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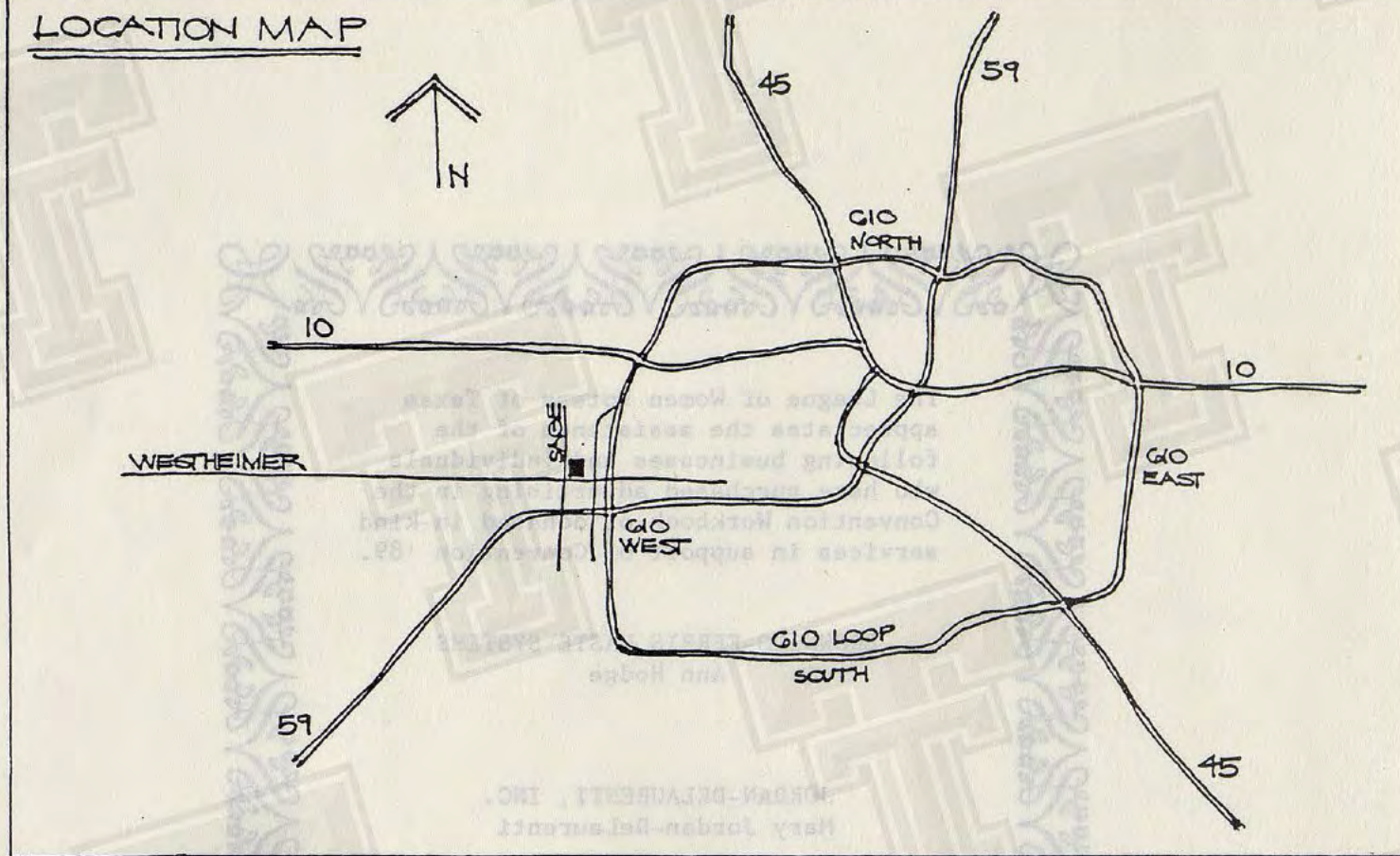
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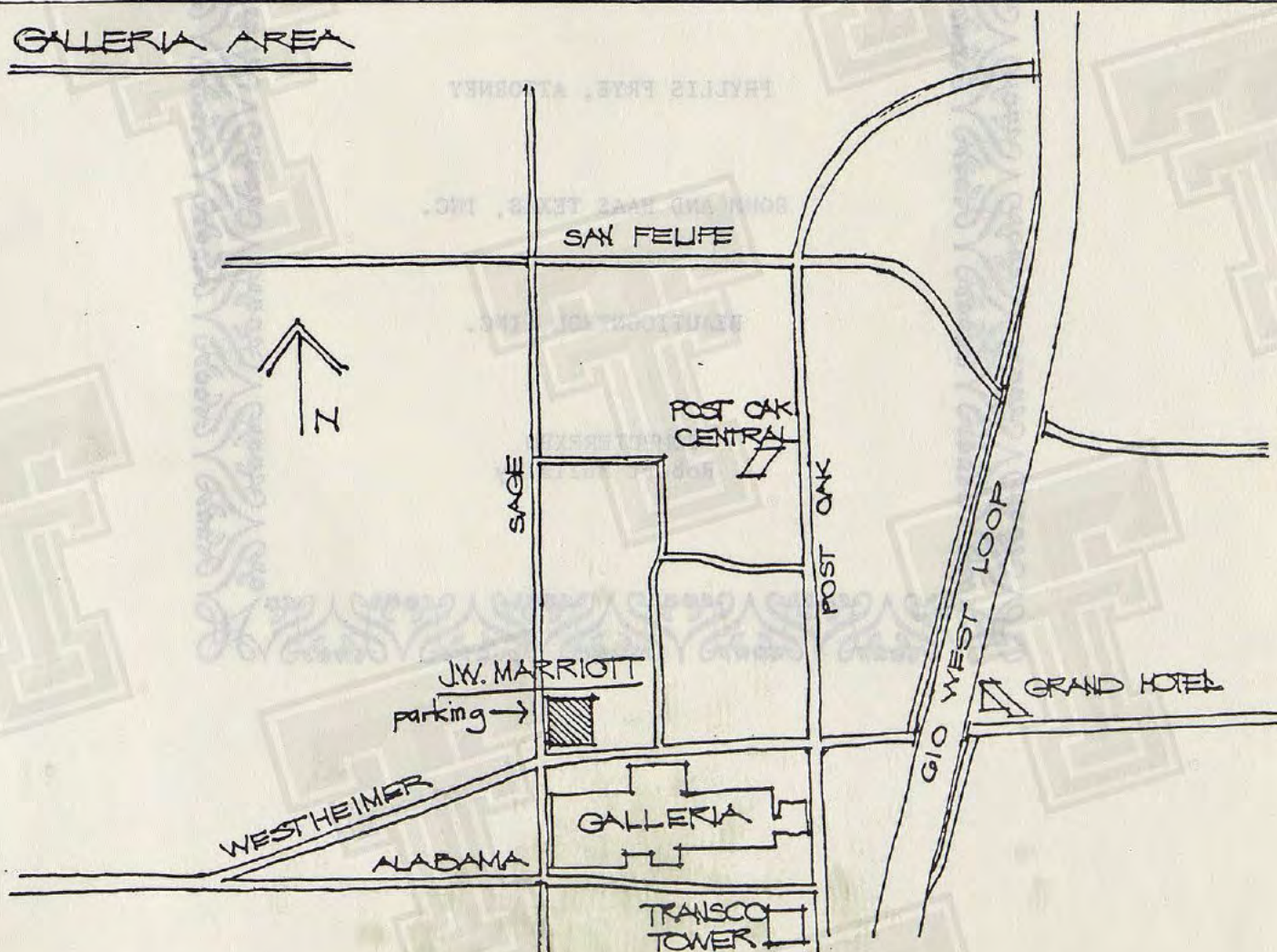
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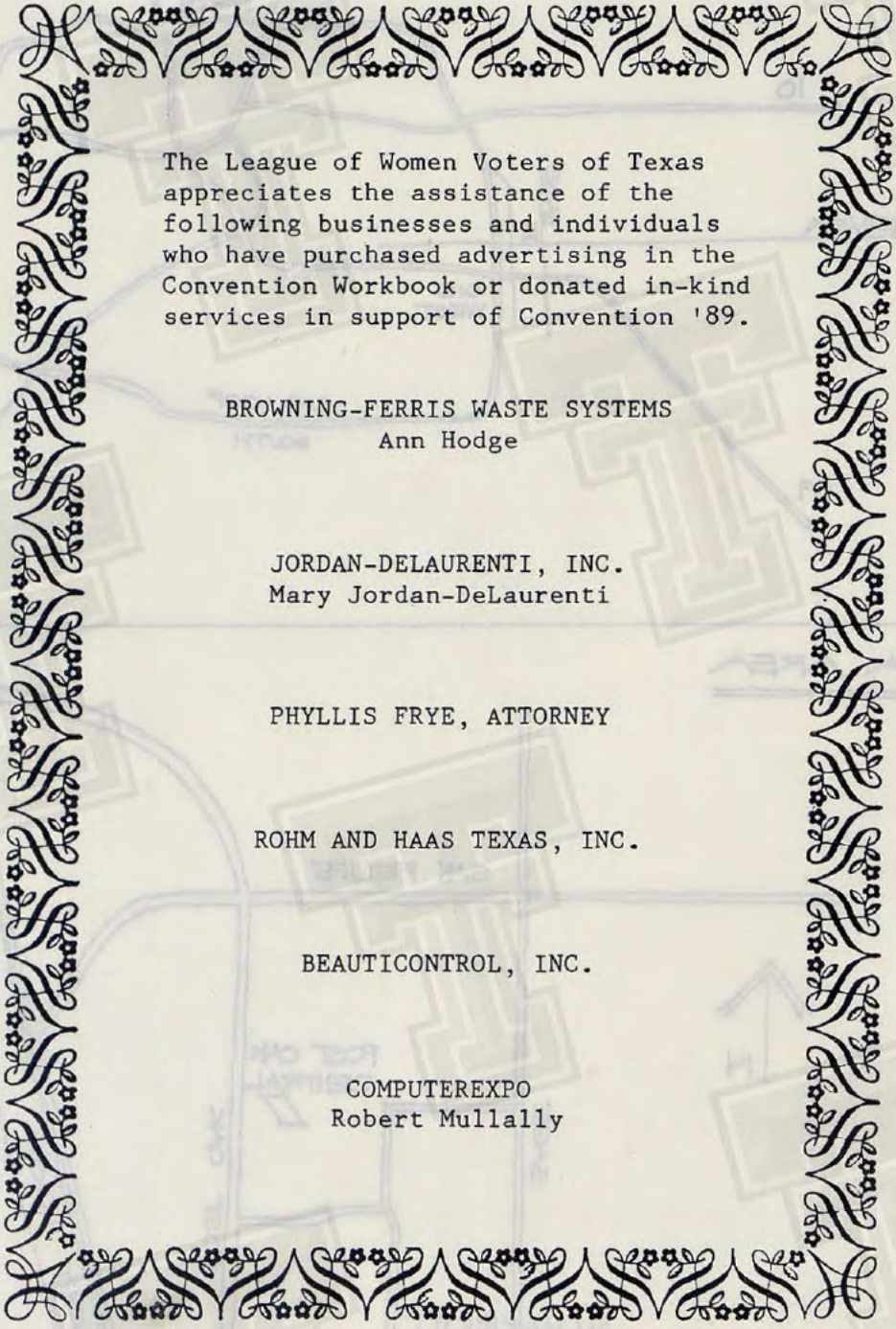
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HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF CONVENTION '89

LWV-Texas Convention is a biennial gathering of delegates representing the members of LWV-Texas. It is a business session where delegates chart the course of the state League for the next two years by adopting budget and program, considering bylaws changes, and electing officers and directors. It is a learning experience--and a time to have fun.

To get the most out of Convention, prepare before you go, participate while you are there, and share your experiences with your members after you return. And don't feel shy about taking an active role in convention discussions. Half the attendees are usually first-timers, and help is available to make it easy to be active.

Prepare before Going to Convention

- o Study the two-part Convention Workbook, which contains proposals for action relating to bylaws, program, budget, and elections as well as other items that will be considered, such as the proposed long range plan.
- o Talk to the League members who are sending you to Convention as their delegate to find out how they feel about proposed action. Delegates go to Convention informed but not instructed. Your actions at Convention should be taken with the knowledge of what your members want as well as what you learn from convention discussion, caucuses, and debate.
- o If you want to promote adoption of the Proposed Program or a not-recommended item, or amendments to the budget or bylaws, consult the memo entitled "How to Campaign for a Not-Recommended Item" sent in the February, 1989 mailing. It contains helpful information for campaigning in general. To schedule a convention caucus before you arrive at Convention, contact LWV-Houston.
- o Questions about the business of Convention can be directed to the appropriate state board member or the president (see enclosed board list). Questions about logistics and registration should be directed to the hosts, LWV-Houston, at 713/529-3171.

Participate in Convention Activities

- o Attend the Parliamentary Briefing on Friday morning, and consult the parliamentarian and others available to help you participate effectively in Convention (see Schedule of Events).
- o Convention is run in conformance with LWV-Texas bylaws, in accordance with parliamentary procedure, and in keeping with standing rules adopted at the start of the session. Familiarize yourself with the sections of the workbook in which these items are located. If the standing rules are amended at the start of the session, note the changes in your Convention Workbook.

- o The Proposed Order of Business delineates what will happen in the plenary meetings. The order will be adopted by convention delegates at the start of the session; note changes if it is amended.
- o The Schedule of Events describes all pre-convention and convention activities, both social and business. Record additional events, room locations, and any changes announced at Convention.
- o Be sure to attend all convention activities. Decisions representative of the League membership as a whole depend on your participation in plenary meetings and the workshop on long range planning. The Saturday morning workshops, speeches, and social events inform, inspire, and motivate all of us to carry out our mission.
- o To schedule a caucus on Friday or Saturday evening, ask the convention office for an available room. Write a brief announcement and give it to the secretary to read during the announcement period at the end of each plenary meeting. State board members do not attend caucuses unless invited.

After Convention Is Over

- o Communicate what you have learned with your members: write a VOTER article, report to the board, speak at a social event or League meeting.
- o Share materials and information with board members and others who would find it useful.
- o Save your marked up Convention Workbook as a record of what took place.

THE BUSINESS OF CONVENTION: BYLAWS, BUDGET, PROGRAM, ELECTIONS

Convention business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except in situations covered by the bylaws or standing rules. The proposed standing rules will be presented shortly after the first plenary meeting starts on Friday. Amendments may be offered at that time and require a majority vote. The rules as a whole, either as presented in the Convention Workbook or as amended, require a 2/3 majority vote for adoption. The rules may be amended, rescinded, or suspended at any time during the convention by a 2/3 majority. (For example, "I move to suspend the rules to allow delegates to speak on this motion for more than two minutes.") Review the rules, refer to "Parliamentary Procedures at a Glance," and consult the parliamentarian as needed. The highlights that follow are based on the Proposed Order of Business.

General Discussion and Debate

In order that all may hear, microphones must be used to address the convention. Speakers must identify themselves by name and League. Both discussion and debate are in order during consideration of convention business. Discussion gives proponents an opportunity to explain the motion under consideration and the reasons it is being proposed, and to respond to questions. When it appears that the convention can move to the debate stage, the chair will designate microphones as PRO and CON and will alternate

between the two so that delegates can hear each point of view presented alternately.

Voting

Most votes are voice votes. If in doubt, the chair will call for a division of the house (a standing vote where numbers of ayes and nays are observed but not counted). If still in doubt, the chair will call for a counted vote. No one may enter or leave the room while a counted vote is being taken. Any voting delegate may request a division of the house or a counted vote. All 2/3 and 3/5 majority votes will be standing votes counted by the tellers.

Elections

The report of the nominating committee will be presented at the first plenary meeting Friday. If there are no nominations from the floor following the presentation, voting for officers, directors, and three members of the nominating committee will be by voice vote on Sunday morning. If additional nominations are made, voting by ballot will take place in the publications room during the following hours: Friday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m..

Proposed Bylaws

Bylaws revisions will be presented, debated, and voted on in the first plenary meeting Friday. Because the proposals affect most articles of the bylaws, the Bylaws Committee Chair will move to substitute the proposed revision for the existing bylaws. If there is no objection, the convention chair will order the revision to be considered seriatim (article by article, section by section). (In other words, the discussion and debate will be on the wording of the proposed rather than the existing bylaws.) A majority vote is required to amend a proposed section or article. A 2/3 majority vote is required to adopt the revised bylaws, either as presented in the workbook or as amended. If the bylaws are revised, the revisions go into effect immediately. (Only passage of proposed Article XII would affect action usually taken by convention delegates; see Proposed Bylaws.)

Proposed Budget, PMP, and Minimum Support

Convention delegates vote on four budget-related items: the 1989-90 LWV-Texas budget; the per-member payment (PMP) for 1989-90; the minimum support payment for 1989-90; and the per-member payment for 1990-91. (The board of trustees adopts the LWV-Texas budget annually, and delegates to Council '90 will adopt the 1990-91 LWV-T budget.)

The Budget Committee Chair will present the LWV-T budget and the proposed per-member payments and minimum support payment on Friday, with only questions for clarification allowed at that time. The motions for adoption will be made before debate, which is scheduled for Saturday morning. If necessary, debate on the budget may continue Sunday morning. Action on the budget, which requires a majority vote, will take place Sunday morning after program is adopted.

Debate and votes on the two proposed PMPs and the minimum support payment will take place Saturday morning. The proposed PMPs and the minimum support

payment, which must be voted on before the budget, are each adopted by a 3/5 majority vote.

