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C A L E N D A R

- April 1 - 2 STATE CONVENTION - CHARLESTON
- April 6 9:30 a. m. Study of the Legislature unit meeting, at Enslow Park Presbyterian Church--babysitter provided.
- April 7 7:30 p. m. Study of the Legislature unit meeting with Henryetta Hager -- 611 - 12th Avenue, Rear.
- April 20 9:30 a. m. Study of the Legislature consensus meeting--Enslow Presbyterian Church--babysitter provided.
- April 21 7:30 p. m. Study of the Legislature consensus meeting with Mary Daniel--609 - 12th Avenue, Rear.
- May 5 8:00 p. m. LEAGUERS AND THEIR HUSBANDS! Meeting on water resources. Guest speaker will be Colonel Maurice D. Roush, District Engineer of the Huntington District District Corps of Engineers. Home of Mrs. Garrett Evans--302 - 12th Avenue.

\$\$\$\$DUES\$\$\$\$

Our year runs from April 1 through March 31. SO - - your dues are payable any time now! Please send your check for \$7.50 to our treasurer, Mrs. David Thompson--2738 Washington Blvd., Huntington 25705.

Welcome to the following new members!

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| Mrs. Homer Davis (Pearl) | 1802 Woodmont Rd. | 522-1998 |
| Mrs. Mary E. Braxton | 1522 - 9th Avenue | 523-8663 |

CONSENSUS ON AIR POLLUTION

- I. Policy and Procedures: To control air pollution, what powers should the government have? How should these powers be divided between federal, state, and local government? What about regional arrangements? Where should the prime responsibility lie?

Ans. We feel the federal government should set national air quality standards and enforce them through state and regional offices. A small minority felt that the federal government must set national air quality standards, but that the responsibility for enforcement should remain with the state agencies.

- II. Regulation: What kinds of controls will you support to reduce air pollution?

Ans. The group unanimously agreed that voluntary compliance is inadequate control and we support timetables for compliance, permits for new construction, stiff penalties for noncompliance and daily emission monitoring of large stationary sources. Vehicle emission inspections were supported.

We would like to see accelerated prosecution of violators.

Regulation: B. What do you think of the suggestion that each lower level of government should have the right to establish and enforce more stringent standards than the next higher government level?

Ans. We support the right of each lower level of government to establish and enforce more stringent standards than the next higher government level.

- III. Financing: How should the various kinds of costs connected with control of air pollution be paid for?

Ans. This League will support some tax incentives for pollution abatement and strongly supports tax incentives for control technology research. However, we prefer the cost of pollution abatement to be considered a cost of doing business. Exclusive government purchase of products of non-polluting or pollution-conscious industries is recommended.

- IV. Public Participation. What safeguards should be provided to insure genuine opportunity for public participation in decisions on air quality standards, their implementation and enforcement?

Ans. This League would like to see improved communication to the public of the times and locations of pollution hearings. A public information program on the process of complaint of pollution and a national center with regional offices to continuously receive complaints is favored.

FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting March 6, the by-laws changes as recommended by the board were approved and the recommended program adopted. It was listed as Recommendation II in your February bulletin. So for 1971-72 we will be actively studying on a local level the Cabell County School System and Comprehensive Planning for Cabell County. We will continue to support Council-Manager government, redistricting of precincts and improved election procedures, and improvement of Juvenile Court procedures and the supporting agencies.

The nominating committee's report was accepted and elected were : Sue Carlson, President; Pat Hartman, 1st Vice-President; Sharon Nelson, Secretary. Directors for two year terms elected were Mary Lee Watts, Joan Bassford and Helen Brown. Elected to one year terms were Fonetta Collett and Beth Bauserman.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were approved at the March meeting of the Board of Directors:

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| Support Positions | Edna Duckworth |
| Publications | Nadine Wellman |
| Finance | Bea Lingenfelter |
| Planning | Nancy Adams |
| Voters Service | Janet Graver |
| Election Laws and | |
| Electoral College | Helen Gibbins |

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS FOR THE STUDY OF THE LEGISLATURE

1. What specific changes, if any, should be made in the committee organization procedures?
 2. What specific changes, if any, should be made in the conduct of committees (i. e.) public access to meetings, hearing procedures, committee voting procedures?
 3. Should voice votes be permitted on the passage of bills or should roll call votes be required?
 4. Should records of proceedings and debates be made more available to the public?
 5. Should any changes be made in the procedures for the enactment of legislation? Be specific.
 6. What other changes in the operation of the Legislature do you feel are desirable?
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