

Opening Business Committee Meeting

Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore, Md.

Feb. 5, 1906.

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A meeting of the Business Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association was held in the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore, Md. Feb. 5, 1906, about 10:30 A.M., the president Rev. Anna H. Shaw, in the chair. Present, Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell.

It was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell to continue Dr. Woods in Oklahoma at least till June 1st.

The Committee made out the Agenda.

The following Committees were elected for the coming year:-

PROGRAM.

National President, Ex Officio Miss Kate M. Gordon, Mrs. C. C. Catt, Mrs. Marie Jenney Howe. A local woman from place where Convention is to be held.

CONGRESSIONAL

Harriet Taylor Upton, Mary Foote Henderson, Frances P. Burrows.

ENROLLMENT

Mrs. Priscilla D. Hackstaff.

PRESIDENTIAL SUFFRAGE

Henry B. Blackwell

RAILROAD SECRETARY

Lucy E. Anthony

CREDENTIALS

Treasurer, ex officio, Mrs. S. S. Fessenden, Mrs. Mary B. Luckie, Ira G. Woodson.

LITERATURE

Jane Campbell, Alice Stone Blackwell, Elizabeth J. Hauser

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Dr. Mary D. Bussey, Lida Calvert Obenchain

COURTESIES

Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg, Mrs. Mary Bentley Thomas, Mrs. Anna W. Janney, Mrs. Mary Badders Holton,

FINANCE

Mrs. Clara A. Young, Neb. Mrs. Mary Craigie, N.Y. Miss Rebecca Wilcox, Md. Miss Ada Jones, N.Y. Miss Laura Ray, O. Miss Caroline Herrick Jones, La. Miss Caroline Reilly, Ill. Miss Anna M. Greff, Pa. Mrs. Hala Hammond Butt, Miss. Miss Mabel Stockwell, Minn. Miss Helen Cranston, III Dela. Five Baltimore girls to be appointed by Mrs. Janney.

It was voted that the Recording Secretary give notice on the first morning of the Convention that a motion will be made to amend By-Law 3 by striking out the clause "one from each section of the country", and by striking out the word "before" and substituting the word "after".

The suggestions sent in by the States for the Plan of Work were considered.

3 P.M.

It was decided that the work of the Letter-Writers' Committee should be managed from Headquarters.

It was voted to recommend in the Plan of Work that a letter of introduction be given to a member who moves from one place to another.

It was decided, that if the Statehood Bill should pass, the National would send Miss Mills to help Dr. Woods in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, if possible, and that if Arizona should be admitted, the National would try to send someone there. It was decided to concentrate effort this year upon the campaigns.

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It was voted to suggest to the Convention that pictures of Miss Anthony, Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Stone, one or all, be presented to the public library, the high school, or some other institution in the city where the National Convention is held; and to recommend to the States to do the same thing in the city where the State Convention is held.

It was decided that the Association could not afford to send Miss Blackwell to Oregon.

The Minutes were read and approved, with a correction.

National Business Committee Meeting

Feb. 5, 1906.

7:30 P.M.

Miss Shaw in the chair the same persons present.

It was moved that the treasurer be authorized to get up life membership certificates, using her own taste - something like a college diploma.

Letters were read from some Chicago socialists (I did not have the letter and did not get the name) and from Dr. Woods.

Mrs. Stockwell and Mrs. Bacon were suggested as a sub-committee to condense the suggestions for the Plan of Work.

National Business Committee Meeting

Feb. 6, 1906.

9 A.M.

Miss Shaw in the chair, same persons present.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The proposed amendments to the constitution were considered.

Mrs. Upton read a letter from Colorado about Mrs. Bradford.

Miss Gordon moved that unless Mrs. Bradford could explain the inaccurate statements she was reported to have made about her (Miss Gordon), the National officers should leave it to the Colorado women to select whom they would send to Oregon.

Miss Blackwell moved as an amendment that we approve the

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president's action in replying to the Colorado women that the National would send to Oregon any woman whom the Colorado women might select and whose expenses they would pay.

Business Committee Meeting

Feb: 6th, 1906.

2:30 P.M.

It was decided to recommend that Progress should be issued monthly and be made the National organ.

Decided to recommend that a committee of three be appointed with Miss Gordon as chairman, to devise a form of membership for the enfranchised States, and to report before the close of the convention.

Voted that Mrs. Helen Rand Tindall be chairman of the National Committee on Program advertising, she to choose one helper in each State.

Voted that the clause recommended in last year's Plan of Work about the Memorial Organization Fund be inserted again in this year's Plan of Work, with the added clause, "and further, that at least 20 of the members shall not be already members of any other Suffrage Club."

The question of an Elizabeth Cady Stanton booklet was left to the Literature Committee.

Adjourned.

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Closing Business Committee Meeting

Hotel Shoreham, Washington D.C.

Feb. 14, 1906.

8:45 P.M.

Mrs. Florence Kelley presided. Present, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Upton, Miss Blackwell and Miss Hauser as proxy for Miss Anthony.

On motion of Mrs. Upton, seconded by Miss Gordon, it was voted that Mrs. Babcock continue the press work for the present.