Proposed Program

The Proposed Program is the program of study and action for 1989-91 recommended by the state board. It will be presented at the first plenary meeting on Friday, and moved for adoption on Saturday before debate begins. On Friday, notice of intent must be given by those wishing to move a not-recommended item for consideration. (Not-recommended items eligible for consideration by convention delegates are listed in the Convention Workbook. The bylaws, rules, and yellow Proposed Program explain how an item becomes eligible.)

On Saturday, those who gave notice of intent may move their item for consideration, which takes a majority vote. Items granted consideration and the Proposed Program will be debated on Saturday. The vote on program will occur Sunday. The Proposed Program requires a simple majority vote for passage, and not-recommended items need a 2/3 majority to be adopted. (See the rules governing program adoption.)

Other Business

Motions proposing that convention delegates take legislative or other governmental action based on League positions are called action motions (see Rule 11). Suggestions for the state board regarding the League itself may be presented on Sunday morning during "I Wish the League Would...." Suggestions delegates wish conveyed to LNVUS may be presented on Sunday morning during "Directions to National Council."

WORKSHOPS

Long Range Plan

The proposed long range plan will be the subject of a workshop of the whole on Saturday afternoon. Delegates and observers will work in groups of ten to reach agreement via a modified concurrence on the plan's mission, goals, and objectives. After that, groups will suggest strategies for the state board to use to achieve the goals and objectives. (See enclosed report on long range plan.)

Saturday Morning Concurrent Workshops

Delegates and observers will each attend one workshop designed to enhance skills needed in various League jobs. Workshop selections were made by delegates and observers at the time of registration and are, therefore, listed on the registrant's confirmation form. (See Schedule of Events.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1989

12:30p- 6:00p State board meeting
9:00p-10:00p Open house for early arrivals

Travis Room
LWV Pres. Suite

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1989

9:00a- 1:00p Registration
8:30a-11:30a Board trainers workshop
11:00a-11:45a Parliamentary briefing 11:00-11:30
Available for consultation:
Parliamentarian (after briefing)
Budget chair and treasurer
Bylaws chair
Program VP/long range plan chair
12:00p- 1:30p Luncheon with Dr. Amy Freeman Lee as speaker
2:00p- 6:00p First plenary meeting
6:30p- 7:30p Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres
7:30p- 9:00p Dinner on your own (LL presidents and state board in small groups for Dutch-treat dinners)
9:00p-10:00p Caucuses
Child Care
State board available
others, if requested

2nd floor lobby
Harris Room
Navarro Room
Navarro Room
Travis Room
Travis Room
Nueces Room
Ballroom C
Ballroom A&B
2nd floor lobby

Harris Room
LWV Pres. Suite
to be announced

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1989

7:00a- 8:00a Deluxe continental breakfast
7:30a- 8:45a Workshops
- Incoming presidents or their rep.
- Local League use of LWV-Texas Ed Fund
- LLs with own EPs (Hou, Dal, Aus, Bmt, Lbk)
- Voters Guide production and funding
- Fundraising
- VOTER production
9:00a-11:45a Second plenary meeting
12:00p- 1:30p Luncheon with Fran Kieffer
2:00p- 3:30p Workshop to review long range plan
3:45p- 5:45p Second plenary meeting continues
6:30p Cash bar
7:00p- 9:00p 70th Birthday Gala
9:30p-10:30p Caucuses

2nd floor lobby
Ballroom C
Navarro Room
Ballroom C
Harris Room
Nueces Room
Travis Room
Ballroom A&B
Ballroom C
Ballroom C
Ballroom A&B
2nd floor lobby
Ballroom C
to be announced

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1989

Breakfast on your own
9:00a-12:30p Third plenary meeting/Silent Auction
12:45p- 2:00p Old state board/new state board luncheon

Ballroom A&B
Travis Room

Convention Office - Bexar Room

Friday 8:30a-10:00p
Saturday 7:15a- 6:30p
Sunday 8:00a- 1:00p

Publications and Wares Room - Hidalgo Room

Friday 9:00a-12:00p; 6:00p-8:00p
Saturday 8:00a- 9:00a; 5:45p-7:00p
Sunday 7:30a- 9:00a; 12:30p-1:00p

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1989

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<u>FIRST PLENARY MEETING</u>	Ballroom A&B
2:00	Call to Order	Diane Sheridan
	Welcome	
	Jeanette Vanderwater, President, LWV-Houston Area	
	Kathy Whitmire, Mayor of Houston	
2:10	Introductions	
	Convention Chairs and Committee Chairs,	
	State Board, Associate Directors,	
	Other State League Leaders, Staff,	
	Special Guests	
2:30	Roll Call of Local Leagues and State Unit	Carol Wilson
	Organization of Convention	Diane Sheridan
	Appointments: Committee to Approve	
	Minutes; Timekeeper; Parliamentarian;	
	Tellers, Credentials, Elections, and	
	Courtesy Resolutions Committees	
2:35	Credentials Report	
	Standing Rules Report	Sondra Ferstl
	Adoption of Standing Rules	
	Adoption of Order of Business	
2:45	President's Report	Diane Sheridan
2:55	Secretary's Report	Carol Wilson
	Treasurer's Report	Myrtle McMahan
3:05	Nominating Committee Report	Lois Carpenter
	Nominations from Floor	
3:10	Presentation of Proposed Budget, PMP, Minimum	
	Support (questions for clarification only)	Doris Watson
3:30 - 3:45	Recess	
3:45	Explanation of Program Adoption Process	Louise Cummins
	Presentation of Proposed Program	Louise Cummins
	Notice of Intent to Present Not-Recommended	
	Program Items	
4:15	Explanation of Bylaws Amendment Process	Evelyn Bonavita
	Presentation of Proposed Bylaws	Evelyn Bonavita
	Debate, Vote	
5:30	Development Report	Barbara Weinstein
	Presentation of Sharing Formula	
	Pot of Gold Awards	Barbara Weinstein
5:50	Explanation of Action Motions Process	Evelyn Bonavita
	Appointment of Action Motions Committee	
5:55	Announcements	Carol Wilson
6:00	Adjourn	

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1989

9:00 - 11:45 a.m.	<u>SECOND PLENARY MEETING</u>	Ballroom A&B
9:00	Call to Order	Diane Sheridan
	Credentials Report	
	Presentation/Vote for Consideration of Not-Recommended Program Items	Louise Cummins
9:30	Program Discussion and Debate	Louise Cummins
10:15 - 10:30	Recess	
10:30	Budget Discussion and Debate	Doris Watson
11:00	Votes on PMPs and Minimum Support Payment	
	Vote on Sharing Formula	
11:15	Capital Fund Drive Report	Betty Anderson
11:25	Legislative Report	Evelyn Bonavita
11:40	Announcements	Carol Wilson
11:45	Recess	
3:45 - 5:45 p.m.	<u>SECOND PLENARY MEETING CONTINUED</u>	Ballroom A&B
3:45	Call to Order	Diane Sheridan
	Credentials Report	
	Program Discussion and Debate	Louise Cummins
5:20	Membership Awards	Sondra Ferstl
5:30	Action Motions	Evelyn Bonavita
5:40	Announcements	Carol Wilson
5:45	Adjourn	

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1989

9:15 - 12:30 p.m.	<u>THIRD PLENARY MEETING</u>	Ballroom A&B
9:15	Call to Order	Diane Sheridan
	Credentials Report	
9:20	Vote on Program	Louise Cummins
9:50	Budget Debate	Doris Watson
	Vote on Budget	
10:30 - 10:45	Recess	
10:45	Action Motions Committee Report	Evelyn Bonavita
	Vote on Action Motions	
11:00	Directions to National Council	Diane Sheridan
11:10	"I Wish the League Would": Suggestions for the State Board	Evelyn Bonavita Diane Sheridan
11:20	Courtesy Resolutions Report	
11:25	Invitations to Convention '91	
11:30	Election of 1989-91 Board & Nominating Cttee. State Board Introductions and Farewells	
11:40	Silent Auction	Ruth Lauer
12:30	Adjourn sine die	

PROPOSED STANDING RULES FOR CONVENTION '89

A motion to adopt these rules will be made shortly after the convention opens. Amendments may be offered at that time and require a majority vote. The rules as a whole (either amended or as listed below) require a two-thirds majority vote for adoption.

1. Admission to the convention shall be limited to persons displaying official badges which must be worn at all meetings of the convention.
2. Voting members, observers, and visitors shall sit in areas so designated. Although they may enter the convention hall after the convention has started, they shall not be seated during an address.
3. When a vote is in process, the doors to the convention hall shall be closed and no one may enter or leave the hall.
4. Only delegates (Art. VIII, Sec. 2, 3, 4 Current Bylaws) may vote. Delegates must pay the total registration fee; however, such registrations are transferable within the local League provided there is one person present to cast each ballot. One-half of the host League badges will be assigned on a permanent basis, and one-half may be assigned on a rotating basis.
5. Only delegates and those authorized by the chair or the convention may address the assembly. Observers may not make motions or vote, but they may speak to a question. Speeches will be limited to two minutes unless otherwise stated in the rules. No member may speak more than twice to the same question on the same day. During debate on a motion, no person may speak a second time on a motion until all others who wish to speak, and have not yet done so, have spoken. A delegate's second speech to the same question shall be limited to two minutes.
6. Speakers shall use microphones and shall identify themselves by name and League when addressing the assembly. Anyone making a motion shall identify it by the number appearing on the motion form.
7. Main motions and amendments of substantial length must be written in ballpoint pen (press very hard) on forms provided by the ushers. The maker of the motion shall keep one copy and give the others to an usher who will deliver them to the projector operator, the secretary, and the presiding officer.
8. Only announcements that relate to the business of the convention or the welfare of the members shall be made. All announcements shall be made by the secretary.
9. Motions shall not be presented in resolution form except for courtesy resolutions.
10. The procedure for program adoption shall be as follows:

The proposed program shall be presented by a state board member at the first plenary meeting on Friday. No questions for clarification will be

entertained and no debate will be allowed at that time. The proposed program shall be moved for adoption at the first meeting Saturday, and the vote shall come on Sunday.

After presentation of the proposed program, those who plan to move consideration of a not-recommended item shall give an informal notice of their intent to do so. One minute is allowed for each notice of intent. No questions for clarification and no debate are allowed. The speaker may not yield to another delegate.

Any program recommendations submitted by local League boards at least three months prior to convention but not recommended by the state board may be moved for consideration at the Saturday morning meeting provided that notice of intent shall have been given at the first meeting on Friday afternoon.

Presentations of motions for consideration shall be limited to five minutes, and there shall be no debate, amendment, or questions for clarification at that time. The speaker may yield to another within the five minutes.

A vote on each item shall be taken immediately after it is presented. A majority vote will place a not-recommended item before the convention. A delegate may request the state board to give its reasons for not recommending an item; such a statement shall not exceed three minutes.

Items voted consideration, in the order in which it was granted, and then proposed program, by category and in the order in which it was presented, will be taken up one at a time for debate and possible amendment during the regular order of business Saturday.

The total time available for discussion and debate on each item will be set by the presiding officer.

All program votes will take place on Sunday morning in the order in which items were debated. The result of each vote will be announced before the next vote is taken. Adoption of the proposed program requires a majority vote. Adoption of a not-recommended item requires a two-thirds majority vote.

11. All action motions--motions proposing that the convention take legislative or administrative action--must be based on League positions. They must be referred to and considered by the Action Motions Committee prior to their introduction to the convention. An Action Motions Committee shall be appointed by the presiding officer at the first plenary meeting on Friday. The deadline for referral of action motions to the committee is 5:00 p.m. Saturday. The committee shall consider these motions as soon as practicable and shall promptly advise the makers of the motions of the committee's decisions. Action motions may be made at the times designated in the order of business. Introduction of an action motion shall be limited to three minutes; the speaker may not yield. The total time available for discussion and debate will be set by the presiding officer. If a delegate elects to introduce a motion reported unfavorably, it shall be in order for the committee to explain to the convention its reasons for disapproving the motion.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AT A GLANCE

To Do This*:	You Say This:	May you Interrupt Speaker?	Must be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	Is the Motion Amendable?	What Vote is Required?
Adjourn the meeting	<i>I move that we adjourn.</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not Amendable	Majority vote required
Recess the meeting	<i>I move that we recess until...</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Complain about noise, room temperature, etc.	<i>Point of privilege</i>	May interrupt speaker only if emergency	No second needed	Not debatable**	Not Amendable	No vote required Chair rules
Suspend further consideration of something ***	<i>I move we table it.</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not Amendable	Majority vote required
End debate	<i>I move the previous question</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not Amendable	Two thirds vote required
Postpone consideration of something	<i>I move we postpone this matter until...</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Have something studied further	<i>I move we refer this matter to a committee</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Amend a motion	<i>I move that this motion be amended by...</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Introduce business (a main motion)	<i>I move that...</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required

* The motions or points above are listed in established order of precedence. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce another that's listed below it, but you may introduce another that's listed above it.

** In this case, any resulting motion is debatable.

*** Temporary action for emergency use. (See "Postpone Consideration" or use "Postpone Indefinitely" to kill a motion).

To Do This*:	You Say This:	May you Interrupt Speaker?	Must be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	Is the Motion Amendable?	What Vote is Required?
Object to procedure or to a personal affront.	<i>Point of order</i>	May interrupt the speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not Amendable	No vote required, Chair decides
Request information	<i>Point of information</i>	If urgent, may interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not Amendable	No vote required
Ask for a vote by actual count to verify a voice vote ***	<i>I move that we have a counted vote.</i>	May not interrupt speaker**	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not Amendable	Majority vote required
Object to considering some undiplomatic or improper matter.	<i>I object to consideration of this question</i>	May interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not Amendable	Two thirds vote required
Take up a matter previously tabled	<i>I move we take from the table...</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not Amendable	Majority required
Reconsider something already disposed of	<i>I move we now (or later) reconsider our action relative to... ****</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable if original motion is debatable	Not Amendable	Majority required
Consider something out of its scheduled order	<i>I move we suspend the rules and consider...</i>	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not Amendable	Two thirds vote required
Vote on a ruling by the Chair	<i>I appeal the Chair's decision</i>	May interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Not Amendable	Majority required

* The motions, points and proposals listed above have no established order of precedence. Any of them may be introduced at any time—except when the meeting is considering one of the top three matters listed in the above chart (motion to adjourn, motion to recess, point of privilege).

** Must be called for before another motion is started.

*** Calling for a division of the house means a re-vote by rising but without a count of those voting.

**** Mover must have voted with the winning side.

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NOMINATIONING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers, directors, and nominating committee members for the 1989-1991 biennium:

OFFICERS

President
Program Vice-President
Public Relations Vice-President
Organization Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

Diane Sheridan, Bay Area
Evelyn Bonavita, Houston Area
Barbara Weinstein, Dallas
Sondra Ferstl, Denton
Helen Drakeley, Edinburg/McAllen
Barbara Swartz, Houston Area

DIRECTORS

Rebecca Bergstresser, Dallas
Tina Egge, Sherman
Toni Ferrell, Tyler
Ruthann Geer, Arlington
Tom Gooch, Tarrant County
Karen Nicholson, Midland
Carol Wilson, Richardson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Louise Cummins, Lubbock; Chair
Frances McIntyre, Austin Area
Myrtle McMahan, Tarrant County

Respectfully Submitted by,

Lois Carpenter, Chair
Louise Cummins
Rachel Gooch
Barbara McCormick
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS (LWV-T)
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND (LWV-TEF)

BUDGETS FOR 1989-90

Delegates at Convention will approve the LWV-Texas budget for the 1989-90 fiscal year, adopt per-member payments (PMPs) for 1989-90 and 1990-91, and approve a minimum support payment for 1989-90. (LWV-TEF trustees will adopt that budget at their June, 1989 board meeting; the 1990-91 LWV-T budget will be adopted at Council '90..) Both the LWV-T and LWV-TEF budgets for the coming fiscal year are presented here because they are interrelated.

The proposed budgets reflect the state board's commitment to provide local Leagues, members, and the public with the best services possible without increasing the current \$10 PMP in 1989-90 even though it causes the LWV-Texas budget to be very constrained. The board also recommends retaining the current \$300 minimum support payment. (Minimum support is paid by those Leagues whose PMP would otherwise be less than \$300.) Other means of raising needed revenues to provide acceptable levels of service are being proposed in the 1989-90 budget:

- o income from state fundraising has been increased by 15%
- o dues for members at large have been increased from \$30 to \$35
- o subscription rates for Duplicate President's Mailings (DPMs) have been increased from \$25 to \$27.50

In a fiscal year without a legislative session, these constraints in the LWV-T budget are tolerable, but they will not be possible in the 1990-91 budget year. Consequently, the board recommends that convention delegates approve an \$11 PMP for FY 90-91, to go into effect June 1, 1990.

The proposed LWV-Texas budget includes a 4% salary increase for the state office staff and funding for a budget format task force to meet. The task force would develop recommendations for implementing the changes IRS suggested during their 1988 audits of LWV-T and LWV-TEF and would design a budget format that is more easily understood and based on the actual staff time spent performing tasks related to various line items in the budget.

The proposed LWV-TEF budget reflects the budget committee's recommendation that the trustees eliminate the 5% administration fee currently charged for local League projects funded by LWV-TEF.

At the request of IRS, both budgets now record the money LWV-TEF reimburses LWV-T for shared services as income rather than as reductions in expenses.

The current 1988-89 LWV-T budget (middle column) is out of balance because the board authorized increased legislative expenses to cover the cost of hiring a legislative monitor in Austin. The board believes there will be sufficient income to cover the additional expense and does not plan to adjust the income side of the budget unless and until it becomes necessary to do so.

If you have any questions about the proposed budgets, please contact any of the budget committee members or consult the chair or treasurer at Convention. Both will be available for consultation on Friday, April 14 from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. before Convention begins.

