motion that the League ask the Governor to proclaim a "Pay Your Poll Tax" Week. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Murphree announced plans to ask Leagues to report on Poll Tax activities and procedures. She would send a form to be returned at the end of January.

Mrs. Pettis moved the acceptance of the Voters Service report. Seconded; carried.

NATIONAL PROGRAM I, FOREIGN POLICY Mrs. Gordon stressed the great importance of better citizen information about Foreign Policy. She welcomed the new National publication and urged its greatest possible distribution.

She stated that 17 local Leagues show meeting activity on Foreign Policy and 15 Leagues participated in special UN Day observances. She asked that State Board members supply her with background information about local League National Item I chairmen when possible.

She stated that Dallas is planning a full-day seminar on Foreign Policy in March in cooperation with the Dallas Council on World Affairs. It was suggested that League members and other citizens of Tyler be invited since Tyler is one League community where the climate of public opinion is not especially favorable to some of the beliefs of the League in the field of Foreign Policy.

Mrs. Gordon stated that a general assessment of public opinion with regard to League positions in the Foreign Policy field would probably not be necessary for all of Texas but that we should determine where opposition exists and why. The possibility of more community seminars and workshops was suggested.

Mrs. Ashford stressed the importance of defining League position, especially with regard to Trade and the UN, for our members and the public, as a step toward reducing opposition to our beliefs.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the Foreign Policy report. Seconded; carried.

NATIONAL PROGRAM II, WATER RESOURCES Mrs. Martin reported that to date she had only eight replies to her questionnaire on program progress on National Item II, Water Resources. This did not constitute enough information to determine local League needs.

Mrs. Martin brought the recent report "Water Developments and Potentialities of the State of Texas", Senate Document 111, 85th Congress, 2nd Session. The Board regarded it enthusiastically as an invaluable tool for river basin studies in Texas.

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Mrs. Martin will try to obtain copies for all local Leagues, or failing that, the League will reproduce maps of river basins for local Leagues. Since the maps indicate which Leagues should work together the Board felt that efforts should be made to secure complete cooperation of all people involved in each river basin study. The Board also felt that river basin studies would be larger than the usual unit group treatment and would involve sizeable committees.

Mrs. Martin announced recent legislation at the instigation of Senator Lyndon Johnson providing for joint Federal-Local study of seven river basins in Texas.

The Board agreed that Mrs. Martin should prepare a new list of water agencies and a new bibliography, to include visual aid information, for the Texas local Leagues.

Mrs. Martin reported a meeting of Dallas, Fort Worth, ~~and Waco~~ to consider plans for a river basin study of the Trinity River.

Mrs. Ashford moved the acceptance of the Water Resources report. Seconded; carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM for dinner.

Meetings were held from 8:00 to 11:00 PM of the following committees: Constitutional Revision, Jury System, Organization, Legislation, and Local Current Agenda.

THURSDAY, November 6, 1958

The State Board reconvened at 9:15 AM in the Jim Hogg Suite, Driskill Hotel, Austin. The same members and visitors were present, with the exception of Mrs. Tallman. Mrs. Cockrell, executive secretary, was present for part of the morning and all of the afternoon session.

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Gordon to begin work on a page of "mechanics" for new State Board members.

EVALUATION OF AREA CONFERENCES Mrs. Bridwell called upon State Board members who had attended Area Conferences to evaluate them in terms of representation of Leagues, accomplishment of Purpose, participation of members, and whether or not this was a sharing experience. Mesdames Boller, Murphree, Braunagel, MacLaren, Hughes, Gordon, Brown, LaTourette, Martin, Pettis, Smith, and Miss Urban reported.

Attendance was excellent at Corpus Christi, reasonably good at other Conferences, poor at Amarillo where the Leagues that didn't come needed it the most.