On motion of Mrs. Upton, it was voted that in case we can arrange it, Mrs. Boyer be offered the press work at Headquarters.

On motion of Miss Blackwell, it was voted that in case Mrs. Boyer cannot be had, a cracking good clerk be furnished to Mrs. Upton at Headquarters to help with the press work - the clerk to be selected by Mrs. Upton.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell, seconded by Miss Gordon, that if Progress cannot be made a monthly, it be continued as a quarterly.

Voted that Dr. Woods be asked to stay in Oklahoma till Congress acts on the Statehood Bill.

Voted that if the Statehood Bill passes, Miss Mills be asked to go to Oklahoma to help Dr. Woods prepare for the Constitutional Convention.

The following persons were suggested as possible workers for Oklahoma. Mrs. Biggers; Mrs. Annie L. Diggs; Mrs. Lucy Hobart Day; Mrs. Alice Haldeman; Margaret Rees.

Business Committee Meeting

Hotel Shoreham,

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2 P.M.

Mrs. Kelley presided. Present, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell, Miss Hauser.

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The Minutes were read and approved.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton to instruct the incoming Congressional Committee to have the hearing on the regular day for the meeting of the Judiciary Committee.

Voted on motion of Miss Hauser, that the Corresponding Secretary write the secretary of the State Suffrage Association, in the States whose Congressmen were absent from the hearing, and ask her to write to them and inquire why they stayed away; and write letters of thanks to those who were present.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton to instruct the next Congressional Committee to prepare in advance a regular program for the hearing, with at least four able speakers for each hearing.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell to recommend to the incoming Congressional Committee to have some of the speakers incorporate in their speeches such facts and statistics as will make valuable literature for distribution when printed.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon that the chairman of the Congressional Committee prepare the program for the hearings in advance, and submit it to the Business Committee in ample time.

Miss Shaw recommended that at least one of the speeches at the hearing in each House shall be "straight suffrage."

Moved by Miss Gordon that it shall be the policy of the N.A.W.S.A. to try to get each State Legislature to pass a resolution asking Congress to submit a 16th. Amendment enfranchising women.

Moved by Miss Shaw, and accepted by Miss Gordon, that for this purpose an appeal be made to all available organizations in the State to support the measure.

Both these motions were carried. Mrs. Kelley said this meant a ten year's crusade.

It was agreed that Headquarters should carry this out.

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Mrs. Upton made her report as chairman of the Congressional Committee, explaining how the Federal Suffrage Association had come in and had its hearing ahead of us, and had secured a promise to have its speeches printed.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon that an effort be made to have the reports of our Senate hearing and of the Federal Suffrage Senate hearing printed separately, and that if this effort fails, we do not have ours printed at all.

Voted on motion of Miss Shaw that the Chairman of the Congressional Committee be authorized to do the necessary work in connection with her committee, and have her expenses paid.

Voted on motion of Miss Shaw that the organizing done by the National, shall be confined to places where there are or are likely to be campaigns, and that the organizations formed by it shall be campaign committees.

Voted to appropriate \$40 for Mrs. Kelley to print circulars and conduct correspondence to try to get the General Federation of Women's Clubs to endorse woman suffrage.

The following committees were elected:-

PROGRAM

The President, ex officio, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Marie Jenney Howe. A local woman from the place where the convention is held.

CONGRESSIONAL

Same as last year

ENROLMENT

Mrs. Oreola Haskell, Mrs. Anna Janney

PRESIDENTIAL Suffrage

Henry B. Blackwell

RAILROAD RATES

Lucy E. Anthony, with power to choose her own assistant.

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Jane Campbell, Alice Stone Blackwell, Miss Hauser, Dr. Hussey,
Mrs. Obenchain.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Kelley

LEGISLATION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Mrs. Blankenburg

CONVENTION PRESS WORK

Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Babcock.

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP

Laura Clay

CHURCH WORK

Antoinette Knowles

PEACE AND ARBITRATION

Lucia Ames Mead

LIBRARIES

Mrs. Boyer and the rest of the old Committee

LEGAL ADVISER

Mrs. McCulloch

Business Committee Meeting

Hotel Shoreham

Feb. 16, 1906.

9:30 A.M.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Upton,
Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion of Mrs. Kelley, it was voted that next year the
regular convention exclusive of executive committee meetings, be
limited to five days.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the Executive Committee
be called for the afternoon and evening of the day before the regu-
lar convention opens.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that Mrs. Kelley send to

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the women's clubs a request to consider the question of women suffrage.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that Mrs. Kelley be allowed to use her own discretion as to expenses.

Mrs. Upton's plan of dividing the work of the Business Committee into sections was adopted.

Voted to ask Mrs. Blatch to prepare a Stanton booklet and Miss Blackwell to prepare a Stone booklet.

Moved that Headquarters take charge of presenting the portrait of one or more suffrage pioneers to some Baltimore institution a portrait of the kind that seems best.

Mrs. Tindall was elected chairman of program advertising.

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2:30 P. M.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present, Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell, Miss Hauser.