Doris Watson, Budget Committee Chair

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Barbara Swartz (see officer's list)
Myrtle McMahan (see officer's list)
Joann Lovelace (see staff list)
Diane Sheridan (see officer's list)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
PROPOSED BUDGET: JUNE 1, 1989 - MAY 31, 1990

	ACTUAL 87-88	BUDGET 88-89	PROPOSED 89-90	EXPLANATION
<u>INCOME</u>				
A. Support				
1. Local League (PMP)	\$33,651	\$33,730	\$30,910	Based on \$10 PMP/\$5 for each additional household member; local League minimum \$300
2. Members joining thru LWVUS	26	0	0	
3. Member at large dues	2,670	3,150	4,025	115 @ \$35; dues increased from \$30
4. Provisional League	300	300	0	None anticipated
5. TEF Reimbursement				
a. State office staff	12,452	15,302	15,541	50% of N.1-5; N.7-11
b. Board & administration	3,060	7,760	7,320	40% of O.1-4
c. Public relations	2,362	2,500	1,650	50% of R.1-3a.; 25% R.3.b.
d. Organization	998	1,569	3,825	25% of S.1,3,4,5,7,8; 50% S.2.
Sub-total A	\$55,519	\$64,311	\$63,271	
B. Interest	\$ 1,516	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600	Interest on savings & investments
C. Publication & Non-Pub. Sales				
1. Duplicate President's Mlg.	\$ 2,175	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,530	92 DPMs @ \$27.50; increased from \$25
2. Pubs on hand	1,272	600	600	Sale of old titles and national League pubs
3. Legislative Newsletter	0	1,350	0	None in non-legislative yr.
4. Advocacy papers	0	175	0	None in non-legislative yr.
5. We Support	460	0	750	Published after Convention
6. Program Perspectives	672	0	900	Published after Convention

	ACTUAL 87-88	BUDGET 88-89	PROPOSED 89-90	EXPLANATION
7. Non-pub sales	191	300	550	TX pins, LWV stationery, etc.
8. Silent Auction	1,084	0	1,200	Planned for Council '90
Sub-total C	\$ 5,854	\$ 4,725	\$ 6,530	
D. Contributions				
1. State fundraising	\$ 5,716	\$ 8,778	\$10,173	Unrestricted corporate, foundation, direct mail, & special project income
2. Unreimbursed expenses	3,061	3,200	3,200	Board and off-board members; balanced by 0.5.
Sub-total D	\$ 8,777	\$11,978	\$13,373	
E. State Convention/Council				
1. Convention	\$ 0	\$13,000	\$ 0	None in 1988-89
2. Council	4,360	0	4,300	Council '90 in Lubbock; balanced by P.3.
Sub-total E	\$ 4,360	\$13,000	\$ 4,300	
F. In-kind assistance	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Outside professional help; balanced by V.
G. From reserves				
1. Transfer Beth Brown Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 285	Transfer of remaining funds
2. Transfer from TX Const. Rev.	0	0	681	Restricted donation in '88
3. Transfer from reserves	0	4,700	300	No income from leg. office accrual in non-leg yr.; \$300 to balance budget
4. Miscellaneous	1,211	0	0	87-88 accrual for LWVUS Council
Sub-total G	\$ 1,211	\$ 4,700	\$ 1,266	

H. Contractual	\$ 5,681	\$ 8,300	\$ 0	No Election Night Reporting in 89-90
TOTAL INCOME	\$83,418	\$109,214	\$91,340	
 EXPENSES				
N. State office				
1. Equipment maintenance	\$ 2,480	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,500	Maintenance & repairs on equipment
2. General supplies	-118	1,200	1,200	Supplies not charged to specific line items
3. Postage	474	1,000	700	Bulk mail deposit; postage not charged to specific line items
4. Telephone	1,466	1,600	1,200	Basic charge; calls not charged to specific line items
5. Insurance & bonding	670	800	800	Worker's comp; ad valorem taxes personal property; insurance; bonding for pres. & treasurer
6. Rent	5,962	6,220	6,936	Rent paid to LWV-TEF
7. Salaries	25,824	28,612	29,760	Exec. Dir. \$17,544; 7/8 time secretary \$12,216; (4% increases)
8. Payroll taxes	2,167	2,323	2,550	Employer's share
9. Audit & tax report	750	1,000	1,000	To prepare reports
10. Office overhead	-5,119	-8,831	-9,129	20% of N.1.-8.; allocation of office expenses to various other line items
11. Equipment purchase	374	500	500	Accrual for next fiscal year
Sub-total N	\$34,930	\$36,824	\$38,017	
O. Board & Administration				
1. President	\$ 1,674	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,900	Phone, travel, postage, supplies
2. Secretary & treasurer	467	400	400	Phone, postage, supplies
3. Board of Directors				
a. Tools	626	550	700	National DPMs; board tools
b. Board meetings	8,392	8,400	8,600	Four 3-day mtgs.; one 1-day mtg.
c. Board mailings	2,391	2,300	2,300	Mailings to board & off-board

	ACTUAL 87-88	BUDGET 88-89	PROPOSED 89-90	EXPLANATION
4. Administrative Committees				
a. Budget	152	300	300	Meeting expenses
b. Development	2,569	3,800	2,300	Fundraising expenses and Biennial Report
c. Interim committees	17	300	500	Periodic Program Review; Budget Format Task Force
d. Nominating & Bylaws	0	350	300	Travel, phone, supplies
5. Unreimbursed expenses	1,961	3,200	3,200	Board/off-board; balanced by D.2.
Sub-total O	\$18,249	\$22,600	\$21,500	
P. Convention/Council				
1. National	\$ 1,272	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,200	LWVUS Council, 2 delegates
2. State Convention	0	13,000	0	None in 1989-90
3. State Council	3,772	0	4,300	Balanced by E.1.; Council '90 in Lubbock
Sub-total P	\$ 5,044	\$14,800	\$ 5,500	
Q. National services (PMP)	\$ 788	\$ 777	\$ 1,242	75% of MAL PMP (25% paid by TEF)
R. Public Relations				
1. Vice-president's expenses	\$ 219	\$ 300	\$ 300	Phone, supplies, travel
2. Publicity	0	50	200	Press conferences and releases not charged elsewhere
3. Publications				
a. DPMs	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	Balanced by C.1.
b. Publications on hand	1,177	1,000	1,000	Pubs not charged elsewhere
c. Advocacy papers	0	500	0	None in non-legislative yr.
d. We Support	395	0	500	Published after Convention
e. Program Perspectives	1,035	0	1,050	Published after Convention
Sub-total R	\$ 5,572	\$ 4,150	\$ 5,350	
S. Organization				
1. Vice-president's expenses	\$ 348	\$ 300	\$ 300	Phone, travel, supplies
2. Texas VOTER	4,564	3,500	4,950	Four issues, no color

3. Field service	1,500	2,100	1,800	Board training & other assistance to LLs
4. Workshops	240	500	300	Leadership development workshops
5. New Leagues & new units	1	225	300	To promote formation of new League/unit
6. Membership	56	300	100	To promote membership growth
7. Mailings to MALs	1,122	1,000	1,000	Free mailings to MALs
8. Mailings to LLPs & unit chairs	1,493	2,100	1,700	Free president's mailings, approx. ten times a yr.
9. Provisional League	55	50	0	None anticipated
Sub-total S	\$ 9,379	\$10,075	\$10,450	
T. Program				
1. Vice-president's expenses	\$ 219	\$ 600	\$ 500	Phone travel, supplies
2. Program action	625	5,050	950	Reduced program directors' expenses in non-legislative yr.
3. Coalitions	50	125	500	Dues
4. TK Constitutional Revision	0	0	681	Balanced by transfer from reserves G.2.
Sub-total T	\$ 894	\$ 5,775	\$ 2,181	
U. Legislative office				
1. Lobbying expenses	\$ 112	\$ 2,500	\$ 350	Leg. director's phone, travel, supplies; possible special session; interim activity
2. Legislative monitor	0	3,000	0	None budgeted for interim or possible special session
3. Newsletter secretary	0	1,200	0	None budgeted for possible special session
4. Office expense	117	845	200	Office expenses in support of lobbying
5. Secretarial service	0	700	0	None budgeted in non-leg. yr.
6. Legislative priorities brochure	0	0	0	None budgeted in non-leg. yr.
7. Legislative Newsletter	52	2,700	200	Possible special session
8. Women's Legislative Days	0	300	0	None held this year
9. Accrual for next session	4,700	0	4,700	To prevent undue impact on budget in legislative year

	ACTUAL 87-88	BUDGET 88-89	PROPOSED 89-90	EXPLANATION
10. Special session	0	100	0	
Sub-total U	\$ 4,981	\$11,345	\$ 5,450	U. budget adjusted upward for 88-89; will not adjust income 'til necessary
V. In-kind assistance	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Balanced by F.
W. LL share of state fundraising	\$ 660	\$ 1,000	\$ 650	
X. Contractual services	\$ 1,540	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	No Election Night Reporting in 89-90
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$82,537	\$111,346	\$91,340	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR 1989-1990 BUDGET
Membership January 1, 1989

League	Life member or joined through LWVUS (No PMP)	Household @ full-rate	Household @ half-rate	Individuals @ full-rate	Total Members	Per-Member Payment (PMP)/Minimum Support
Amarillo	1			27	28	\$300.00
Arlington	1	3	3	98	105	\$1,025.00
Austin Area	43	5	5	257	310	\$2,645.00
Bay Area	3	3	3	66	75	\$705.00
Baytown	1	1	1	28	31	\$300.00
Beaumont	4	7	7	84	102	\$945.00
Brazos Co.				105	105	\$1,050.00
Corpus Christi	2	5	5	78	90	\$855.00
Dallas	40	27	27	509	604	\$5,495.00
Denton		10	11	99	120	\$1,145.00
Edinburg/McAllen	1			35	36	\$350.00
El Paso		1	1	51	53	\$525.00
Gainesville		3	3	14	20	\$300.00
Houston Area	48	31	31	418	528	\$4,645.00
Irving	2	2	2	54	60	\$570.00
Kerrville Area		2	2	30	34	\$330.00
Lubbock	4	6	6	122	138	\$1,310.00
Marshall/Harrison Co.		6	6	24	36	\$330.00
Midland	5	2	2	39	48	\$420.00
Montgomery Co.				29	29	\$300.00
Orange Area		2	2	9	13	\$300.00
Pearland Area		2	2	26	30	\$300.00
Plano/Collin Co.	3	2	2	38	45	\$410.00
Richardson		2	3	53	58	\$565.00
San Antonio Area	24	6	7	127	164	\$1,365.00
San Marcos	3	10	10	24	47	\$390.00
Sherman		2	2	59	63	\$620.00
Tarrant Co.	13	14	15	121	163	\$1,425.00
Tyler		12	12	48	72	\$660.00
Victoria	1	4	4	26	35	\$320.00
Waco Area	3	11	11	51	76	\$675.00
Wichita Falls	1	1	1	32	35	\$335.00
	203	182	186	2781	3353	\$30,910.00
Cherokee Co. Provisional League		2	2	20	24	\$300.00
Cleburne State Member-at-Large Unit		1	1	16	18	
Members at Large not in units	36	4	4	51	111	
TOTAL LWV-TX	239	189	193	2868	3506	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

PROPOSED BUDGET: JUNE 1, 1989 - MAY 31, 1990

	ACTUAL 87-88	BUDGET 88-89	PROPOSED 89-90	EXPLANATION
<u>INCOME</u>				
A. Contributions				
1. Fundraising, unrestricted	\$16,978	\$26,485	\$30,154	Non-member contributions prior to LL share; tours
2. Restricted grants	32,243	19,000	40,000	Total to be raised, depends on Q. projects
3. LL restricted funds	10,542	10,000	10,000	Held for local Leagues
4. Unreimbursed expenses	387	1,100	1,100	Board & non-board
Sub-total A	<u>\$60,150</u>	<u>\$56,585</u>	<u>\$81,254</u>	
B. Interest	\$ 3,421	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Interest on savings & investments
C. Administrative fees	\$ 241	\$ 1,375	\$ 0	Budget Cttee. recommends eliminating 5% fee on local projects and incorporating overhead fees from grants into N.l.e.
C. Sale of publications				
1. Voters Guides	\$ 8,434	\$ 4,000	\$10,000	Two Guides: Fall '89, Spring '90
2. Current issue publications	0	2,000	700	Topic to be chosen
3. Publications on hand	20	100	300	TEF pubs from previous years
4. Texas Government Handbook (restricted)	0	31,000	10,000	Income dedicated to further distribution
Sub-total C	<u>\$ 8,454</u>	<u>\$37,100</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	

	ACTUAL 87-88	BUDGET 88-89	PROPOSED 89-90	EXPLANATION
D. Office				
1. Rent	\$ 9,532	\$10,180	\$10,896	\$6936 from LWV-T; \$3960 from rental to TX IMPACT
2. Contributions	6,385	70,000	10,600	Must match S.1 & S.3.
Sub-total D	\$15,917	\$80,180	\$21,496	
E. In-kind assistance	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Outside professional help; balanced by T.
F. Transfer from reserves	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	No general transfer
1. Keystone Education Project	0	0	800	Raised in previous years for restricted project, matches Q.3.
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 88,783	\$180,740	\$128,050	87-88 income exceeds expenses primarily due to restricted grant income received but not spent 'til 88-89

EXPENSES

N. Shared services & administration				
1. Shared services				
a. State office/staff exp.	\$12,501	\$15,302	\$12,541	LWV-T A.5.a.
b. Board & adm. expenses	7,190	7,760	7,320	LWV-T A.5.b.
c. Public relations	1,950	2,500	1,650	LWV-T A.5.c.
d. Organization	1,204	1,569	3,825	LWV-T A.5.d.
e. Restricted grants	0	0	3,000	LWV-T A.5.a., staff time spent on restricted projects
2. Administration	8	50	50	Supervision of LL accounts not charged elsewhere
3. National PMP for MALS	263	259	414	25% as allowed by LWVUS
4. Unreimbursed expenses	387	1,100	1,100	Board and non-board
Sub-total N	\$23,503	\$28,540	\$29,900	

O. Public Relations, unrestricted				
1. Voters Guides	\$ 6,672	\$ 2,500	\$10,000	Balanced by C.1.
2. Voters service pubs & projects	370	400	400	Promoting registration & voting; Voters Guides to MALS
Sub-total O	\$ 7,042	\$ 2,900	\$10,400	
P. Program, unrestricted				
1. Research on program items	\$ 143	\$ 250	\$ 1,200	For one proposed new study
2. Information & education on program items	362	1,200	1,200	Providing educational info; staying informed on prog. items
3. Coalitions	65	150	150	Dues
4. Publications				
a. Facts & Issues	0	2,000	2,000	For one proposed new study
b. Focus	0	700	700	Update on current program item; topic to be chosen
Sub-total P	\$ 570	\$ 4,300	\$ 5,250	
Q. Pubs. and Projects, restricted				
1. When You Go to Austin	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	None published in non-leg. yr.
2. Texas Government Handbook	5	31,000	9,000	Continuing promotion and distribution; see C.4.
3. Keystone Education Project	0	0	800	Ongoing expenses; see F.1.
4. Other	7,150	14,000	38,000	Funds must be raised before projects are done
Sub-total Q	\$ 7,155	\$49,000	\$47,800	Balanced by A.2, C.4 & F.1; see also N.1.e.
R. LL restricted projects/purchases	\$10,582	\$10,000	\$10,000	Approved projects, purchase of pubs, and national PMPs

	ACTUAL 87-88	BUDGET 88-89	PROPOSED 89-90	EXPLANATION
S. Office				
1. a. Payment on loan	\$ 4,000	\$63,000	\$10,000	S.1. + S.3., balanced by D.2.; loan due in '89
b. Interest on loan	503	650	100	
2. Expenses	7,622	8,500	9,100	Insurance, maintenance fee, taxes
3. Capital Fund Drive	77	6,350	500	Fundraising costs
Sub-total S	\$12,202	\$78,500	\$19,700	
T. In-kind assistance	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Balanced by E.
U. Local League sharing	\$ 760	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	LL share of state fundraising
V. Fundraising expenses	\$ 1,648	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	Direct mail and tours
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 64,062	\$180,740	\$128,050	

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM 1989-1991

The Proposed State Program consists of recommendations based on current and past program as well as a recommendation for a new study. The Proposed State Program was recommended by the LWV-Texas board at its January, 1989 meeting after consideration of reports from 25 local Leagues submitted during the state program planning process. Recommendations include rewording of government positions under Periodic Program Review this biennium.

Program debate is limited to those items in the Proposed State Program and those items submitted at least three months prior to the convention but not recommended by the board. The Proposed State Program follows this explanation. This section of the Convention Workbook contains a list of all the not-recommended items eligible for consideration by Convention delegates, it includes not-recommended studies, restudies, and drops. Not-recommended items may be adopted by the convention provided that consideration is ordered by a majority vote of the members present and voting and that the vote on adoption comes on a following day. Adoption of a not-recommended item requires a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting.

To understand how the program adoption process works, refer to the agenda, the convention rules, and tips on parliamentary procedure in this workbook. For a more detailed explanation of what happens during each phase of the program adoption process at Convention, consult the memo in the February 1989 state mailing entitled "How to Campaign for a Not-Recommended Item at Convention." Program Perspectives 1987-1989 provides explanations of current positions. The program vice-president's memo in the February 1989 state mailing contains additional information relating to the Proposed State Program. The Leaders Guide to State Program Planning, sent to local Leagues in October 1988, explains the Periodic Program Review process.

Program debate is a very exciting part of Convention. Read the program pages, consult the rules, bone up on parliamentary procedure, and join the fun! If you need help, attend the parliamentary briefing before Convention or consult the program vice-president.