Reporters protested that it was too early to evaluate whether Purpose had been achieved, especially since an effort was made to put over a philosophy. Mrs. Murphree felt that the Waco Conference definitely "got" the idea of using Program and finance together. Mrs. Braunagel felt there was "creative development" on the philosophy at Corpus Christi. Mrs. Boller thought "not all got it, but many did, and some techniques, too." Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. MacLaren, and Miss Urban said "Program needs emphasis" and pointed out that Leagues did not put Program into the sample budget.

Participation and sharing were reported as "good" to "Excellent" except for Mrs. MacLaren's Conference at Galveston and the evening session at Austin on plans for the County Home Rule Amendment by the metropolitan Leagues.

Suggestions for the future included: Have small conferences; let the State Board member by the resource person; let local Leagues lead, share, and talk. Allow exchange of techniques (Leagues want to). Limit the subject and do an exhaustive job.

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Separate new and old members. Have "meat" on a Program Conference. Leagues like the kind of a presentation involved in the sample budget. Deal in specifics. For evening sessions have a speaker or something "easy".

All reporters indicated Miss Urban's participation in the Conferences had been enthusiastically received by the local Leagues.

Mrs. Smith recommended that a chairman be appointed for physical arrangements when future Conferences are held.

It was decided to send a brief summary of Area Conferences to local Leagues. Records notes to be typed and placed in state office file to be borrowed by State Board members if desired.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Smith reported that they had been present in Laredo for interviews and a meeting where the Laredo League formally disbanded. They stated that lessons to be learned from this experience are: we must be careful in organizing a League to be able to service it; and, in organizing, stress League purpose and nonpartisanship.

Mrs. Pettis stated that formal Board training is over for the year. Plans for providing consultants will proceed slowly and deliberately. A Field Service training session was held at Amarillo, October 24, with some consultants attending and Miss Urban as leader.

Mrs. Braunagel reported that her tour with Miss Urban had been very rewarding. The Organization Committee hoped to bring Miss Urban back to Texas during the first three weeks of March to meet with new and prospective Board members in local Leagues. This would also make it possible for Miss Urban to participate in Presidents Council.

Plans for service to Leagues which did not attend Area Conferences were discussed. Field service plans for the future showed a trend away from the formal Board training session toward greater use of the small workshop attended by a few Leagues, and toward particular service in terms of the particular needs of the local League.

BY-LAWS Mrs. Ashford asked for and obtained Board approval on sending out her proposed letter to local Leagues regarding By-law changes. The Board decided to ask for three copies of local League By-laws so there would be a copy for the Field Service Committee.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 AM for a half hour coffee break, and reconvened at 12:00.

MISS URBAN'S OBSERVATIONS Miss Urban prefaced her remarks about Texas with the observation that her look at Texas was short, that she had not visited all over the state, and that to generalize was dangerous.

However, based upon her short acquaintance, she felt that Program content wanted emphasis in Texas, that this was needed for the member as well as for the citizen of the community. Perhaps the pendulum had swung a bit too far in the direction of "going to the community" with the danger that Program coverage was becoming too superficial. She called for a fresh respect for study and for the expert. Leagues should promote intellectual curiosity. Unit attendance and unit accomplishment should be better.

She saw great leadership potential in Texas Leagues, but she urged greater use of "old" leaders.

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"3. FIELD SERVICE

The Field Service Committee shall be composed of members who have had specific organization training and who are well versed in current League policies. It shall be composed of off-Board as well as Board members.

Plans shall be made to assist each local League in accordance with its needs. Organization reports shall be made to the state office following each visit. Official visits shall be made only when authorized by the area chairman.

Funds shall be provided for each local League to be visited by the president during each League biennium. Such visits shall be financed by the state treasury. When Leagues request special visits of state Board members outside of the field service plan, they may be asked to finance such visits."

Mrs. Pettis moved that these changes in the Field Service section of the Policy Sheet be accepted. Seconded; carried.

APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Bridwell's special committee recommended that Field Service assignments be divided between Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Braunagel while a search for a new Field Service chairman went on.

