

TALLAHASSEE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PRESIDENT'S LETTER
February 28, 1967

Dear League Members,

Another interesting, often very exciting and sometimes hectic year is about to end. (And another about to begin.) We have seen some of League's "Lively Issues," reapportionment, become a reality, hopefully, Revision of The Constitution of Florida will soon be added to the list, and locally, the City and County have enacted a joint voter registration plan. In the midst of all of the confusion, of the special session for Con. Rev. (later apportionment), the Pre-session conference for Florida Legislators was held at FSU. This conference as you know was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Education Fund and Florida State University. Direct costs were paid from a grant by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation with other essential resources being provided by FSU. Florida was selected for this conference because of the large number of freshmen senators and representatives brought about by reapportionment. I will give a few highlights of the conference at the annual meeting.

We have lost a few old members this year and gained some excellent new ones. The latest new member to be added to your list is Mrs. Stanley Marshall (Shirley), 519 Vinnidge Ride, Ph. 385-2666.

If we had a theme for our annual meeting, which is to be held April 1st (no joke) 12:00 noon in the University Room of the Duval Hotel, we might entitle it "As You Like It" or perhaps "Anything Goes." Regardless, we hope to see all league members there along with any interested guests. Board members will give a brief summary of their year's work and current league positions and consensus if a position has been reached. Shirley Taylor, a former board member, who older League members will remember for the excellent programs on Development of Human Resources while Chairman of the National Current Agenda on Human Resources will give us some pointers on organizing, developing and retaining an active Resource Committee.

Reservations should be made with Mrs. R. C. Powell (Jane) Ph. 224-3451 by Wednesday, March 29th. PLEASE BRING THE ATTACHED SHEETS WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, AS THEY CONTAIN THE PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE MEETING.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 28 --- City Election (run-off) and Election of State Legislators.
- Mar. 2 --- National CA - U.S. Relations with Red China.
Morning Unit - 10 a.m. Place - Marge Meeter's, 1405 Wekewa Nene
Evening Unit - 8 p.m. Place - Leon Federal (Downtown)
- Mar. 14 --- Run-off Election for State Legislators.
- Mar. 16 --- Local CA - PLANNING AND ZONING - Study of existing City Codes.
Morning Unit - 10 a.m. Place - Margaret Menzel, 1605 Kolopak Nene
Evening Unit - 8 p.m. Leon Federal (Downtown)
- Mar. 28 --- General Election for State Legislators
- Mar. 22 --- Board Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Leon Federal
- April 1 --- Annual Meeting - Luncheon - 12 Noon, Duval Hotel

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST TO ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS

"Time For ACTION from National regarding Development of Human Resources." Now is the time for Leagues to write to all their Senators and Representatives acquainting them with the broad outlines of the League's National Human Resources position-- We will have more information about this in the next Voter. Our League is formulating a letter to be sent to our congressmen. However, we hope all individuals will also write to them concerning this subject before final passage of the appropriations bill. Our study for the coming year will be concentrated on the "Community Action Program." If you wish further information at this time, please call Fran LaSeur, 877-2788, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee.

ALSO, NOW ALL MEMBERS may subscribe to the National "TIME FOR ACTION." When Congress is in session, "Time for Action" notifies you when it is time to take concerted action pending legislation of major concern to League members, and gives you background on the legislation, brings you up to date on its status

in Congress. All you do is send \$2.50 to cover cost of all issues of "Time for Action" during the 1967 Congressional Session to:

League of Women Voters of the United States
1200 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Please include the name of your local League with your address and zip code.

From State -- FIRST AND LAST CALL TO LEGISLATIVE SEMINARS

This is your opportunity to see the Legislature in action. Those who attend will be able to observe the House and Senate in session, attend committee meetings, meet certain members of the Cabinet, and hear many interesting people.

Tuesday noon to Thursday noon, April 25, 26, and 27

Registration fee - \$4.00

Tuesday noon to Thursday noon, May 9, 10, and 11

Registration fee - \$4.00

Monday noon to Friday noon, May 22 through 26

Registration fee - \$5.00

March 15th is the deadline for registration. If you are interested in attending these, please let me know so that I can get your name to Mrs. Lester Saphier by the 15th.

CALL TO COUNCIL - State Council will convene at the Sarasota Motor Hotel on April 5, 1967 at 1:30 p.m. and will adjourn at noon April 6th. Council delegates will consult with the State Board on matters of program, finance and organization and adopt the State Budget. Each local league is entitled to two delegates, the President and one other, and as many visitors as wish to attend.

There will be a Conference on Constitutional Revision at the same Hotel on April 4th, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Deadline for reservations is March 3rd. Anyone interested in attending either meeting let me know at once so that we can get the registration forms and fees sent to State. Deadline March 3rd.