RECOMMENDED NEW STUDY

The LWV-Texas is recommending one new study: A Study of Child Care in Texas. The child care study was proposed by ten of the twenty-five local Leagues which participated in the state program planning process. The scope of the study would include programs, services, availability, standards, enforcement, policies, and affordability.

RECOMMENDED DROP

The LWV-Texas board recommends that the current position on State-Local Relations be dropped. This program item was adopted in 1962, and the board believes that it has lost much of its relevance when applied to present government theory and practice.

NOT-RECOMMENDED STUDIES/RESTUDIES

Financing State Government: Bay Area, Corpus Christi, Houston Area
Air: Lubbock, Waco Area
Criminal Justice: Lubbock, Midland
Ethics: Arlington, Tarrant County
Mental Retardation: Bay Area, Richardson
AIDS: Sherman
Child Abuse: Houston Area
Elder Care: Sherman
Insurance: Plano/Collin Co.
Intestacy: Lubbock
Nonpartisan Judicial Elections: Tarrant County
Finance: San Marcos Area
Sex Education: Sherman
Standardized Testing: San Antonio Area
Voting Rights: Arlington
Voter Turnout: Austin Area
Water: Lubbock

NOT-RECOMMENDED DROPS

Post-Divorce Payments: Baytown, Cherokee Co., Marshall/Harrison Co.
Intestacy: Cherokee Co., Marshall/Harrison Co.
Spousal Rape: Cherokee Co., Marshall/Harrison Co.
Domestic Violence: Marshall/Harrison Co.
Equal Opportunity/Income Assistance: Marshall/Harrison Co.
Water: Marshall/Harrison Co.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR READING THE PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM

The Proposed State Program is found on canary yellow pages following these instructions. To understand what delegates are being asked to retain, drop, or change, compare the 1989-1991 Proposed State Program with the 1987-1989 Current State Program. The Current State Program is found on the pink pages that follow the canary yellow pages.

A program position may be amended to clarify or promote conciseness, but the position may not be expanded into a new area without study.

The order of the Proposed State Program in this workbook is as follows:

- Proposed New Study
- Proposed Complete Wording of Positions
 - I. Women Under Texas Law
 - II. Government
 - III. Administration of Justice
 - IV. Social Policy/Human Resources
 - V. Natural Resources
- Proposed Summary of State Program

This order is followed during program debate at the Convention, and the vote on Proposed State Program will be called for section by section.

The Government section of the Proposed State Program contains the most changes because Government positions, with the exception of Financing State Government, were the subject of Periodic Program Review this biennium. Two positions, Redistricting and Voting Rights, were substantially reworded to reorganize and clarify the position statements. To facilitate comparison, the current and proposed positions for these two items only are laid out side by side.

During Periodic Program Review, the Government section of the Summary of State Program was also reworded for clarity and conciseness. To facilitate comparison, that section of the summary is also laid out side by side.

PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM 1989-1991
(recommended by the state board for adoption by Convention '89)

PROPOSED NEW STUDY

A study of child care in Texas

Scope: Programs
Services
Availability
Standards
Enforcement
Policies
Affordability

PROPOSED COMPLETE WORDING OF POSITIONS

- I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW**
- A. Domestic Violence -- Retain as is
 - B. Intestacy -- Retain as is
 - C. Post-Divorce Payments -- Retain as is
 - D. Spousal Rape -- Retain as is
 - E. Child Support Enforcement -- Retain as is

- II. GOVERNMENT**
- A. Redistricting -- Reorganize and clarify the current position by substituting the proposed position for the current position

Position now reads:

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING REDISTRICTING
PROCEDURES:

- ° the formation of a commission which would have the initial responsibility, following the decennial census, of formulating a redistricting plan designating boundaries for the congressional districts and the state house and senate districts
- ° the commission should be appointed, bipartisan, small in size, and composed of an odd number of members
- ° the state legislature should be responsible for the final approval of the redistricting plan
- ° districts should be apportioned on the basis of equal population

Recommended it be changed to read:

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
SUPPORTS ACTION TO ACHIEVE AN EFFECTIVE
METHOD FOR DRAWING BOUNDARIES FOR
CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

The League supports the formation of a redistricting commission following the decennial census with the initial responsibility of formulating a redistricting plan designating boundaries for the congressional districts and the state house and senate districts.

The commission should be appointed, bipartisan, small in size and composed of an odd number of members.

- ° districts should be single member and contiguous

- ° consideration should be given to ensuring that the districts be compact, that district lines coincide with boundaries of local political subdivisions, and that districts not be drawn to dilute the voting strength of minority populations

- ° consideration should not be given to retention of incumbents, political party strength, nor to communities of interest

- ° districts should not be apportioned on the basis of numbers of electors

- ° specific provisions should be made for automatic court review of redistricting measures, preferably giving the Texas Supreme Court original jurisdiction

- ° definite time limits should be set for when the commission begins its work, when the legislature gives final approval, and when court action must be initiated

- ° if a commission is not initially responsible, the legislature should conduct the work of redistricting during a special session called for the sole purpose of redistricting. The special session should operate with a short, strict time frame.

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Specific provisions should be made for automatic court review of redistricting measures, preferably giving the Texas Supreme Court original jurisdiction.

Definite time limits should be set for when the commission begins its work, when the legislature gives final approval and when court action must be initiated.

Criteria for drawing district boundaries include:

- ° districts should be apportioned on the basis of equal population

- ° districts should be single member and contiguous

- ° consideration should be given to ensuring that the districts be compact, that district lines coincide with boundaries of local political subdivisions and that districts not be drawn to dilute the voting strength of minority populations

- ° consideration should not be given to retention of incumbents, political party strength, nor to communities of interest

- ° districts should not be apportioned on the basis of number of electors*

* A qualified elector is any person eligible to vote in a state election in Texas. Federal apportionment law is based on total population.

- B. Financing State Government -- Retain as is
- C. Executive, Legislative, and Judicial -- Retain as is, but reword the second bullet as follows for clarity:
"constitutional provision for the succession to the office of the governor (if) should the governor (is) become unable to perform the duties of the office."
- D. State-Local Relations -- Drop. The Periodic Program Review Committee recommended that it be considered carefully; the board considered and recommends dropping this item.
- E. Texas Constitutional Revision -- Retain as is
- F. Initiative and Referendum -- Retain as is with two exceptions.
 - Add the following footnotes to define terms that may be unfamiliar to the reader:

Constitutional initiative: a constitutional amendment initiated by a petition signed by a specific proportion of the electorate and requiring popular approval.

Statutory initiative: a law initiated by a petition signed by a specified proportion of the electorate and requiring popular approval.

Statutory referendum: a law required by constitutional provision to be submitted to a popular vote.

- Drop the amplification of position but retain the words in the explanation in Program Perspectives
- G. Voting Rights -- Reword for clarity and include the criteria for election administration currently found in the explanation in Program Perspectives.

Position now reads:

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
SUPPORTS THE RIGHTS OF EVERY CITIZEN TO
VOTE, IMPROVED VOTER REGISTRATION
PROCEDURES, UNIFORMLY ENFORCED ELECTION
PROCEDURES, CLEARLY STATED ELECTION
LAWS, AND THE RIGHT TO A SECRET BALLOT.
SPECIFIC MEASURES INCLUDE

- ° adequate safeguards against fraud (voter's personal signature on the registration application, as well as on the registration card; signature identification at the polls; and accurate and current registration lists periodically reviewed.)
- ° no declaration of party affiliation when registering
- ° revision of election laws to ensure enforcement

Recommended it be changed to read:

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SUPPORTS EVERY CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE,
IMPROVEMENT IN VOTER REGISTRATION
PROCEDURES, UNIFORMLY ENFORCED ELECTION
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LAWS, AND THE RIGHT TO A SECRET BALLOT.
SPECIFIC MEASURES INCLUDE

- ° no declaration of party affiliation when registering
- ° revision of election laws to ensure enforcement
- ° supervision of all local elections by a single county election authority responsible to a central state authority
- ° mandatory uniform training for all election personnel

PROPOSED SUMMARY OF STATE PROGRAM 1989-1991
(recommended by the state board for adoption by Convention '89)

I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

- A. Action to reduce the incidence of domestic violence, to alleviate its effects, and to enhance enforcement of the law.
- B. Action to achieve equitable intestacy laws.
- C. Action to enable courts to award appropriate post-divorce payments.
- D. Action to redefine rape.
- E. Action to achieve equitable and efficient means of enforcing court orders for child support.

II. GOVERNMENT

Statements now read:

A. Action to achieve an effective method for drawing boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts through legislative action and constitutional revision.

B. Action to achieve flexibility within a coordinated finance structure, equitable taxation, and increased accountability.

C. Action to achieve an efficient, effective, and responsible state governmental system through constitutional revision and legislative action.

D. Action to achieve more flexible structures and adequate powers at the local level.

E. Action to achieve revision of the Texas Constitution.

F. Action to achieve constitutional and statutory initiative and statutory referendum while assuring statewide citizen participation, education, funding disclosure and legal review.

G. Action to protect the right of every citizen to vote.

Recommended it be changed to read:

A. Action to achieve an effective method for congressional and state legislative redistricting.

B. Action to achieve a flexible, coordinated state financial structure with equitable taxation, and increased accountability.

C. Action to achieve an efficient, effective, and responsive state governmental system.

D. Action to achieve more flexible structures and adequate powers at the regional and local level.

E. No change.

F. Action to achieve constitutional and statutory initiative and statutory referendum.

G. No change.

III. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

- A. Action to achieve an equitable system of criminal justice in Texas.
- B. Action to achieve an improved juvenile justice system working in partnership with local government.

IV. SOCIAL POLICY/HUMAN RESOURCES

- A. Action to achieve a school finance system which provides an equitable distribution of funds and provides equity to the taxpayer.
- B. Action to achieve equal rights for all, combat discrimination and poverty, and to provide equal access to housing, employment, and quality education in Texas.
- C. Action to achieve a basic level of health care for the medically indigent.
- * D. Action to achieve for all persons who are seriously mentally ill the right to have access to services designed to help them reach and maintain an optimal level of functioning in the least restrictive environment.

V. NATURAL RESOURCES

- A. Action to achieve measures for the protection, conservation, and development of the state's groundwater resources as an integral part of the comprehensive water plan.
- B. Action to achieve conservation and judicious development of land and water resources, the improvement of water and air quality, conservation of energy, and development of public transportation in a manner which assures adequate protection of the environment, improvement of the quality of life, and wise use of our natural resources.

* This position, based on the consensus reports of local leagues, was adopted by the state board at its November '88 meeting.

ADOPTED STATE PROGRAM 1987-1989
(adopted by Convention '87)

COMPLETE WORDING OF POSITIONS

I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS ADEQUATELY FUNDED STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO ALLEVIATE ITS EFFECTS.

THE LEAGUE ALSO SUPPORTS APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS, EASIER ACCESS TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS, IMPROVED ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS WHO DEAL WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, FINANCIAL COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS TO REDUCE ABUSE, AND IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY TO SERVICES DEALING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS STATE FUNDING FOR SEED MONEY, CAPITAL FUNDS, AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- o local and regional residential centers for victims
- o nonresidential support services
- o counseling programs for all affected members of the family or household
- o mandatory treatment and counseling programs for offenders to correct abusive behavior
- o mandatory specialized training for peace officers, prosecutors, judges and court personnel, and parole and probation officers
- o expanded training in police academies to deal with domestic violence
- o public information about domestic violence

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS, THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS

- o enhanced enforcement of present assault statutes and imposition of penalties intended by the law
- o penalties for injury to any victim of domestic violence equivalent to the penalties for injury to a child or an elderly person
- o adoption by prosecutors of a "no drop" policy so that a victim's request for dismissal will be denied if charges have already been filed
- o criminal prosecution of those who violate temporary restraining orders in domestic violence cases

THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO OBTAIN PROTECTIVE ORDERS BY

- o making ex parte protective orders available to all domestic violence victims whether or not a divorce action is pending
- o requiring that prosecuting attorneys file all applications for protective orders upon receipt
- o providing applications and easy-to-follow instructions for filing protective orders without representation by an attorney
- o removing financial barriers to obtaining protective orders by
 - eliminating the prerogative of counties to "add on" to the standard state filing fee for protective orders
 - encouraging the granting and using of pauper's oaths
 - providing that the victim's private attorney may recover from the abuser any fees incurred in filing for protective orders

TO ENABLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES, THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS

- o requiring specialized training for police officers, prosecutors, judges and court personnel, and parole and probation officers
- o establishing crisis or domestic violence teams
- o mandating arrest without a warrant when there is probable cause
- o ensuring that police officers have the names of those protected by protective orders and those against whom protective orders are issued
- o centralizing compilation of domestic violence offense reports

THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS MANDATORY SPECIALIZED TREATMENT AND COUNSELING OF ABUSERS TO CORRECT THEIR BEHAVIOR.

TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO MAKE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO VICTIMS, THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS THE USE OF FINANCIAL COMPENSATION, INCLUDING PAYMENT BY ABUSERS FOR MEDICAL AND LEGAL EXPENSES, COUNSELING, AND LIVING EXPENSES INCURRED BY VICTIMS AS A RESULT OF ABUSE.

B. INTESTACY

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS EQUITABLE INTESTACY LAWS WHICH INCLUDE THESE PROVISIONS:

- o the surviving spouse should inherit all of the community property when the decedent had no children or when the surviving spouse is the parent of all the children of the decedent
- o the surviving spouse should not inherit all of the community property when the decedent is survived by minor children not of the surviving spouse

- o the surviving parent of a minor child should be required to obtain court permission to dispose of the child's property when it is valued at more than \$50,000

C. POST-DIVORCE PAYMENTS

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS CHANGES IN TEXAS LAWS THAT WOULD ENABLE A COURT TO AWARD POST-DIVORCE PAYMENTS TO A SPOUSE WHEN APPROPRIATE.

D. SPOUSAL RAPE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS CHANGES IN TEXAS LAWS THAT WOULD PROVIDE THAT SEXUAL INTERCOURSE OR DEVIANT SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH ONE'S SPOUSE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THAT SPOUSE SHALL BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE PUNISHABLE ON THE SAME BASIS AS RAPE OR SEXUAL ABUSE OF ANY OTHER PERSON.

E. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS EQUITABLE AND EFFICIENT MEANS OF ENFORCING COURT ORDERS FOR CHILD SUPPORT.

II. GOVERNMENT

A. REDISTRICTING

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B. FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR FLEXIBILITY WITHIN A COORDINATED FINANCE STRUCTURE; EQUITABLE TAXATION; AND INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- o removal of provisions relating to dedicated funds, ad valorem tax exemptions, dollar amount of debt limitations, and other such specific wording from the constitution and making them statutory
- o budget execution to be a joint responsibility of the executive and legislative branches of state government
- o change to a program or performance budget format
- o application of appropriate fiscal management and business practices to conduct state business
- o an equitable system of taxation which assures an adequate revenue; is easily administered; and is consistent with economic, social, and environmental goals
- o appraisal of taxable property at full market value; state supervision to ensure equitable and uniform appraisal and taxing procedures.

C. EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MEASURES TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING

- o governor limited to two terms which may or may not be successive
- o constitutional provision for the succession to the office of the governor if the governor is unable to perform the duties of the office
- o cabinet-type executive department, with only the governor, lieutenant governor, and the attorney general elected

- o the governor having the power, with safeguards prescribed by law, to remove appointive officers of the executive department and citizen appointees to boards and commissions
- o reorganization of state boards and commissions along functional lines by grouping them in areas of responsibility

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MEASURES TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE LEGISLATURE INCLUDING

- o annual sessions of sufficient length and scope to permit efficient handling of legislative business
- o adequate compensation for legislators and elimination of salary amounts from the constitution
- o increased power of the legislators in relation to the power of their presiding officers to include (a) greater voice in determining committee membership, and (b) bills referred to committees of appropriate jurisdiction

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS AN EFFECTIVE JUDICIAL STRUCTURE FOR TEXAS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE

- o a single system of centrally administered statewide courts with a uniform fiscal policy
- o assignment of judges according to special training and docket needs
- o selection of district and appellate judges by a combination of nomination by a nonpartisan commission, initial executive appointment, and nonpartisan, noncompetitive elections
- o effective removal procedures

D. STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MORE FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES AND ADEQUATE POWERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL; COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL STATE PLANNING, INCLUDING REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS AND

- o state financial and technical assistance to regional councils
- o flexible government structures for counties and municipalities, together with legislative and financial powers adequate to provide local services
- o authorization for cities and counties to combine efforts on regional problems enabling performance of services without overlapping costs and taxation, in preference to single-purpose districts
- o provisions for greater accountability to and regulation by the state of single-purpose districts

E. TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS REVISION OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION. PRINCIPLES FOR A GOOD CONSTITUTION INCLUDE

- o a bill of rights
- o a framework of basic law
- o clear separation of powers with responsibility definitely assigned
- o qualifications for voter eligibility and guarantees of fair elections
- o provisions for justice with a minimum of delay
- o a coordinated finance structure capable of flexibility
- o maximum home rule for municipal and county governments with coordination of overlapping functions
- o provisions for support of public education
- o provisions for support of public health and welfare services
- o provision for amendment and revision
- o basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention, and promotion

F. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS ACTION TO ACHIEVE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY INITIATIVE AND STATUTORY REFERENDUM BY PETITION WITH PETITION SIGNATURES REPRESENTING STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION EQUAL TO 10-15% OF THOSE VOTING IN THE LAST GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION AND THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

- o legal review of a proposal before signatures are gathered
- o signatures gathered by volunteers
- o full disclosure of funding sources and amounts
- o adequate voter education, including public notices

Amplification of Position

In implementing the above position, the following should be considered:

- the attorney general and secretary of state were most frequently mentioned to review a proposal before signatures are gathered
- while direct initiative and referendum is preferable, indirect initiative is acceptable
- types of public information suggested included public hearings, public service announcements, information mailed to every voter, and debates.