Mrs. Murphree made a motion that authority be given Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Braunagel to look for someone ready to learn Field Service, that training begin early if someone is found, and that she be invited to January Board meeting. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that Mrs. David Mendell be asked to come on the Board as Chairman of the State Jury Study Item. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Braunagel be appointed to the State Nominating Committee. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Smith made the following appointments on Continuing Responsibilities:

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| National | 1. Federal Loyalty-Security -- Mrs. Brown |
| | 2. Self-government, D. C. -- Mrs. Hughes |
| | 3. Item Veto -- Mrs. Gordon |
| | 4. Constitutional Limitation on tax rates -- Mrs. Rendall |
| | 5. Opposition to limiting existing powers -- Mrs. Gordon |
| State | 1. Legal Status of Women -- Mrs. Braunagel |
| | 2. Family Courts -- Mrs. Pettis |
| | 3. Election Laws -- Mrs. Murphree |

STATE I, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Boller reported the Citizens' Advisory Committee met October 3. A format for research is being prepared; the relationship of the Council and the Committee was clarified; and plans were made to ask the Legislature for \$200,000 for research. First research reports probably will not be out until fall of 1959.

The TCR Resolution passed in many precinct and county conventions and at the State Democratic Convention (though in a different wording).

Mrs. Boller reported TCR leaflet No. 1 "Patches" (on amendments) had sold out -- 8000 copies, and would be revised and reprinted. No. 2 "Big Chief" (on executive powers) and No. 3 "Earmarking" were out. The Board discussed ways of linking the pamphlets to unit study plans in reviewing TCR and in alerting members to day to day developments on state governmental issues. The possibility of a companion piece on the cost of amending to accompany No. 4 "Chorus Girl" (amending) in January, was suggested.

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The Board approved Mrs. Boller's plan to have local Leagues obtain answers on Constitutional Revision from all elected legislators.

Mrs. Boller will prepare a summary for local TCR chairmen in February of the replies she has received to her questionnaire on the "Personnel Policies" principle.

Mrs. Boller stated that she had attended the National Municipal League Conference in Colorado Springs but that not as much time had been made available for discussion of public education and information about Constitutional Revision as she had hoped.

Mrs. Hughes moved that the Board adopt Mrs. Boller's report with permission for letters to local Leagues on questioning legislators. Seconded; carried.

STATE II, JURY SERVICE Mrs. Bridwell stated that local Leagues have had Courthouse tours, have aroused interest in their communities in Jury Service, and have prepared a fertile field for further work among members and citizens generally. Publicity has been excellent with TV appearances, recorded questions and speeches, and many newspaper pictures.

Work will go forward on Part III of the "League's Look" having to do with the citizen's role on capital cases, in grand jury service, and the differences between civil and criminal juries.

It would be desirable to have the "Layman's Look" ready for Presidents Council but plans cannot be assured, especially since State II lacks a chairman at this time.

Tentative plans were favorably received for the operation of "jury schools" during the year following the publication of "Layman's Look". It was suggested that a skit might be a part of the "School".

Mrs. Pettis moved the adoption of the Jury Service report. Seconded; carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Hughes stated that she planned two communications to local Leagues, one in November with suggestions regarding choosing the new local Current Agenda, and one in January or February outlining plans for an exchange of local publications at Presidents Council.

She stated her committee was not ready to produce the proposed Handbook on Metropolitan Problems, that they needed more answers.

In response to requests from the Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas Leagues who are supporting a County Home Rule Amendment (with State League consent) the following decisions were made: A short, news story type article about their activities will be carried in the next Voter. They will be allowed to use the list of members of the Leagues in Texas providing they defray the expense. Mrs. Rendall, as state legislative chairman, and Mrs. LaTourette, as state public relations chairman, will offer their services as consultants. The State Board approves the visits to other Leagues as speakers of members of the Home Rule Amendment Committee, on invitation. If the State Legislative Chairman sends out a letter about legislation in a variety of fields of interest to League members, information about the Home Rule Amendment will be included. These Leagues will not be granted the assistance of the Capitol Committee but will be asked to use their own legislators and press representatives for information.