FINANCE DRIVE

Word has just been received from Ruth Chapman, our acting Finance Chairman, that she received a check today from the Lewis State Bank for \$50 which puts us over our goal of \$450 this year. However, may I add that this would not have been possible without the wonderful support from our League members who contributed \$192.50. A more detailed report will be given at the Annual meeting and in a later Voter.

PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Board proposes the following for our local program:

Local CURRENT AGENDA: (2)

(1) Education: Study and support of measures which would promote improved quality of public education in Leon County.

(2) Present wording:

PLANNING AND ZONING: Give attention to community planning, with support of measures which will provide the best long range comprehensive planning for the community.

(2) Recommended new wording:

PLANNING AND ZONING: Support of measures for effective long-range comprehensive planning of the Tallahassee-Leon County community including City-County coordination of services.

Outlook for Work:

Codes and ordinances; adequacy and enforcement

Purchase of land and planning of facilities for future development;

Recreation areas, Hospital and Clinic facilities, and other.

There were no non-recommended items suggested this year. The board voted to drop our present CR, "REGISTRATION: Continued attention to voter registration in Tallahassee and Leon County with support of measures which will provide

for simplification and improved accuracy," in view of the enactment of joint city-county registration this year. This does not mean that we will no longer be active in this area, we will always carry on our voter registration program through Voters Service.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

To bring the local By-laws into conformity with national By-laws as amended at the 1966 Convention the following changes are necessary:

In Article II, Section 2, the word "any" has been inserted before the word "candidate." This word was added by the Convention to make it perfectly clear that League policy covers nonpartisan as well as partisan elections. It reads, "It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate."

In Article III, the requirements for eligibility for membership and the provisions for types of membership have been separated. Changes in both Articles are of wording not substance.

In Article IX, Section 2, the definition of the word "Program" has been changed to conform to the new wording of the National By-laws. Program is no longer defined as consisting of Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities, but as consisting of governmental issues. This makes an inclusive term before the itemizing which follows: It reads:

Section 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities. These categories of Program are defined as follows:

- a. The Current Agenda shall consist of those local governmental issues as the membership shall choose for sustained attention and concerted action.
- b. The Continuing Responsibilities shall consist of positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

The By-laws committee recommends the following to elect officers in year in accordance with our by-laws to go into effect in 1969. Delete ARTICLE V as amended in 1963-64 which reads:

Article V - Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee, Florida, shall be a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President and Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The 2nd Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.

Sec. 3. The Vice President. The Vice President shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

Substitute

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee, Florida shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President, the first Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The second Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.

Sec. 3. The Vice Presidents. The two Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN DUES

As you may remember reading in the last Voter the board is recommending a change in Dues from \$5.00 to \$7.50 beginning April 1, 1967. (This is when our fiscal year begins.) This is the first increase proposed since our League began in 1957. National and state have both suggested a dues increase. As you are aware, the cost of many services has increased, including postage, which may go up again. Come prepared to discuss this at the meeting.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

First Vice-President	Mrs. H. R. Partridge	1967-1969
Secretary	Mrs. Beatrice Olsen	1967-1969
Elected Directors	Mrs. Duane Meeter	1967-1969
	Mrs. Jack Buford	1967-1969
	Mrs. Don Driggs	1967-1969

Nominating Committee
1967-1968

Dr. Margaret Menzel
Mrs. Jim Myers
Mrs. R. C. Powell

Submitted by: Mrs. Robert Kromhout, Chairman
Dr. Evelyn Martin
Mrs. Phillip Cooke
Mrs. Sam Moorer
Mrs. Hank Mannheimer

Since your president will remain to fill out the second year of a two year term, it will be necessary to elect a president for 1 year, 1968-1969 to bring our election of officers in accordance with our by-laws by 1969.

If you are still with me at this time, we hope to see you April 1st. Again, a reminder to bring this letter to the meeting. Proposed budget is attached.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Mann
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TALLAHASSEE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR APRIL 1, 1967 through MARCH 31, 1968

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
 Administrative Expense Account

Proposed 1967-1968 Revised 1966-1967
 100.00 96.55
 237.00 192.50

OPERATING EXPENSE

1. Supplies 50.00
2. Postage 50.00
3. Mimeographing 50.00
4. Telephone and Telegraph 20.00
5. Capital Outlay 60.00
6. Post Office Box 7.00

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

1. Finance 50.00
2. Membership 50.00

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

1. National Current Agenda 20.00
2. State Current Agenda 20.00
3. Local Current Agenda 20.00

DELEGATES EXPENSES

1. State Convention 100.00
2. National Convention 100.00

PUBLICATIONS

1. State and National Cost \$100.00 less sales 60.00
2. Tallahassee Voter (including postage) 75.00

ACTIVITIES

1. Action in the Community 100.00
2. Voter's Service 150.00

STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICES

TOTAL

475/00 350.00
 1,557.00 1,255.55

****INCOME

DUES
 BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD
 FINANCE DRIVE

TOTAL

525.00 325.00
 400.00 480.55
 632.00 450.00
 1,557.00 1,255.55

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