G. VOTING RIGHTS

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN TO VOTE, IMPROVED VOTER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES, UNIFORMLY ENFORCED ELECTION PROCEDURES, CLEARLY STATED ELECTION LAWS, AND THE RIGHT TO A SECRET BALLOT. SPECIFIC MEASURES INCLUDE

- o adequate safeguards against fraud (voter's personal signature on the registration application, as well as on the registration card; signature identification at the polls; and accurate and current registration lists periodically revised)
- o no declaration of party affiliation when registering
- o revision of election laws to ensure enforcement
- o supervision of all local elections (held by all governmental units) by a single county election authority responsible to a central state authority
- o mandatory uniform training for all election personnel
- o automatic restoration of voting rights to felons upon completion of their sentence and/or probationary period
- o provision for jointly conducted primaries

III. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

A. EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN TEXAS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS

- o improvements in pretrial justice programs and an adequately state funded public defender system including
 - availability of night and weekend magistrates
 - improvements in the training and requirements of law enforcement personnel
 - revision of the bail bond system to permit counties to serve as bonding agencies and to provide regulation of all commercial bail bond agencies and guidelines for more uniform bail amounts
- o elimination of jury sentencing except in capital cases, and revision of the penal code to reduce the disparity of sentences
- o state laws to prohibit wiretapping
- o a state correctional system which would assign highest priority to provision of a broad range of community-based programs and facilities as well as provide technical assistance and funding for locally administered programs

- o improvements in the parole system
- o a prison system which would provide humane care for all inmates in a secure environment with maximum educational opportunities, adequate health care services, adequate programs to assist all inmates in making the transition from prison to the free world, and compensation to inmates for their labor

B. JUVENILE JUSTICE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS AN IMPROVED STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING

- o developing, coordinating and adequately funding a broad range of juvenile probation services, programs, and community corrections
- o minimum standards for all agencies which deal with juveniles in the justice system
- o minimum qualifications and improved training for all personnel who deal with juveniles in the justice system
- o automatic court review of a juvenile's record no later than two years after the last official action or final discharge of the case to determine whether the record should be sealed
- o adequate state and local programs for status offenders and adequate facilities to keep status offenders separate from juveniles adjudicated delinquent
- o allowing court jurisdiction over status offenders only until other supervision is available.

IV. SOCIAL POLICY/HUMAN RESOURCES

A. PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS A SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM THAT WOULD PROVIDE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND EQUITY TO THE TAXPAYER. SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT WE SUPPORT INCLUDE

- o an increase in the level of state support to Texas public schools to ensure that all Texas school children receive a high quality education
- o joint state-local financing of public schools--the foundation school approach
- o incorporation of a guaranteed tax base yield approach for part of the local enrichment, to mitigate spending disparities resulting from differences in wealth among school districts in Texas

- o some form of state assistance, such as outright allocations, loan guarantees, or low-interest loans to districts facing overwhelming capital outlays for essential construction or rebuilding
- o maintaining the statewide local fund assignment at or above the 15% level in order to provide greater taxpayer equity as the foundation school program level increases
- o an increase in equalization aid to provide greater taxpayer equity; equalization aid should be allotted in direct proportion to local tax effort to reward those poor districts willing to tax themselves more heavily
- o strengthening the foundation school program
 - by substantial increases in teachers' salaries and in the number of classroom-contact personnel, and
 - by modest increases (above the inflation level) in operations funding and in funding of programs for special categories of students, specifically vocational education, compensatory education, special education, and kindergarten
- o a program for the gifted and talented student jointly funded by state and local monies under the foundation school program
- o a weighted approach to distribution of state school finance money to meet individual needs; the weighted program approach is preferred, although the weighted pupil and the weighted personnel approaches are acceptable.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS OPPOSES

- o reduction of the statewide local fund assignment
- o a limit on local enrichment
- o the voucher system approach
- o any state requirement that local districts use state school finance monies to provide local tax relief

B. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/INCOME ASSISTANCE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO ACHIEVE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL; TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION AND POVERTY; AND TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND QUALITY EDUCATION IN TEXAS. SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT WE SUPPORT INCLUDE

- o access for all persons to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all
- o removal of the ceiling on welfare spending from the state constitution
- o provision by the state of supportive services, including health care, child care, family planning, and legal aid for income assistance (welfare) recipients

- o an effective Human Relations Commission for Texas that includes such features as
 - permanent independent status
 - investigative and legal enforcement powers that go beyond the conciliation process
 - an adequate budget funded independently of the governor's office
 - equitable representation of racial, religious, and ethnic groups
 - an adequately-sized staff trained in human relations work

C. HEALTH CARE FOR THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS A BASIC LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE FOR THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT.

The League believes that all persons whose incomes fall below the federal poverty guidelines are most at risk of medical indigency and should be eligible for health care services. Special attention should be given to children of low-income families and to persons of low income who are elderly, pregnant, or mentally ill.

It is the responsibility of individuals to pay for their own health care to the best of their ability. For those unable to pay, health care services and programs for the medically indigent are the responsibility of various levels of government, including the county, the state, and the state through participation in federal programs.

The League of Women Voters believes the following services constitute the basic level of health care for the medically indigent:

- o maternal and child care
- o emergency care
- o primary care
- o preventive care
- o care for the mentally ill
- o care for catastrophic illness
- o nutrition
- o substance abuse treatment
- o health education

The League believes that all health care facilities, both public and private, have a responsibility to serve the medically indigent and should be accessible to those in need.

D. SERVICES FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL

This position, based on the consensus reports of local Leagues, was adopted by the state board at its November '88 meeting.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL TO HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES DESIGNED TO HELP THEM REACH AND MAINTAIN AN OPTIMAL LEVEL OF FUNCTIONING IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

The League believes that state government should ensure that the following services are accessible to persons who are seriously mentally ill:

- o residential services
- o non-residential services
- o continuity of care services
- o outreach to those who cannot or will not seek assistance
- o programs for special populations

The League supports these actions to improve the number and quality of services available for people who are seriously mentally ill:

- o provide incentives for community-based residential programs
- o implement measures to encourage public and private funding of long-term rehabilitative care
- o provide technical assistance to, and regulation of, housing providers such as room and board homes that house mentally ill residents
- o implement measures to prevent discrimination and encourage community acceptance of mentally ill residents, including community education about serious mental illness
- o supplement federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for mentally disabled persons
- o allocate state funds to local mental health authorities according to need for services and performance level and quality
- o provide incentives for local mental health authorities to develop residential services for persons who are most difficult to place
- o increase the number of physicians who receive training in the public mental health system
- o expand academic and research opportunities in the public mental health system
- o require continuing education and inservice training for mental health professionals and direct care staff in the public mental health system
- o provide higher salaries and benefits as required to attract and retain qualified personnel in the public mental health system.

The League supports funding of services for persons who are seriously mentally ill by

- o state government
- o state government through participation in federal programs
- o local government
- o private insurance
- o individuals to the best of their ability

The federal government is currently the major funding source for research on mental disabilities. The League supports sharing the responsibility for financing research on the prevention, causes, treatment, and need for treatment of mental illness and mental retardation with state government and the private sector.

V. NATURAL RESOURCES

A. WATER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS LONG-RANGE STATE WATER PLANNING THAT

- o takes into consideration its social, economic, environmental, and land use implications
- o provides for development of adequate water supplies by ecologically and financially sound means
- o emphasizes conservation and reuse of water
- o is based on increased research concerning wise and efficient use of the state's land and water resources
- o affords protection for the land and for fragile ecosystems

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROUNDWATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE STATE WATER PLAN, AND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT THAT WOULD ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- o maintain groundwater quality by preventing harmful contamination of aquifers
- o assure the long-term productivity of the state's groundwater resources and availability of groundwater supplies
- o minimize adverse effects of groundwater withdrawals, including land subsidence and reduction of spring flows

Water resources planning should also include

- o detailed information concerning
 - the hydraulic characteristics and recharge of the state's aquifers
 - quantities, locations, and trends of groundwater withdrawals
 - measures that could conserve and extend existing supplies
 - current and projected costs of ground water and alternative surface water supplies
 - potential conjunctive use of ground water and surface water
- o management options developed specifically for each area of the state where ground water is a significant resource
- o full public consideration of groundwater management options

- o recommendations of measures to be taken by the state, by political subdivisions of the state, and by the private sector to assure wise management of the state's groundwater resources
- o coordination of state plans for groundwater management with relevant policies and programs of the federal government and of other states

Adequate funds should be appropriated for planning and for management of the state's groundwater resources.

B. AIR

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS STATE GOVERNMENT ACTION FOR CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION IN TEXAS, INCLUDING

- o power to set and enforce standards stricter than those required by the federal government
- o adequate funding to carry out research, planning, and enforcement
- o legislation allowing local and regional governments to set and enforce standards stricter than those of the state
- o encouragement of citizen involvement in the rulemaking and enforcement process

C. LAND USE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS A COMPREHENSIVE STATE LAND USE POLICY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE, INCLUDING

- o land being used according to its carrying capacity based on a thorough inventory of our land and natural resources
- o growth and development of an area being compatible with the degree of availability of essential natural resources in that area
- o protection of the traditional rights of ownership of property, but in conflicts between private interest and public welfare, precedence should be given to the public interest
- o preservation of agricultural lands and desirable open space with preferential tax treatment for each
- o preferential tax treatment for maintenance of the built environment
- o establishment of a state land use management agency
- o identification and protection of areas of particular significance (historical, archaeological, aesthetic, recreational) and rare or fragile ecosystems
- o the main thrust of land use planning being carried out at the local level and equitably enforced

ADOPTED SUMMARY OF STATE PROGRAM 1987-1989
(adopted by Convention '87)

BRIEF STATEMENTS OF POSITIONS

I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

- A. Action to reduce the incidence of domestic violence, and to alleviate its effects, and to enhance enforcement of the law.
- B. Action to achieve equitable intestacy laws.
- C. Action to enable courts to award appropriate post-divorce payments.
- D. Action to redefine rape.
- E. Action to achieve equitable and efficient means of enforcing court orders for child support.

II. GOVERNMENT

- A. Action to achieve an effective method for drawing boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts through legislative action and constitutional revision.
- B. Action to achieve flexibility within a coordinated finance structure, equitable taxation, and increased accountability.
- C. Action to achieve an efficient, effective, and responsive state governmental system through constitutional revision and legislative action.
- D. Action to achieve more flexible structures and adequate powers at the local level.
- E. Action to achieve revision of the Texas Constitution.
- F. Action to achieve constitutional and statutory initiative and statutory referendum while assuring statewide citizen participation, education, funding disclosure, and legal review.
- G. Action to protect the right of every citizen to vote.

III. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

- A. Action to achieve an equitable system of criminal justice in Texas.
- B. Action to achieve an improved state juvenile justice system, working in partnership with local government.

IV. SOCIAL POLICY/HUMAN RESOURCES

- A. Action to achieve a school finance system which provides an equitable distribution of funds and provides equity to the taxpayer.
- B. Action to achieve equal rights for all, to combat discrimination and poverty, and to provide equal access to housing, employment, and quality education in Texas.
- C. Action to achieve a basic level of health care for the medically indigent.
- * D. Action to achieve for all persons who are seriously mentally ill the right to have access to services designed to help them reach and maintain an optimal level of functioning in the least restrictive environment.

V. NATURAL RESOURCES

- A. Action to achieve measures for the protection, conservation, and development of the state's groundwater resources as an integral part of the comprehensive water plan.
- B. Action to achieve conservation and judicious development of land and water resources, the improvement of water and air quality, conservation of energy, and development of public transportation in a manner which assures adequate protection of the environment, improvement of the quality of life, and wise use of our natural resources.

- * This position, based on consensus reports of local Leagues, was adopted by the state board at its November '88 meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

PROPOSED LONG RANGE PLAN 1989-93

Convention delegates will have the opportunity to consider a long range plan (LRP) proposed by the LWV-Texas Board of Directors and, where appropriate, the LWV-Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees. During a Saturday afternoon workshop session, delegates and observers will be asked to concur with the proposed mission, goals, and objectives. After agreement has been reached on these critical items, workshop participants will suggest strategies for the state board to use in implementing the plan. To ensure fruitful discussion from all delegates and observers, the following items are enclosed: history of the planning process; procedures to be used at the workshop; terminology; the proposed mission statement, goals, and objectives; planning assumptions; results of member survey; summary of board planning exercise; and summary of trial balloon exercise conducted at Council '88.

History of the Long Range Planning Process

"A long range plan is needed when an organization decides to do a better job of fulfilling its purpose. Increased effort does not always work; better planning does. The League of Women Voters, an organization whose main purposes are education and advocacy, is committed to the continuous improvement of our effectiveness. However, if we are to be successful, we must learn to manage efficiently our time and resources, especially our human resources. We cannot expect our capable and willing members to work until burnout."

This quote from LWV-Oklahoma's long range plan summarizes the thinking that led the state board to appoint a Long Range Planning Committee in June, 1987. With full understanding that we had been fulfilling our purpose pretty well or we wouldn't have survived for more than six decades, the board nevertheless felt that the League of the future would benefit greatly from developing and implementing a long range plan.

The Long Range Planning Committee was charged with developing a mission statement, goals, and objectives for the League of Women Voters of Texas, appropriate parts of which the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund trustees would consider for implementation by that organization. The committee was asked to have a draft plan in place for presentation at LWV-Texas Convention '89. The board discussed ideas for proceeding with the plan and developed an outline of work and a time line at the September, 1987 board meeting.

One of our major considerations was how to obtain input from League members when we had virtually no planning budget and could support neither off-board representation on the committee nor time for the committee to meet outside of board meetings. Mailings to local Leagues and the Texas VOTER were used to keep members informed of the progress of the planning effort. The work plan that was approved also took advantage of the opportunity for member input offered by Council '88.

At that meeting in Sherman, delegates participated in a workshop designed to gather opinions, using the "trial balloons" method, on the League's future management of membership, personnel, and program. A summary is enclosed.

In order to sample the opinions of League members around the state, a survey instrument was developed. Dr. Linda McGowan, a former Lubbock League president, assisted with design of the survey instrument and advised on compilation of the resulting data. The survey, used in a random sample of League members, was sent to 360 members in October, 1988. One hundred survey forms were returned, and the data was used in the planning assumptions and in the design of the plan itself. A summary of the survey results is enclosed.

At our September, 1988 meeting, the state board discussed the state League's strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities (a thought-provoking planning exercise referred to as SWOTs) the results of which helped us evaluate the draft plan presented to the board by the committee in January. At that January, 1988 meeting, the board approved the enclosed proposed mission, goals, and objectives for presentation at Convention.

At Convention, a modified concurrence process will be used so members can maximize discussion of the proposed plan, offer suggestions for amending it if necessary, and come to agreement on the mission, goals, and objectives. Following this part of the workshop, participants can offer creative suggestions for strategies to implement the plan.

Based on input from workshop participants, a final draft of the plan will go to the state board for approval at the June, 1989 LWV-Texas board meeting. The LWV-TEF trustees will consider those parts of the plan appropriate for that organization to implement, namely those that are purely educational and for public benefit. Strategies to implement the objectives will be completed at this first board meeting of the new biennium, and the final plan will be sent in the summer mailing to local Leagues. The plan will be reviewed and evaluated at each subsequent council and convention and at June meetings of the state board. Four years from now, we will adopt a new long range plan.

Documents that were examined as part of the planning process included the LWVUS Long Range Plan; plans from several state Leagues, including Iowa, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Kansas; and planning documents and statistics from other organizations including American Association of University Women, United Way of Texas, and Independent Sector.

Convention '89 LRP Workshop Plans

On Saturday afternoon, one and one-half hours have been set aside for delegates and observers to meet at round tables in small groups of approximately ten each to do two things: 1) attempt to reach member agreement on the proposed mission, goals, and objectives; and 2) brainstorm to suggest creative strategies for the state board to consider when determining specifically how to implement the goals and objectives.

Of these two items, it is most critical that the mission, goals, and objectives reflect agreement among members for these are the basics that will guide the state League for the next four years. Workshop participants will use the enclosed proposed LRP as the basis of discussion and will be asked to concur with the proposed mission, goals, and objectives. What will make this

a modified concurrence is that participants may suggest changes to what is presented. State board members and off-board leaders will serve as discussion leaders, and there will be a recorder at each table. A brief report-back time will be allotted to define areas of agreement and disagreement.

The second part of the workshop (approximately 30 minutes) will focus on suggesting strategies to carry out the goals and objectives. This is the time to think creatively and offer specific ideas for activities you would like the state board to undertake during the next four years. The strategies will be considered by the board in June, and the ideas weighed against the constraints of time, budget, and personnel.

Please come prepared to help with the long range plan as it will serve as a blueprint for the state League for the next four years. When in place, it will assist the state board in working in a goal-directed manner to maximize the efficient use of all our resources.

Explanation of Terms Used in the LRP

Mission: The board proposes to use the mission statement of the LWVUS. It has withstood the test of time and remains a good, basic foundation on which to build goals and objectives. A mission should endure for the life of an organization unless the purposes for its existence change.

Goals: Goals are the ends one strives to attain; therefore, they are broadly stated and should endure for years to come. The board has proposed goals that, based on the mission, would further define our purposes and serve as the framework around which to develop objectives and strategies. The proposed goals deal with citizen and member education, advocacy, membership, visibility, finance, and internal organization. Adopting these six goals would be committing the state League to give attention to each during the next four years. The goals should be able to remain in place without revision at least until the next long range plan is adopted.