Mrs. Rendall stated that her Legislative Committee concurred in these decisions as a result of their discussions.

Mrs. Rendall moved the acceptance of the Local Current Agenda report. Seconded; carried.

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LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Rendall stated that "Lobby by Letter" would be ready for local Leagues in January.

The Board approved mimeographing of a four-page, note-book size Legislative Handbook for local chairmen, their committees, and other members, to promote the extension of legislative activity into communities as well as among League members.

Mrs. Rendall stated that the Capitol Committee had grown and would use the plan of postcard communication. Of the \$250 allowed for Legislative Activity under the new budget she proposed that \$25 be allowed the Capitol Committee for emergency baby sitting expense, and \$50 be allowed for parking fees during the session.

She proposed a legislative plan whereby she would obtain copies of every bill on League subjects. When necessary she would alert a sub-committee to consist of the Program Chairman, the Item Resource Chairman, and Mrs. Smith. The State Office would obtain extra copies of the bill. The State Board would ~~decide what bills the League would support.~~ Authority would be given to the sub-committee members to appear before Legislative Committees. *authorized the appropriate legislative sub. committee to decide what bills the League would support or oppose.* Mrs. Gordon moved the adoption of this plan. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Rendall reported that her committee had recommended that in the interest of speed she write the Legislative Letters, securing committee help whenever feasible.

Mrs. Brown moved the adoption of the legislative report. Seconded; carried.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. MacLaren displayed a publications handbag which she had made, designed to be used by publications chairmen and chairmen in units for carrying and displaying publications. She stated that it could be produced to sell for a dollar in "Do It Yourself Kits" containing cut canvas, felt, and instructions.

The Board approved the kit highly and planned a contest for naming it at Presidents Council, the prize to the winning League to be a free publications handbag.

Mrs. MacLaren presented a proposed handbook for the local publications chairman. Reaction was favorable but the question was raised as to whether the League in Texas should continue to handle all checks, payments, list changes, etc. for all the local Leagues through our state office. Miss Urban agreed to look into the matter at the National level to see what the effect of a change would be.

Mrs. Pettis made a motion that State Standing Orders be changed to include all state publications, not only leadership material. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. Hughes moved the adoption of the publications report. Seconded; carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. LaTourette requested that the motion approving the expenditure side of the State Budget be reconsidered in as much as she had been absent during the first presentation and funds for Public Relations and the VOTER were involved.

Mrs. Boller moved that the Board reconsider the motion to approve the expenditure side of the State Budget. Seconded; carried.

Mrs. LaTourette pointed out some of the difficulties in defining the job of the public relations chairman. She questioned whether her chief responsibility should be to assist local Leagues, to assist state chairmen, or to publicize the League state-wide. She cited the impossibility of preparing news releases for one who does not live in Austin. She asked for Board direction with regard to the expenditure of the unused portion of last year's public relations budget.
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Mrs. Smith suggested that Mrs. LaTourette and other Board members write out their ideas on the job of the public relations chairman for the January Board meeting; that consideration be given to the possibility of a third vice president on PR.

The Board agreed that the possibility of buying or preparing film strips on constitutional revision needed further exploration. Mrs. LaTourette was advised to write to Mrs. Blanchard for information and help on techniques.

Mrs. LaTourette was given approval on her plan to explore statewide facilities of Sears stores for publicizing constitutional revision.

The Board approved a plan whereby, through newspaper editors, Mrs. LaTourette would attempt an analysis of the effect of League Voter's Guides on the voting on the Amendments.

Requests from Brownsville for a certificate for a contributor to hang on his wall, and from Freeport for a certificate of merit for outstanding League service, were referred back to these Leagues with the suggestion that they produce something themselves, which if good enough, might deserve wider use.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the public relations report. Seconded; carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

THE VOTER The Board decided to issue the next VOTER late in January because a November VOTER would "get lost" in the Christmas cards, and because the remaining funds in this year's budget would produce only one good issue. Articles to be included are: Presidents Council story (Ashford), State Budget (Murphree), Article on County Home Rule (LaTourette), President's Letter, Revision Highway.

If possible the inside pages are to be all "Finance". Mrs. MacLaren contributed a slogan "Publications will help you solve your financial problems".

Mrs. Hughes moved the adoption of the VOTER report. Seconded; carried.

FINAL BUDGET ACTION Mrs. Murphree led a discussion of how to present requests to local Leagues for the \$25,435.00 of support needed to balance the expenditure side of the proposed state budget.

It was agreed that a personal letter to the local president from the state budget chairman would present each League's suggested pledge.

The State Budget Committee is to request special gifts from a few Leagues in a position to make them.

The Board reviewed the Budget Committee plan for the order in which budget cuts would be made in event the total income anticipated was not available.

Mrs. Hughes moved approval of the proposed state budget calling for expenditures of \$25,435.00 and income of \$25,435.00, with appreciation for the work of the Budget Committee. Seconded; carried.

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PRESIDENTS COUNCIL PLANS Mrs. Ashford outlined a tentative agenda for Presidents Council based on Board recommendations and discussions of her committee:

Tuesday, March 17, 1959

- 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM -- Registration.
2:00 PM -- First Council Session to include: Welcoming speeches, President's Report, Presentation State Board members, Report on State Program with Legislative Briefing, Report on National Program. Announcement Publications-Tote-Bag Contest, Budget Presentation and Discussion, Local League Pledges, Field Service Pledges.
4:00 PM -- Coffee Break
4:15 PM -- Two meetings. Half of group in Crystal Ballroom, half in Maximilian Room. Each to consider one of State Program Items. To evaluate progress, plan future steps, exchange techniques. Plans should emphasize importance of study and mastery of program content. Should increase understanding of Field Service, possibly define place of Voters Service in total League activity. This might be the place to ask "What kind of help does the local League want from the State Board?" Adjourn 5:30 PM.
7:30 PM -- Dinner. Ask Senator Lyndon Johnson to speak, suggesting subject matter of two National Program Items.

Wednesday, March 18, 1959

- 8:00 AM -- Breakfast with legislators.
9:30 AM -- Latest Scoops from Capitol. Capitol Committee.
10:15 AM -- Visit to Capitol.
Lunch on your own.
1:30 PM -- Final Session. Allowing about half an hour for each: (1) Reports from Tuesday meetings and Direction on State Program. (2) Direction on National Program. (3) Budget Adoption (4) Consideration of Personnel Principle. (5) "The Role of The Local League President" -- a fifteen minute speech by Chris Urban followed by questions and answers.
Adjourn 4:00 PM.

Mrs. Smith will talk to Mrs. Barrow, Austin president, about the appointment of a Local Arrangements chairman for Presidents Council.

The following Presidents Council Committee was named: Mrs. Ashford, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Boller, Mrs. Rendall, Mrs. Bridwell, Mrs. Hughes, and the new Chairman for State Item II.

Mrs. Rendall moved that the Board approve the tentative Council Plans. Seconded; carried.

POST BOARD LETTER The Board reviewed the contents of the post-Board letter.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING Tentative dates for the January Board Meeting were set: Arrive January 19. Meet January 20 and 21, all day.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Secretary

LWV of Texas

League of Women Voters of Texas

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AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

November 18, 1958

TO: Local League Presidents and Board Members
FROM: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
RE: November State Board Report

Another "longest Board meeting on record" was held in Austin, beginning with committee meetings on the night of November 4 and ending at 4:00 P.M. on November 7. A portion of Board members' expenses was paid from the Shared Field Service fund, for almost one full day was devoted to discussion with Christine Urban regarding -- well, everything in the Texas League, but especially the role of the State Board and the quality and quantity of Board services which are provided to meet the needs of Texas local Leagues. It was a session both exhilarating and exhausting, for self-analysis is never easy. But Miss Urban was an invaluable source of objectivity; her worth to Texas in helping us to know ourselves -- our capacities and our potentialities -- will become apparent, I believe, almost at once.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Enclosed with this report. Add to the report of money received: \$400 from Houston for Shared Field Service, \$429.98 from San Antonio for third quarterly payment on State Pledge.

PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR 1959-'60

Enclosed with this report. Will also be printed in January VOTER. Budget Committee: Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Warren Tallman, Fort Worth; Mrs. David Mendell, Houston; Mrs. Robert Wagner, State treasurer; and Mrs. Maurice Brown, State finance chairman.

This budget represents a departure from past format -- represents planning for new and different services so extensive as almost to amount to policy changes. The State Board enthusiastically approved the Budget Committee's recommendations.

A personal letter from the State budget chairman to each president will explain Your Stake in the Budget -- suggesting the amount of your pledge for State and National services and explaining why the committee recommends it to you.

BOARD CHANGES

With the greatest regret, the Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Hill Baggett, serving as Area Organization chairman. Until her successor can be named, Leagues in her area are asked to communicate with Mrs. Irving Pettis or the state office.

The State Nominating Committee was completed with the naming of Mrs. M. S. Braunagel and Mrs. Maurice Brown as State Board members of the committee.

Please change the State Board list in your notebooks to reflect recent changes; especially is it important to correct your VOTER (or bulletin) mailing list.

National Item II, Water -- Mrs. Herbert Martin, 4403 West 3rd Ave., Amarillo
Treasurer -- Mrs. Robert P. Wagner, 1007 West 24, Austin
Remove names of Mrs. Hill Baggett and Mrs. Mark Barkan

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

March 17 - 18. Driskill Hotel, Austin. Again a reminder about the early date of Council next year, which probably conflicts with your calendared date for your Annual Meeting. Mrs. Gerald Ashford is Council chairman. Board discussions developed the outlines of Council (hint: Resource chairmen and committee members will clamor to attend as Council observers!). Final plans will be announced in the January VOTER.

FIELD SERVICE

This phase of state services to local Leagues has been called "Organization", and it is hoped that the new name will make more easily understood the expanded services which the 1959-1960 state budget would provide for.

In October the Laredo League voted to disband (please remove from your mailing list). A lack of nonpartisan leadership available at this time was the reason for this reluctant vote. We may all take pride in the valuable work done by the Laredo League in sparking its community to a realization of the rights and responsibilities of citizen participation in the democratic process.

Christine Urban will return for her second visit to Texas the first three weeks in March, subject to approval of our plans by the National Board meeting late this month.

BY-LAWS

Enclosed in this mailing is a letter from the State By-laws chairman which your board and/or a special committee will wish to consider, as you make plans for your Annual Meeting.

PUBLICATIONS

State Standing Orders will henceforth include State Program publications, as well as leadership materials, unless a League requests otherwise. As an example, TCR leaflet No. 3, introduced at the Area Conferences, is being mailed to you in your standing order quantity.

A new, up to date State Publications List will be ready soon -- remember that this list is free and belongs in the hands of every member, contributor, library, and editor in your community.

STATE I -- TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

The "Patches" leaflet, issued at Convention, will be re-printed to reflect the number of patches added to our Constitution on November 4. Lawyers, government teachers, and other civic leaders, including always the press, will be interested in the three leaflets already published -- some will be interested in our Speech Outlines. The Tyler LWV has successfully produced a 30 minute skit on the many constitutions of Texas, and will give a copy of the skit to any League requesting it -- write the Tyler TCR chairman, Mrs. John L. Sinclair, 1424 Pettit.

STATE II -- JURY SYSTEM

Completion of Section III of the League's Look has been delayed, pending appointment of a new chairman, but the committee is at work on it.

STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

State Board members who have assumed additional responsibilities as chairmen of our State CR's are:

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| 1. Legal Status of Women | Mrs. M. S. Braunagel |
| 2. Family Courts | Mrs. Irving Pettis |
| 3. Election Laws | Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr. |

NATIONAL I -- FOREIGN POLICY

The new National booklet and Reader's Guide provide the perfect tool for Resource Committees in this field, not only for study, but to help the Committee plan how it can translate its study into the most valuable membership meetings. Relating our evaluation of foreign policy to news stories and editorials found in every issue of our daily papers may help pull this item into focus for members -- may show the "here and now" urgency of our study.

NATIONAL II -- WATER POLICIES

An extremely valuable tool for Texas Leagues is Senator Lyndon Johnson's report "Water Developments and Potentialities of the Water in the State of Texas," which includes maps of every river basin in Texas -- you may be surprised to discover which basin your town is in. An attempt will be made to get copies of this report for every League in Texas. Also, a new, up to date bibliography for Texas Leagues is being prepared and will be sent out as soon as possible.

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

State Board members named chairmen of National CR's are:

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| 1. Federal loyalty -- security | Mrs. Maurice Brown |
| 2. Self-government for D.C. | Mrs. Eugene Hughes |
| 3. Item veto on appropriations | Mrs. Loren Gordon |
| 4. Constitutional tax limitation | Mrs. E. A. Rendall |
| 5. Limiting power over foreign relations | Mrs. Loren Gordon |

LEGISLATION

A Handbook for Legislative Chairmen, outlining every detail of this job, has been prepared and will be mailed out as soon as it can be produced in the state office. Lobby by Letter has been revised a bit and will be ready for local Leagues about January 1.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

A really exciting experiment is underway in Texas, whereby the State League is assisting three local Leagues in their cooperative work on their LCA at the state level. The Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio Leagues, having arrived at a position and received state permission, are at work on a legislative campaign for a County Home Rule amendment to the State Constitution. While other Leagues in Texas cannot work for this legislation, individual members throughout the state may wish to do so -- information on the proposed amendment will be furnished all Texas members by the three Leagues working for its passage at the next session of the Legislature.

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FINANCE

More and more success stories in the field of finance in Texas -- most Leagues going over the top or only a few dollars under their campaign goals. Discussions at the Area Conferences indicated that Leagues may have gained a new concept of the relationship of the League and its contributors -- of the role of the League as a community service organization in both Program and Voters Service.

VOTERS SERVICE

Governor Price Daniel has agreed to proclaim the week of January 25 to 31 as "Pay Your Poll Tax Week." Instruction sheets for training poll tax collectors are available at the state office - 1¢ each.

TEXAS VOTER

The next issue of the Texas VOTER will reach members late in January. Because the November VOTER would have reached members with their Christmas cards -- and because of the too-small VOTER allowance in the budget, it was decided to issue only one more Texas VOTER before Council. This January issue will include, besides the proposed State budget, all information for members on Council plans.

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AND THE LAST WORD -- PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT

The length of this State Board Report poses additional problems for your Board, for it will surely not be absorbed at a single reading. Yet in this Report is the information that your Board will need to carry out, in a well integrated fashion, its responsibilities to your members. Your help will be needed, as always, in relating plans for each portfolio to the total board planning. I am reminded, too, that you will be helping your Nominating Committee tackle its important job with all the tools you can provide -- do you have copies of The Nominating Committee (5¢ each from National) for each member, as well as a number of copies of the Local League Handbook for the Committee's study before it starts its work? And would you, or some member of your Board, like to meet with your Budget Committee for a brief discussion of the scope and importance of its work, before it begins the job of planning for your League's activities next year? Perhaps a look together at the State budget explanations would assist this Committee in presenting a budget tailored to your League and your community. Your Committee may wish to spell out items in each budget category, as the State Budget Committee did -- surely we all need to use more imagination in making the budget seem what it really isour design for living.

Do let me hear from you -- your ideas and questions and suggestions are a valuable source of assistance to me in carrying out my job.

LWV of Texas
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