Objectives: Objectives are short term and fairly specific. They will be reviewed and evaluated annually and revised as necessary. The board and the members should be able to evaluate whether or not an objective has been achieved.

Strategies: Strategies should be achievable within the time frame of this plan, namely four years. The board in June, based on creative input from the convention workshop, will select strategies to assure that each objective is implemented. Selecting strategies means setting priorities and having the resources to carry them out. Each strategy will be assigned to a specific board committee in order to work on and complete. To implement a strategy requires a very specific work plan indicating who is to do what, timelines, financing plans, and impacts on local Leagues. Like the objectives, the strategies will be reviewed and evaluated annually and revised as necessary.

PROPOSED MISSION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

MISSION

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

GOAL I. TO PROMOTE INFORMED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTION PROCESS AND IN GOVERNMENT DECISION MAKING

Objective 1. Sponsor major voter service campaigns for state elections in 1990 and for elections in 1992.

Objective 2. Expand distribution of LWV-TEF Voters Guides.

GOAL II. TO INCREASE OUR INFLUENCE OVER PUBLIC POLICY IN TEXAS

Objective 1. Educate members and the public about state public policy in Texas.

Objective 2. Develop an effective statewide League structure for advocacy at the state level of government.

GOAL III. TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Objective 1. Inform local League members and members at large about the activities of the League of Women Voters of Texas and the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund

Objective 2. Inform non-members about the work of the League of Women Voters of Texas and the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund.

Objective 3. Form a new local League.

GOAL IV. TO STRENGTHEN OUR NETWORK OF MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Objective 1. Increase membership statewide

Objective 2. Increase participation in the member agreement process

Objective 3. Actively assist local Leagues with leadership development for their members

Objective 4. Maintain member interest by selecting a variety of program areas for study and advocacy.

GOAL V. TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A FINANCIALLY SOUND ORGANIZATION

Objective 1. Identify and implement a variety of methods for obtaining funds.

Objective 2. Assist local Leagues in financial development.

GOAL VI. TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEANS TO OPERATE THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND IN A MORE MODERN, PROFESSIONAL MANNER

Objective 1. Modernize League office equipment.

Objective 2. Maintain sufficient, well-trained personnel.

Objective 3. Continue to develop methods to enhance efficient and effective administration of LWV-T and LWV-TEF.

PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

Assumptions about Volunteerism Nationally
(Taken from Americans Volunteer 1985,
Independent Sector, Washington, D.C.,
1986)

In 1985, nearly half of the American population aged 14 or older volunteered, contributing an average of 3.5 hours per week in volunteer time.

Fifty-one percent of the female population and 45% of the male population volunteered.

Volunteers are engaged in more than one volunteer activity per year.

There is a clear relationship between contributing volunteer time and monetary giving.

Volunteers were also far more likely to give in the area in which they volunteer.

The dollar value of volunteer time was estimated at \$110 billion in 1985.

In 1985, 40% of the people reported that they were volunteering more hours than they did in the previous three years.

Assumptions about Texas Population, Social Trends and Philanthropy
(Taken from View to the Future: Implications for Texas United Ways,
United Way of Texas, Austin, Texas 1988)

Population growth will slow, but will continue to outpace growth in the U.S. as a whole.

The Texas population will grow older, but remain younger than the national average.

A proportionally greater growth of Hispanic population will continue.

Adjusting for inflation, income growth is expected to be moderate through the 1990's.

More women will seek work than ever before.

Participation of mothers in the workforce is expected to increase.

The number of single-parent families is expected to increase.

Religious groups will continue to be the largest recipients of philanthropy.

As profits decrease and dollars are scarce, corporations will move increasingly toward in-kind giving of their services and products.

The proliferation of small businesses and associated economic pressures in Texas will lower charitable contributions of all kinds.

Assumptions about the League

In January 1989, there were 33 local Leagues, one provisional League, and one state unit in Texas accounting for 3,395 members plus 111 members at large not in a state unit for a total of 3,506.

Fifteen local Leagues had 50 members or fewer, eight local Leagues had between 51-100 members, and 10 Leagues had more than 100 members.

Total membership in previous yrs.

1986 - 3,970 total

1987 - 3,643 in Leagues only

1988 - 3,653 total

Time spent by League members in Texas on League activities over the past three years has increased or remained the same for 70% of members surveyed.

Employment is usually not a barrier to the commitment of time to the League of Women Voters.

The League has high name recognition among the general public, who have relatively little in-depth knowledge as to what the League does.

Hearing about the League from a friend is a critical ingredient in an individual's decision to join the League of Women Voters.

The League is most successful in attracting persons to League membership who are similar to the present members.

League members achieve personal growth and develop leadership skills through membership in the League, although that is not a major reason for joining the League.

League members indicate a willingness to limit state action priorities.

League decision-making processes, including program selection and management and methods of reaching member agreement, will have to become more flexible to adapt to socio-demographic changes that affect the role of volunteers.

Citizen education, advocacy, and voters service remain the foundation of the League.

RESULTS OF MEMBER SURVEY

In order to obtain member input necessary to develop a long range plan, a random survey of 360 LWV-Texas members was conducted in October of 1988. The summary that follows represents the 100 responses received.

1. I am a

member of a local League	<u>89</u>
member at large of LWV-Texas	<u>8</u>
state board member	<u>0</u>
local board member	<u>17</u>
2. Have been a League member 12 years on average. Range was from one to 42 yrs.
3. Size of League 9 35 or under; 8 36 to 50; 12 51 to 75;
13 76 to 125; 35 126 & over; 8 members at large; 15 no response (NR)
4. Positions held:

<u>51</u>	do not at present hold a position
<u>25</u>	board member
<u>11</u>	offboard chair/unit chair
<u>24</u>	committee member
5. Positions held in past:

<u>29</u>	have not held a position
<u>48</u>	board member
<u>34</u>	offboard and/or unit chair
<u>52</u>	committee member
6.

<u>2</u>	don't read Texas VOTER
<u>54</u>	skim the Texas VOTER
<u>0</u>	read the president's message only
<u>4</u>	read about state issues and studies only
<u>35</u>	read the Texas VOTER from beginning to end
<u>1</u>	don't get the Texas VOTER
<u>4</u>	no response
7. Hours spent during an average month on all League activities

<u>35</u>	one or less
<u>15</u>	one to three
<u>15</u>	three to five
<u>12</u>	five to eight
<u>6</u>	eight to 12
<u>14</u>	12 or more
8. Hours spent during an average month on other community organizations or church activities

<u>6</u>	one or less
<u>8</u>	one to three
<u>13</u>	three to five
<u>21</u>	five to eight
<u>7</u>	eight to 12
<u>37</u>	12 or more
9. Hours spent during the average month on professional organizations

<u>35</u>	one or less
<u>15</u>	one to three
<u>12</u>	three to five
<u>4</u>	five to eight
<u>2</u>	eight to 12
<u>6</u>	12 or more

10. 65 have not attended state League events
14 have attended workshops
11 have attended LWV-T Council
11 have attended LWV-T Convention
13 have attended Womens Legislative Days
1 attended Health Care Conference
11. Over past three years, the respondent's level of participation in League activities has
28 increased
25 decreased
44 remained about the same
12. In the past three years, respondent made a contribution, other than dues to
47 local League
37 state League
13 national League
13. 89 continue membership for the same reason they joined
8 do not continue membership for the same reason they joined
3 no response

PART II

Please indicate how satisfied you are with the efforts currently made by the state League in each of the following areas. Circle "5" if very satisfied; circle "0" if you are unsure or have "no opinion."

	Very satisfied		Needs improvement			N/O	No response
	5	4	3	2	1	0	-
1. Identification of state issues for research and study	15	40	20	2	1	9	13
2. Informing members about state issues	21	34	19	6	0	9	11
3. Action on issues at the state level	19	26	26	4	0	13	13
4. Activities providing media visibility	10	16	22	22	3	14	13
5. Communication between the state League and all League members	13	25	25	8	1	16	12
6. Sponsorship of statewide League programs and activities	13	23	18	6	0	27	13
7. Working with the leadership of local Leagues	15	29	13	2	1	27	13
8. Coordinating activities of local Leagues	7	23	14	5	2	35	14
9. Fundraising for state activities	8	22	23	4	2	27	14
10. Training local League leaders	12	18	21	7	0	29	13
11. Providing opportunities for personal growth	15	18	18	7	2	29	11
12. Which of the following options concerning the state League's program, action, and services should the state League undertake?							
1. Reduce and refocus League activities					11		
2. Maintain the present level of League activity					37		
3. Expand and improve League activities					30		
4. No response					22		

PART III

In the future, the LWV-T and LWV-TEF will need to consider different approaches at the state level in order to manage time and resources better. This will be necessary if the League is to use members' increasingly limited time to the best advantage. Please indicate your opinion of the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	No response
In the future the state League						
A. will need to rely more on paid staff if the League's objectives are to be achieved	14	34	23	2	16	11
B. should consider offering to perform for pay services such as lobby schools, election worker training, debates, etc.	12	38	23	3	10	14
C. should actively strive for a more diversified membership	27	43	7	1	11	11
D. should limit state action priorities to no more than three per legislative session	14	48	13	1	12	12
E. should promote ways to reach member agreement by concurrence with a committee recommendation, VOTER check-off, etc.	14	40	11	2	22	11
F. should consider hiring a paid League lobbyist to work in Austin on LWV-T leg. priorities	15	34	15	6	17	13
G. should obtain at least half of its LWV-T income from its members in order to ensure grassroots participation	6	28	23	1	27	15
H. other (specify)	--	--	--	--	--	--

PART IV

Finally, would you please tell us a little about yourself?

- Are you: 75 married 11 divorced 10 widowed 2 single (never married) 2 NR
- Your age is:
0 18-25 5 26-35 24 36-45 25 46-55 19 56-65 25 over 66 2 NR
- What is your education level?
0 less than H.S. 1 H.S. 14 some coll. 29 Bachelor's degree
54 professional or graduate degree 2 NR
- Are you: 34 employed for pay outside home 40 hrs/wk. or more; 24 retired from paid work; 20 employed for pay outside home less than 40 hrs./wk.; 17 not employed for pay at present; 5 NR
- Are you: 6 Male 93 Female 1 NR

SWOTS: STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, THREATS

At the September, 1988 board meeting, state board members brainstormed responses to four questions about the State League.

WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE STATE LEAGUE?

- . Flexibility to try different ideas to make a strong organization
- . Reputation as a broad-based group that is thorough, persistent, and nonpartisan
- . Intelligent, dedicated, concerned people--in local and state Leagues
- . Statewide network of committed members
- . Support and aid to local Leagues in a variety of areas--membership, leadership, advocacy
- . Commitment to LWV purpose
- . Dedicated volunteers and staff who muddle through and provide services despite all
- . Influence (as perceived by public)
- . Operate from basic principles rather than issues or party loyalties
- . Multiple talents of members and time they are willing to give to the League
- . Commitment
- . Dedication, dependability, knowledge; trusted by others
- . Respect shown for detailed, thoughtful analysis of issues
- . The well-earned respect we are accorded by public and government
- . Dedication and commitment of the board members and officers to seeing this organization continue to be effective and ongoing
- . Location of Austin office in capital city and competent, professional staff

WHAT ARE THE WEAKNESSES OF THE STATE LEAGUE?

- . Loss of members due to changing lifestyle of volunteers
- . Lack of funds and modern facilities i.e. computer to expedite League work and free people to do other tasks that can only be done by individuals
- . Too much to cover--too many miles--too many issues--it's overwhelming
- . Financial support needs to be stabilized and adequate
- . Organizational inflexibility
- . Too hesitant to allow new and different "undignified" activities or ideas
- . Thinking we have to do everything
- . Inadequate financial base in LWV-T to provide local League services & lobbying
- . Inability to maintain or increase membership
- . Too abstract--hard to relate to issues or people or parties at local level
- . Lack of adequate money to do everything we wish to do
- . Maintaining focus
- . Low visibility relative to the boundless work done by our members
- . Lack of qualified, experienced League leaders
- . Outmoded reliance on volunteers and an archaic system of organization
- . Lack of a solid financial base
- . Too much "this is the way we do it" attitude/not easy to change
- . Board meetings too long
- . Too patient (timid)
- . Too big a state to function efficiently--but when are we going to admit it?
- . League no longer able to be truly grassroots organization--but still pretends to be

WHAT ARE THE STATE LEAGUE'S OPPORTUNITIES?

- . Legislative director--must reconsider options because of the change forced upon us
- . This board can just say no--presents opportunity for refining
- . Flexibility to re-evaluate how we do things
- . "New" women force changes--enrich
- . Debt provided commitment to deal with it creatively
- . Realistic about \$\$\$ -- have started to develop firm financial base
- . Modernize our organizational procedures
- . Serious commitment to planning
- . Legislative issues surfacing are tax structure and FSG--opportunity to use positions--time is right
- . Join computer age
- . Network
- . Better communication with local Leagues

WHAT ARE THREATS TO THE STATE LEAGUE?

- . Competition for membership, events, debates, money
- . Dwindling time in a more complex world (more to do and less time and resources with which to do it)
- . Oversimplification
- . Dinosaurism--if we don't change we become extinct
- . Leaders who don't have time to fully develop background
- . Transition between old ways/new ways
- . Guilt
- . Level of perfection

Members of the Long Range Planning Committee

Louise Gorman, Chair
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A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE LEAGUE: TRIAL BALLOONS

At Council '88 in Sherman, a long range planning workshop was held to learn how League members feel about key issues to be considered in development of a long range plan for the League of Women Voters of Texas and the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. Participants responded as individuals to the ten statements that follow, and then discussed these "trial balloons" in small groups. The trial balloon exercise has helped the Long Range Plan Committee design the proposed long range plan.

Individual participants' responses before group disc.

	Agree	Disagree	Undecided
The primary function of the state League should be field service to local Leagues RATHER THAN state-level study and/or action	6	50	2
LLs should join together in a regional organization to carry out certain specific functions, e.g. Congressional debates, membership drives, fundraising, studies	44	9	11
The state League should encourage more frequent use of statewide concurrence based on studies conducted by two or more local Leagues	29	16	13
New positions could be adopted by state convention delegates without a study	5	50	14
The state League should choose one action priority each biennium and commit ALL their energies to it	5	49	4
The state League should hire a paid lobbyist	25	25	9
The state League needs no new positions and should concentrate solely on action on current positions	9	37	12
Membership development is not a function of the state League	4	46	8
League members should pay for a major portion of the ongoing operation of the LWV-Texas	21	26	11
State convention delegates should adopt the position in brief of state League priorities and allow the state board to revise and adopt details of the position	18	31	9

Members of the Long Range Planning Committee

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ANNUAL REPORTS FROM LWV-TEXAS BOARD & OFF-BOARD DIRECTORS

Convention '89

At its June 1988 meeting, the board of directors reaffirmed our choice of the following goals, which were adopted in 1987 for the biennium.

TO INCREASE OUR INFLUENCE OVER PUBLIC POLICY IN TEXAS BY

- Increasing visibility through citizen education and advocacy;
- Developing a solid financial base;
- Strengthening our network of members throughout the state.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Evelyn Bonavita, Rebecca Bergstresser, Sally Coughlin,
Louise Cummins, Mary Alice Pisani, Carol Wilson

The Advocacy Committee lobbies, presents testimony, holds press conferences, writes legislators, monitors state agencies, published the "Legislative Newsletter," and is the action arm of the board.

Legislative Office

The League's legislative office has undergone some important changes since the 1988 LWV-TX Council. Until the summer of 1988, LWV-TX maintained a continuous presence in the state capital because there was a full-time volunteer legislative director who worked out of the state League office. When the legislative director, Evelyn Bonavita, moved to Houston, the state board had to implement some changes in order to retain a lobbying presence in Austin for the current legislative session.

Jan Albers has been hired by LWV-TX as a part-time monitor to work on the two legislative priorities, community alternatives to prisons and services for the seriously mentally ill.

Arrangements were made to edit and publish the Legislative Newsletter in Houston. The newsletter, under the direction of Evelyn Bonavita is published weekly and sent to League leaders and subscribers.

In the coming year, LWV-TX board members will need to evaluate the system being used this year and look at other ways of keeping an active legislative office in Austin.

Advocacy Papers

Two advocacy papers were published in January, 1989. The two were Services for People with Serious Mental Illness: Catching Up With the Needs in Texas, written by Mary Alice Pisani; and Financing State Government: Facing the Future in Texas Finance, written by Rebecca Bergstresser. Testimony on community alternatives to prisons, presented early in the 71st legislative session by Diana Clark, was disseminated in lieu of an advocacy paper.

Women's Legislative Days

LWV-Texas Education Fund again cosponsored Women's Legislative Days, held on February 13-14, 1989. Nearly a hundred League members attended this popular Austin educational event, co-chaired by Evelyn Bonavita.

PROGRAM ACTION

Financing State Government

LWV-TX action during the interim between legislative sessions focused on the work of the Select Committee on Tax Equity (SCOTE). This committee, appointed at the end of the fiscally traumatic 70th legislative session, was commissioned to review thoroughly Texas' state and local tax systems and to identify available options for change. Under the direction of Rebecca Bergstresser, local League members around the state monitored many of the committee's two dozen public hearings, and LWV-TX presented testimony favoring a tax system that is equitable, produces adequate revenues, is easily administered, and is consistent with social, environmental, and economic goals.

SCOTE's detailed final report and recommendations, though more representative of business concerns than those of the average citizen, offered many suggestions consistent with LWV-TX positions. These included expanding the sales tax base, expanding the franchise tax while moving toward a more broad-based tax on business activities and assets, and laying the groundwork necessary for eventual implementation of a state tax on personal and corporate incomes. Legislative action on SCOTE's far-reaching recommendations seems unlikely in the current session unless an unanticipated fiscal crisis materializes, but we continue to monitor developments in this area.

League action this session centers on supporting efforts to expand the sales and franchise tax bases, while opposing efforts to pass constitutional amendments that would ban corporate and personal income taxes or create new constitutionally dedicated funds.

Merit Selection of Judges

League members had just about abandoned any hope for changing the manner in which judges are selected in Texas when suddenly it became a hot item. It began with the resignation of Chief Justice John Hill, who said he was resigning in order "to be free to campaign for the merit selection system." Then the Democratic Party placed a non-binding referendum on their March 1988 primary ballot. The measure was worded in a way that would influence voter support of the continued election of judges. The League board announced opposition in a press conference and informed League members of our opposition to the referendum, but it passed by more than 80 percent of the vote.

Bills have been introduced in both houses of the legislature that are similar to those introduced in the last session, along with several bills calling for single member judicial districts. There have also been two lawsuits filed in two different federal court jurisdictions in Texas alleging that the present at-large election system violates civil rights by diluting the votes of Hispanics and Blacks. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled in a similar case from Louisiana that such at-large elections of judges violate the Voting Rights Act. The United States Supreme Court declined to review the appeals court decision, and thus that opinion will stand.

Whether or not a merit selection system as presently proposed or the passage of the single member judicial district bills would have an impact on the court cases is not known at this time. Diana Clark continues to monitor this item.

Open Meetings

The 70th Legislature strengthened the Texas Open Meetings Act in several areas, tightening up the provisions concerning emergency meetings and requiring that governmental bodies keep signed agendas or tape recordings of executive sessions. The League worked with the coalition that supported this effort.

During the interim between legislative sessions, local Leagues in Tyler, Midland, Lubbock, Brazos County, Edinburg/McAllen, and El Paso were asked to send members and other interested parties to a traveling symposium on the Texas Open Records Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act that was sponsored by the State Bar of Texas and the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. The sponsors were pleased with the turnout and were appreciative of the help from the League, coordinated by Evelyn Bonavita.

During the current legislative session, the coalition that worked for changes in 1987 is maintaining a watchful attitude toward any attempts to weaken open meetings/open records law.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices

Reflecting the growing interest in matters of reproductive choice, the 70th Legislature passed legislation that restricts some abortions in the third trimester. This was a considerably watered down effort from the one introduced at the beginning of the session, but it indicated the continuing attempt of the anti-choice lobby to restrict a woman's choices in her private life.

Before the 71st Legislature began, League members watched abortion become an issue in the presidential election. It remains an issue, and several state legislators, always eager to seize on a subject in the news, have introduced bills that would require parental consent for teenage abortions and would attempt to prevent women from aborting because of what the proponents insist is a growing practice, that is, aborting because of the sex of the fetus. Evelyn Bonavita actively monitors state activity on this LWVUS position.

Voting Rights

The League testified at an interim hearing of the House Elections Committee in support of voter registration by state agency personnel and for the "motor voter" program, in which citizens could register while obtaining or renewing driver's licenses.

Constitutional Amendments

The League opposed all three amendments to the state constitution on the November 1988 ballot. Each amendment would have dedicated money to a particular fund. The League has a long-standing position opposing constitutionally dedicated funds. The League was the only organized opposition to the amendments, and all passed by a large majority. KTRK-TV in Houston provided us with a free commercial in which we opposed Amendment 1.

Administration of Justice

It was not difficult to forecast that a high priority issue in the 71st Legislature would be building more prisons versus strengthening community-based

corrections programs. Governor Clements, in speeches across Texas, had been calling for more prison beds. Legislators, meanwhile, were beginning to question how much longer the problem could be addressed only in terms of prison bed space. Added to the mix was the continued dearth of fiscal resources to expand any state services beyond the levels of the previous two years.

Recognizing the importance of the issue, LWV-TX chose community alternatives to prisons as one of its two legislative priorities. The League testified before the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on alternatives to prison construction. Testimony was also presented to the House Corrections Committee budget and oversight subcommittee and the Senate Finance Committee subcommittee on public safety and corrections. We have called for a moratorium on bonds for prison construction, supporting the allocation of scarce resources to community-based sanctions rather than bricks and mortar. We expect legislation to be filed that will call for no more prison construction until the entire criminal justice system is reviewed from the perspectives of protection of the public and cost efficiency.

While our priority is adequate funding for alternative programs, we would be prepared to act on any bills on sentencing reform that would support our goals.

Juvenile Justice has not been an active portfolio this year. Lois Carpenter is monitoring this issue.

Social Policy/Human Resources

The primary task during the 71st Legislature for the League will be to guard against cuts to Human Services budgets as legislators seek ways to avoid a tax increase. The League is working with People First, the statewide coalition advocating for improved funding in Texas for health and human services. Evelyn Bonavita represents LWV-TX on People First's state steering committee, and League members across the state are helping to coordinate grassroots efforts.

Health Care for the Medically Indigent

During the legislative interim, the League worked closely with health care groups to ensure that gains made in the last session would not be lost. HCMI director, Sally Coughlin, has presented testimony to house and senate subcommittees urging continuation and expansion of indigent health care programs begun in 1985 including programs for the medically needy that serve children and pregnant women. We are also asking that the legislature address the problems of poor people who cannot obtain any health insurance, and we continue membership in the Maternal and Child Health Coalition.

Services for the Seriously Mentally Ill

Services for the Seriously Mentally Ill is one of the two legislative priorities for the League in the 71st Legislature. An advocacy paper was published in January and distributed to legislators. The League presented testimony early in the session to the subcommittees on the budget and will be monitoring legislation and testifying as the session continues, primarily in support of adequate funding for TDMHMR. Sally Coughlin coordinates advocacy activities on SSMI, with the help of LWV-Arlington's Bonnie Bowman.

Air

LWV-Texas joined the Clean Air Texas Coalition in February 1989 to work for alternative fuels for fleet vehicles and clean fuels in industrial boilers.

Two bills have been filed that would promote these changes in an effort to improve air quality in Texas. Kathy Jacobs coordinates action on Air which has included conversation with Members of Congress, speeches, and distribution of materials to encourage passage of the Clean Air Act.

Land Use

In February 1989, letters were sent to all members of the Texas congressional delegation requesting their support for the Big Thicket National Preserve expansion bill. The LWV-TEF cosponsored the 1989 Wilderness PowWow and encouraged local League involvement in COASTWEEKS. Carol Wilson monitors this non-priority position.

Water

The League's long term involvement in water issues ensures that Catherine Perrine, associate director, is invited to attend conferences, give speeches, and provide advice to legislators and regulators regarding water quality and supply issues. LWV-TEF participated in the LWVEF survey of drinking water officials, as did sixteen local Leagues in Texas. LWV-TEF has received a grant from the Wray Charitable Trust to disseminate the survey results when they are released.

Waste Management

Hazardous and solid waste remain controversial public policy issues. The League, under the direction of Diane Sheridan, continues to monitor implementation of comprehensive hazardous waste legislation passed by the legislature in 1985. Sheridan served on the resource committee to the interim Task Force on Waste Management Policy, which has produced recommendations but no bills as of February, 1989. Much to our surprise, container deposit has emerged this session as a bit-more-viable issue, and we are working with bill sponsor Rep. Lena Guerrero to pass a "bottle bill" in Texas.

Additional Program Items

Women Under Texas Law items were monitored by Toni Ferrell, National Security by Tom Burtis, Initiative and Referendum by Barbara Weinstein, State-Local Relations by Ruthann Geer, Public School Finance by Jan Wilbur, and Agriculture by Ruth Lauer. None of these was a priority issue for the League in the last year.

CITIZEN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Louise Cummins, Rebecca Bergstresser, Evelyn Bovavita,
Sally Coughlin, Tina Egge, Mary Alice Pisani, Carol Wilson

The Citizen Education Committee deals largely with education of League members and the public, working to increase our influence over public policy in Texas by increasing visibility through citizen education. The committee is responsible for new program studies, publications to educate and inform members and the public about current program, voters service information, state program planning, and periodic program review.

New Program Studies

Services for the Seriously Mentally Ill was the new study adopted at Convention '87. Mary Alice Pisani researched this topic with the assistance of Rebecca

Bergstresser and Sally Coughlin. Services for the Seriously Mentally Ill, a Facts & Issues publication, was produced in the summer of 1988 and sent to all League members and to many other interested people. Publication and mailing of the Facts & Issues was supported in part by a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. This Facts & Issues, widely distributed among providers, families and others involved in this issue, has been exceptionally well received.

Three-quarters of the local Leagues participated in the consensus on Services for the Seriously Mentally Ill (SSMI), and a position was adopted in November 1988.

To obtain data related to the SSMI study, LWV-TEF applied for and received a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to carry out a survey in mental health and mental retardation center areas in Texas. The survey identified perceptions held by community leaders and consumers of public services for people with serious mental illness. The grant underwrote costs of hiring a consultant, Health Consulting of Dallas, which provided technical expertise including design of the survey instruments; training participants in the survey technique; coding, entering, and analyzing data; and preliminary interpretation of the results. The survey was carried out during June and July of 1988 by members of local Leagues with assistance from local affiliates of the Mental Health Association in Texas and the Texas Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Rebecca Bergstresser served as project supervisor. Survey results provide new perspectives from which to evaluate local mental health services. A full report of the survey results was released in February, 1988, and an executive summary was distributed widely after a February press conference.

State Program Planning

Twenty-five local Leagues participated in state program planning for 1989-91. A new study on Child Care in Texas is being recommended by the board to convention delegates. (See Proposed Program).

Periodic Program Review

The process for Periodic Program Review (PPR) for this biennium began in the fall of 1987 when the PPR Committee, chaired by Louise Cummins and composed of representatives of local Leagues and the state board, met in Arlington and reviewed the Government positions, with the exception of Financing State Government, which was reviewed in 1985-87. The recommendations of the PPR Committee were sent to local Leagues in January of 1988, and League members reviewed the work of the committee during program planning in the fall of 1988. The Proposed Program closely follows the recommendations of the PPR Committee. The committee suggested that special attention be given to the State-Local Relations position, and the board is recommending that delegates drop this position. The PPR Committee recommended that a series of updates on the Government positions be prepared. During 1987 and 1988 the first two updates were sent out in mailings to local Leagues and the remainder were published in the Texas VOTER.

Texas Government Handbook

The Texas Government Handbook has been revised and the second edition published by LWV-TEF in February 1989. The handbook was revised by Jeff Gamso of Lubbock with assistance from LWV-TEF directors and under the direction of Louise Cummins. Publication of approximately 20,000 copies was assisted by in-kind

donations and monetary assistance from Conoco (in-kind), Southwestern Bell Foundation, Chemical Waste Management Inc., and Exxon Chemical Americas, with additional support from Waste Management of North America, Inc.

Voters Service

The 1988 presidential election was the focus of many state League voters service activities this past summer and fall, coordinated by Tina Egge, voters service director.

The LWV-Texas, in the largest registration effort in our history, began our activities with a bang this summer when 2.5 million voter registration cards were mailed across the state. For the first time, we worked with a private company, Val-Pak, a direct mail coupon company that bore all the expense of mailing the cards in its coupon packets in August and September. The secretary of state's office also cosponsored. Local Leagues in areas served by Val-Pak received advance information that included sample press releases. In addition, a press conference was held in Austin to initiate the campaign, which led to another first: national press coverage for LWV-Texas in USA Today.

This Val-Pak project served as the kick-off to National Voter Registration Day in Texas, which was designated by the LWVEF for September 9. LWV-Texas also sent several extra memos keeping local Leagues informed of activities and ideas for NVRD as they became available from the national League. Local Leagues responded with their usual enthusiasm for projects such as this by registering more than 15,000 voters and distributing some 55,000 registration cards. Many Wal-Mart and Sam's stores again participated in League registration drives as they had before Super Tuesday.

In August, both the voters service director and the voting rights director attended a voter registration conference, "Voter Participation," in Austin cosponsored by the Washington-based Elections Center and by the office of the secretary of state. As a result of contacts made there, we mailed information on National Voter Registration Day to eight Texas county voter registrars who have no local League in their areas.

Not the least of our activities was the publication of the LWV-Texas Education Fund Voters Guide in October. In addition to covering all statewide candidates, we printed information about requirements, salaries, and duties of each office as well as requirements and instructions for voting. Other filler information included the major contributors to, and the trustees of, LWV-TEF.

Informational memos were also written for the regular September and October mailings to local Leagues, and included information regarding policy for Voters Guides, a "How to Prepare Local Voters Guides" sheet, and a check list for holding debates and forums.

Information was also supplied to individual Leagues upon request to assist them with a number of voters service activities.

National Security Workshop

The LWV-Texas Education Fund with the LWV-Houston Education Fund sponsored a workshop entitled "Third World Relations: Economic Impact on Texas" on Saturday, April 9, 1988 in Houston. Three excellent speakers presented economic overviews in the morning. In the afternoon, League members and other

participants worked on ways to interpret public policy on the subject of national security to the community. This workshop was made possible by a grant from the national League of Women Voters Education Fund.

Keystone Education Project

Six years after this public involvement process was developed to assist communities facing the siting of waste management facilities, LWV-TEF continues to provide educational materials explaining how to use the process.

Biotechnology

The League was invited to a roundtable discussion on biotechnology, an emerging science. Kathy Jacob represented us at the summer event in San Antonio. Evelyn Bonavita serves on the advisory committee to The Keystone Center's national leadership initiative on biotechnology. The League had never studied this issue but offers expertise in designing public education and involvement programs.

Texas Risk Communication Project

LWV-TEF cosponsors this two-year-long effort to improve the communication of risks we face from chemicals. Diane Sheridan co-chairs this project, and several local League members from around the state participated in a February, 1989 seminar to discuss a risk communication procedure drafted by consensus among the diverse interest groups involved in the project, now housed at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

When You Go To Austin

State office staff coordinated production and distribution of this very popular legislative guide published by the LWV-TEF for the last seven legislative sessions. Southland Corporation funded the printing and distribution of 100,000 copies of the brochure.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Myrtle McMahan, Diane Sheridan,
Carol Wilson, Joann Lovelace, (Ruthann Geer)

Functions and Duties: Overseeing budget to reflect goals; investments; local League use of LWV-Texas Education Fund; office staffing, administration, management, and rental; Capital Fund Drive; coordination of scheduling of development activities; publications and projects relating to League finances and overall administration.

Budget Oversight: The committee has overseen the budget, keeping in mind the goals set by the board. At our recommendation, the 1988-1989 LWV-Texas budget has been adjusted to allow for an additional spending of \$2,132 for legislative activities. The LWV-Texas legislative director moved from Austin to Houston just prior to the legislative session, requiring us to hire a legislative monitor in Austin and secretarial assistance in both Houston and Austin. Without such changes, we would have lost much of our visibility as an advocacy organization at the Capitol.

The proposed LWV-Texas budget includes funding for an interim committee to study how to revise our budget format, which is confusing for members as well

as the board itself. The proposed Budget Format Task Force would examine how time sheet records might allow us to replace the formula currently used to charge line items for work performed by the staff. The current 11¢/page formula is considered both inequitable and obtuse.

IRS Audits: In April, 1988, the Internal Revenue Service conducted on-site audits of the League of Women Voters of Texas and the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. The president/chair, treasurer, and executive director spent four days in Austin meeting with the auditor in the state office. Prior to that meeting, the treasurer spent a day in the office assembling records requested by the IRS. The IRS was especially interested in the relationship between our two organizations. Extensive and accurate recordkeeping by the League and the Ed Fund, an annual review of the books by a Certified Public Accountant, and the information available from three people knowledgeable about both organizations allowed us to present the League and Ed Fund in the best way possible. After many tense months awaiting the outcome of the audit, we were asked by the IRS to make only a few changes in our practices. One is reflected in the new budget presented to you. In the past we have shown reimbursements from the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund as reduction of expenses for the League of Women Voters of Texas. Now we must show as income to LWV-T the amount LWV-TEF pays for shared services. Therefore, our income will be greater, but so will our expenses. The IRS also required that the state office staff keep time sheets showing how they allocate their time between LWV-T and LWV-TEF. The use of timesheets, which began in May 1988, has allowed us to document the amount of time we can charge restricted funds (such as Hogg Foundation grant) for time the office actually spends on restricted projects. All in all, the audit was a positive experience.

Office Administration: The most recent project tackled by the FM&A Committee is the preparation of a personnel manual. It should be ready by convention time.

Long Range Plan: Elsewhere in this Convention Workbook is a report on the efforts of the LWV-Texas and the LWV-Texas Education Fund boards to develop our first long range plan. An overall administrative matter, the plan was developed by a long range plan committee appointed for that purpose.

Publications: Work continues on Money Matters Made Easier, the handbook for local League treasurers in Texas. We had hoped to have it finished this year, but time demands put this on the back burner.

Local League Use of LWV-TEF: The FM&A Committee has overseen local League use of the Texas Education Fund. From January 1, 1988 through December 31, 1988 local Leagues deposited \$9,779.92 into the fund and spent \$12,593.11 on the following:

Projects--Total \$4,567.72

Your Elected Officials

LWV-Corpus Christi
LWV-Richardson
LWV-Tarrant County (2)
LWV-Victoria
LWV-Waco Area

Voters Guides

LWV-Corpus Christi
LWV-Victoria

Workshops

LWV-San Antonio Area
LWV-Tyler
County Government Book
LWV-Lubbock
Candidates Forum
Kerrville Area

Voters Guides Purchases--Total \$5,056.42

LWV-Arlington	LWV-Midland
LWV-Bay Area	LWV-Montgomery County
LWV-Baytown	LWV-Richardson (from LWV-Dallas)
LWV-Corpus Christi	LWV-San Antonio Area
LWV-Denton	LWV-Sherman
LWV-Edinburg/McAllen	LWV-Tarrant County
LWV-El Paso	LWV-Tyler
LWV-Galveston	LWV-Victoria
LWV-Kerrville Area	LWV-Waco Area

Payment of $\frac{1}{2}$ PMP to LWVUS--Total \$3,168.97

LWV-Arlington	LWV-Richardson
LWV-Bay Area	LWV-San Antonio Area
LWV-Baytown	LWV-Tarrant County
LWV-Denton	LWV-Waco Area
LWV-Orange Area	

Capital Fund Drive: In April, 1988, the LWV-TEF board faced a need to pay off the loan to purchase our state office space and acknowledged that solicitations of corporations and foundations were not generating the income needed. After researching the pro's and con's of conducting a phone-a-thon of LWV-Texas members to raise funds for the Capital Fund Drive (CFD), LWV-TEF trustees voted to try this method to pay off our loan before its November, 1989 due date. A goal of \$70,000 was established as the amount needed to retire the debt on the note for our office space in Austin as well as meet the expenses of raising the funds. Ruthann Geer was named coordinator of this massive undertaking.

Every League member in Texas received a letter in late September, 1988 explaining the purpose and goals of the phone-a-thon and providing an opportunity for a member to contribute prior to the every-member telephone solicitation.

During the phone-a-thon itself, thirty League volunteers from throughout the state gathered in Arlington and attempted to contact every member via donated telephone lines in a seven-hour period over two days. Approximately two-thirds of our members were reached and, at the close of the phone-a-thon, \$42,000 had been pledged to the CFD. Many members agreed to contribute unspecified amounts which were not included in the \$42,000 pledged. As of March 1, 1989, \$52,070 had been received. A victory indeed! The support of our members has truly been gratifying!

Trustees remain dedicated to the task of retiring the debt on the office note and have begun the tedious process of seeking additional foundation funding. It was felt that foundations, some of which did not typically contribute to capital campaigns, would be impressed by the tremendous financial support of our members during (and before) the phone-a-thon. Selected trustees have contacted by phone approximately twenty foundations to determine their interest in receiving a proposal from LWV-TEF requesting funds for the CFD. As of March 1, 1989 four proposals have been prepared and mailed to those foundations which expressed a willingness to review such a proposal.

It is our fervent desire to "celebrate our victory" of an office purchase at convention, BUT slightly less than \$18,000 is needed to reach our original goal of debt plus expenses. We continue to search for these last remaining dollars!

SERVICES TO LOCAL LEAGUES COMMITTEE

Sondra Ferstl, Scherel Carver, Ruthann Geer,
Frances McIntyre, (Myrtle McMahan)

The aim of this committee is to implement the board goal of strengthening our network of members throughout the state.

Training for Local League Boards: The state League has responded throughout the year to requests from local Leagues for training for their board of directors. While the summer months were the most popular times for scheduling training sessions, board trainings took place at other times of the year as well, depending on the needs of the local Leagues. Training was performed by members of the state board as well as those participating in a network of consultants established this year. The local League president usually made the request for training and selected the trainer. A workshop will be held prior to Convention '89 to train those invited to be the 1989-90 board trainers.

Field Service to Local Leagues: Two state board directors kept in touch with the activities of local Leagues through personal visits, telephone calls, correspondence with the local League president, reading of VOTERs and minutes of local League board meetings, and reports made by Field Service consultants. These consultants were chosen from a number of League members throughout the state who had special areas of expertise. Help from these consultants was offered on topics such as how to choose an issue for study, how to organize and conduct a meeting, how to make the best use of local media, and how to resolve conflicts by consensus. The list of consultants was printed in the 1988-89 LWV-TX Directory for reference by local Leagues. TLC (Tender League Care) was also available to those Leagues seeking "the friendly someone when you need to talk." At least two-thirds of our local Leagues and our provisional League in Texas received a personal visit from a state board member or a League consultant during the past year.

Membership Management: The SLL Committee decided to pursue the strategy of strengthening our network of membership throughout the state by training local Leagues in ways to recruit and retain members, rather than by conducting a statewide recruitment campaign. Ideas on membership recruitment and retention were incorporated into memos on membership in the mailings to local League presidents and in the two Leadership Development Conferences organized by the SLL Committee. To encourage growth, awards will be given at Convention '89 to the three Leagues with the greatest percentage increase in locally recruited members and to the League submitting the best "Guidelines for Growth." The committee also recognized that three local Leagues no longer were meeting the requirements for recognition as a local League and, in fact, had not done so for the past several years. Efforts during the last three or four years by state board members and Field Service Representatives to help these local Leagues solve their problems had not been successful. Thus, this year, the state board reluctantly disbanded Leagues in Odessa, Abilene, and Galveston. Several members of those Leagues have rejoined LWV-Texas in recent months by becoming members at large or have transferred their membership to a nearby local League.

The three Leagues in Texas that were disbanded this year had a combined membership of 102 members. Eleven of our Leagues experienced a growth in

membership, but nineteen experienced a decline. Leagues in Texas lost a total of 147 members this past year. However, we now have 107 additional members in Texas who joined through LWVUS.

Formation of New Leagues: The Provisional LWV of Cherokee County is completing its second year in provisional status and will be recommended to LWVUS for recognition as a local League as soon as documentation for the recognition request can be completed. The SLL Committee has targeted San Angelo as the next community for establishing a League presence and will be working on identifying persons in the community who can assist with the preliminary efforts.

Leadership Development Conferences: Two Leadership Development Conferences were scheduled for 1988-1989. LWV-Brazos County hosted approximately 50 League members who attended the conference in College Station on October 28, 1988. LWV-Tyler hosted the one scheduled in its community on March 4, 1989. Participants in the conferences selected one of two concurrent tracks in a day-long session. Track I, "The League Now and in the Future," emphasized ways to energize or rejuvenate local Leagues while Track II, "The Program Process: The Meaning in League," stressed how LWV program is developed from study to action.

Council and Convention: Manual Updates: The Convention Manual, a how-to guide for guide for local Leagues to use in planning and carrying out state convention, was revised and printed in 1988. Copies of the manual were made available to the local arrangements co-chairs for the Houston convention.

Members at Large: Members at large (MALs) of the LWV-Texas live in areas where there is no League. Presently there is only one member-at-large unit which is in Cleburne. It meets twice a month, and membership increased from 14 to 18 members in the past year. Isolated members at large are from dozens of non-League communities in Texas. Total MAL membership, including those in the Cleburne unit, increased from 92 members in January, 1988 to 129 in January, 1989.

Texas VOTER: The Texas VOTER is distributed four times per year to each member of the LWV-Texas. The tabloid-sized format, introduced in early 1988, has permitted additional news to be sent directly to members. Two local League presidents wrote feature articles about activities of local Leagues. Mary Ann Moxon, president of LWV-Arlington, reported on Leagues sponsoring government docent plans while Karen Haschke, LWV-Austin Area president, told of that League's experience in sponsoring a seminar in cooperation with two other local Leagues. The increased space in the newsletter because of the larger tabloid size also meant publication of feature stories, such as those written by LWV-Texas PR Director Ruth Lauer, on Texas mayors with League roots.

To assist local League VOTER editors, a series of memos on VOTER production were provided. Additional assistance for editors of local League VOTERs will take place at one of the workshops of Convention '89.

In mid-1988, a ruling by postal authorities effected a change from second to third class rate, with a subsequent increase in mailing costs. In an effort to defray some of the increased costs of mailing the Texas VOTER, the board agreed to accept certain types of classified advertising in the newsletter. The proposed 1989-1990 budget reflects the added cost of mailing third class but does not contain sufficient funding for use of color throughout the newsletter.

1988-89 PROFILE OF TEXAS LEAGUES

LEAGUE	DATE ORGANIZED	MILES TO S.O.	MEMBERSHIP		BASIC DUES	87 SC	88 SC	89 LD
Amarillo	1951	484	33	28	25	x		x
Arlington	1981	201	100	105	30	x	x	x
Austin Area	1919	---	351	310	37	x	x	x
Bay Area	1965	198	66	75	30	x	x	x
Baytown	1954	188	31	31	35	x	x	x
Beaumont	1947	237	123	102	30	x	x	x
Brazos Co.	1966	102	101	105	30	x	x	x
Cherokee Co. Prov.	1987	205	25	24	30	x		x
Corpus Christi	1945	192	113	90	30			x
Dallas	1938	205	516	604	36	x	x	x
Denton	1961	228	121	120	30	x	x	x
Edinburg/McAllen	1949	300	26	36	25			x
El Paso	1919	585	61	53	35	x		
Gainesville	1977	261	21	20	30	x	x	
Houston Area	1919	163	550	528	30	x	x	x
Irving	1959	212	62	60	25	x	x	x
Kerrville Area	1983	104	47	34	35	x	x	
Lubbock	1952	388	143	138	27	x	x	x
Marshall/Harrison Co.	1978	280	37	36	25			
Midland	1941	318	29	48	30	x	x	x
Montgomery Co.	1979	158	30	29	30			
Orange Area	1974	262	10	13	25			
Pearland Area	1972	179	30	30	30	x		x
Plano/Collin Co.	1976	225	68	45	30	x	x	x
Richardson	1961	220	60	58	30	x	x	x
San Antonio Area	1919	81	158	164	35	x	x	x
San Marcos	1962	30	43	47	30	x		x
Sherman	1973	272	89	63	30	x	x	
Tarrant Co.	1941	192	178	163	35	x	x	x
Tyler	1951	225	58	72	30	x	x	x
Victoria	1955	121	42	35	30	x		
Waco Area	1949	105	103	76	40	x	x	x
Wichita Falls	1950	287	34	35	30	x	x	x
Cleburne State Unit	1978	179	14	18	30			x

Leagues disbanded in 1988: Abilene, Galveston, Odessa

Legend: S.O. = State Office
87 SC = 1987 State Convention, Fort Worth
88 SC = 1988 State Council, Sherman
89 LD = 1989 Women's Legislative Days, Austin

VISIBILITY AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

Barbara Swartz (chair), Ruth Lauer, Barbara Weinstein

The Visibility and Marketing Committee re-examined our goals in June, 1988 and decided that, in order to increase our visibility to the public, one person should be in charge of the coordination of all of our public relations activities. Ruth Lauer was chosen as this representative from our committee.

Our first P.R. event of the new fiscal year was the very successful press conference with the secretary of state and the president of Val-Pak Metro, to announce our joint voter registration project last summer. Media Coverage occurred throughout the state and garnered much attention for the state League as well as for the local Leagues involved. Less coverage was given to our op-ed piece on the importance of registering to vote. LWV-TEF held a press conference in February, 1989 to announce the findings of the survey carried out last summer on perceptions of services for the seriously mentally ill held by consumers and community leaders. LWV-Texas was present at news conferences to lend our support on such issues as reproductive choice and clean air.

Another of the V&M Committee's goals is to develop a firm financial base for the state League. We feel we have made tremendous strides in this direction this past year through our non-member direct mail campaign and by aggressively pursuing contributions from additional corporations and foundations. Under the direction of Barbara Weinstein, we have increased to a great extent our contacts by personal letters and visits to corporations and foundations, and the results really show. Our corporate and foundation contributions to LWV-T and LWV-TEF have increased about 100% this year, when you compare this workbook's development report with the one in the Council '88 workbook. We hope contributing to LWV-TX and LWV-TEF will be habit-forming for our new contributors, whom we plan to make annual givers.

LWV-Texas participated in ABC Election Night Reporting for the November, 1988 election, which generated revenue for both LWV-TX and those local Leagues which took advantage of the optional sharing formula. Our thanks to all local League members who helped in that endeavor, coordinated by Gail Roache.

LWV-Texas ordered a new batch of Texas pins, had them available for sale along with T-shirts at Women's Legislative Days in February, and collected about \$250. The pins will also be sold at state conventions, and we encourage all Leaguers to consider them as the great gifts they are for visitors from other states or abroad. Foreigners especially like them as a memento of their visit to Texas.

The V&M Committee continues to supervise special fundraising projects initiated last year. The Ecuador/Galapagos tour was such a success, we are doing it again and adding another tour, this one to Australia/New Zealand. Each tour participant will be contributing \$200 to LWV-TEF. We hope to have them both sold out!

The Silent Auction will be bigger and better this year, and we will have twice as many people at Convention to take a look at all the items and make their bids. We are tremendously proud of the state board members and other Leaguers who have come up with a record number of items. And we have added "Memorable

Items From, Or Connected To, Memorable People." All profits from the 'Silent Auction will go to LWV-Texas.

The V&M Committee has also been involved in efforts to strengthen our network of members throughout the state. We have shared unrestricted donations to LWV-Texas and LWV-TEF with local Leagues unless the donor has specifically asked us not to; some would rather make a separate donation to the local League in their area. V&M Committee members have participated in the state League's Leadership Workshops in Brazos County and Tyler during the past year, and shared ideas on fundraising and organization.

The V&M Committee plans to recognize local Leagues for innovative fundraising ideas once again when the second annual Pot of Gold Award is presented at Convention '89. Our committee has also worked with the Services to Local Leagues Committee in setting up awards for membership growth and for unique and creative ideas for member recruitment and retention.

Because televised debates are one of the most visible League activities, the V&M Committee applied for and received a grant from LWVEF to sponsor a senatorial debate in November, 1988. Debate manager Charlene Howell participated in a training session conducted by LWVEF and coordinated planning for the event. Although we were not able to pursue this project to completion, we did learn a lot that will be useful in the future.

After copy had been prepared under the supervision of the Citizen Education Committee, we printed and distributed thousands of Texas Government Handbooks throughout the state to libraries, schools, state agencies, legislators, and individual members of the public. We have also given copies of all our major public publications to our contributors to show them what a great organization we are and why they should continue to support our efforts.

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<u>CORPORATE & FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS</u>	<u>T/TEF</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Anonymous Foundation, Dallas	TEF	7/88	\$2500	\$500	\$2000
Barber Foundation, Abilene	T	11/88	200		200
Bates Container, Inc., Ft. Worth	TEF	11/88	1000		1000
ENSR Corp., Houston	TEF	7/88	500		500
Exxon Chemical Americas, Baytown/Houston	TEF TEF	3/88 11/88	1500 1000		1500 1000
Garey Construction, Austin	TEF	12/88	2000	400	1600
Halliburton Foundation, Dallas	TEF	10/88	2500		2500
Hershey Foundation, Houston	TEF	12/88	250		250
Harris & Eliza Kempner Fund, Galveston	TEF	12/88	750		750

Kimberly Clark, Irving	TEF	12/88	2500		2500
Monsanto Co., Alvin	TEF	2/88	2500		1500
Munves Fashion, Inc., Dallas	TEF	4/88	100		100
National Gypsum Co. Foundation, Dallas	T	8/88	2500		2500
Occidental Chemical Corp., Pasadena	TEF	3/88	2500		2500
J.C. Penney Co., Dallas	TEF	9/88	3000		3000
Rohm & Haas Texas, Inc., Deer Park	TEF	8/88	500		500
Samuels Foundation, Houston	TEF	11/88	100		100
TU Electric, Dallas	TEF	5/88	1500	300	1200
Tandy Corp., Fort Worth	TEF	8/88	1700	460	1240
Texas AFL-CIO, Austin	T	7/88	200	80	120
Zale PAC, Irving	T	8/88	500		500
<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS</u>	<u>T/TEF</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	
Alcoa Foundation	TEF	2/88	\$ 2000	Voters Guides	
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health	TEF	4&12/88	20052	SSMI Study & Pub.	
Southland Corporation	TEF	10/88	8175	"When You Go To Austin"	
Southwestern Bell Foundation	TEF	3/88	6691	<u>TX Govt. Handbook</u>	
Citizens for Texas Coalition	T	4/88	681	TX Constitutional Rev.	
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>	<u>T/TEF</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET</u>
Direct Mail (to repeat donors & new prospects)	TEF T	5&7/88 5&7/88	\$2538 1574	\$740 828	\$1798 746
Member & Misc. Contributions	TEF T		986 671		986 671
ABC Election Night Reporting	T T	3/88 11/88	6498 5435	2361 1922	4137 3513
Silent Auction (Council)	T	4/88	1084	93	991
Tour of Ecuador/Galapagos	TEF	8/88	5129	514	4615
Wills & Co. Professional Review	T/TEF		In-kind		
Unreimbursed Board & Non-Board Member Expenses	TEF T		4772 4288		4772 4288

CONVENTION '89 EVALUATION

Please complete and return this form either as you leave the final session or by mail to: LWV-Texas, 1212 Guadalupe #107, Austin, TX 78701. Your candid and thoughtful evaluation will assist in future planning. Use reverse side for your comments, if you need more space. THANKS!

PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING: (5 = excellent, 1 = poor)

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| 1. Plenary Meetings | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. Workshops | | | | | |
| a. Board Trainers | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| b. Incoming Presidents | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| c. Education Funds | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| d. Voters Guide Production | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| e. Fundraising | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| f. VOTER Production | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| g. Long Range Plan | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. Hotel Arrangements & Meals | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. Special Events | | | | | |
| a. Awards | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| b. Speakers | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| c. Silent Auction | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. Social Activities | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. What did you like most about Convention? | | | | | |

7. What suggestions do you have for procedures, arrangements, or activities for future conventions?

Name (optional) _____
League (optional) _____
Delegate _____ Observer _____ Number of years in LWV _____
State Conventions attended: this one only _____; two _____; _____