The Minutes were read and approved. The following appropriations were voted. \$500 a year for Miss Anthony's clerk. ~~XXXX~~ \$2500 for Headquarters. \$15 per week for President's clerk hire. \$30 per month for Cor. Sec's. clerk hire.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that we continue to pay Mrs. Babcock \$70 per month and expenses for the press work, for the present.

Voted that Headquarters be authorized to make the best terms it can for the printing of the Minutes, with an understanding that it is not necessary to have the union label.

Voted to have the Political Equality leaflets electrotyped.

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Voted on motion of Miss Gordon to appropriate \$150 for literature, exclusive of the Political Equality leaflets. \$300 was estimated for Dr. Woods salary to June - \$400 in all for Oklahoma work.

\$125 still due on Chicago charter work. \$35 for bonding treasurer. \$350 for office expenses of President and Corresponding Secretary. Press work \$600. Total \$6075.

It was voted that Mrs. O'Sullivan's expenses in attending the National Convention be paid out of the treasury.

Probable receipts

Dues	\$1800	
Convention pledges	\$4000	
	<u>1500</u>	for Oregon
	2500	
	<u>1800</u>	
	\$4300	

\$6500
\$4300
\$2200 probable deficit.

Voted to continue the salaries of the field workers in Oregon as we have been paying them, except Mrs. Unruh.

Miss Shaw called Mrs. Upton to the chair and moved that Miss Gordon while in Oregon shall have \$100 per month and all expenses, and shall have charge of the parlor meetings and precinct work in Portland. This was carried. Miss Shaw resumed the chair.

Voted that Miss Gordon telephone Mr. Gompers and ask him to come over.

Voted on motion of Miss Hauser that the treasurer write to Miss Gregg that it is the sense of the Business Committee that the financial outlook is such that we cannot allow more than \$600 a month for Oregon Headquarters expenses.

The question of Miss Shaw's compensation in Oregon was postponed,

Voted that the Corresponding Secretary ask ex. Gov. Adams

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and Judge Lindsey if they could go to Oregon and on what terms.

Adjourned to 8:30 P.M.

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9 P.M.

Miss Shaw presided.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that Lucy Anthony's expenses be paid.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that Chicago is our first choice as the place for the next National Convention.

Moved by Miss Hauser to proceed to the election of a committee on programs for local clubs. The following committees were elected: Miss Caroline Lexow, Education; Dr. Hussey, Women in Medicine; Rev. Caroline Bartlett, Women in the Ministry; Mrs. Blatch, Stanton Birthday; Miss Blackwell, Stone Birthday; Mrs. Emma B. Sweet, Anthony Birthday; Mrs. Mead, Peace; Australia & New Zealand, Mrs. Jennie Law Hardy; Suffrage Movement in Europe, Mrs. Catt; State Laws, Mrs. McCulloch; School City, Jane Campbell; Industrial Relations, Mrs. Kelley.

Moved that the day preceeding the annual convention be devoted to Executive Committee meetings and the evening to an informal reception for our own people.

Moved to reconsider the previous vote to call the Executive Committee to meet on the afternoon and evening before the convention.

Moved that this be referred to the Committee on Program.

Moved by Miss Gordon that next year the President introduce all

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our efficient workers to the convention.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned.

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Miss Shaw in the chair.

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A letter was read from Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch. It was voted to accept her offer, and to buy five thousand copies of her pamphlet of Opinions of the Mayors of places where women vote, at \$45.00.

Letters in regard to the Oregon situation were read from Miss Pease, Mrs. French, Mrs. Cee, Dr. Jeffreys, Mrs. Duniway and Miss Kate M. Gordon.

It was moved by Mrs. Kelley that the National take no further action in regard to Oregon at present.

It was moved by Miss Clay as a substitute, and carried, that we co-operate with the Oregon E.S.A., by placing at their disposal the two thousand names we have secured on the petitions, the names of the local committees, and any other information in our power, if we deem it advisable after their election of State officers in November.

Voted that in regard to press work we treat Oregon just like the other States.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that the \$325. (more or less) placed in the hands of the president and treasurer by Miss Anthony for the final payment on the three busts made by Adelaide Johnson be put into the proposed Memorial Fund, and kept there till such time as Miss Johnson relinquishes to us the possession of our busts.

Mrs. Kelley reported that she was much encouraged by the amount of co-operation she was receiving in her Congressional work.

It was voted that the Business Committee put on record its approval of the plan of work pursued by the sub-committee on legislation.

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The money question for the coming year was then taken up.

Miss Hauser estimated that the running expenses from October 1 to Feb. 1 would be \$2600. This includes a monthly edition of Progress, and includes Mrs. Boyer's salary, but not her expenses.

Mrs. Avery said that Mrs. Boyer's salary (\$400.) ought to be taken from the Campaign Fund (also known as the Emergency fund). This leaves \$2200. We shall get at least \$1,000 from dues.

It was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell to strike out the references to campaigns in the vote passed about the Anthony Memorial Fund, thus making it possible to draw upon that fund for general expenses.

It was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that Mrs. Upton be authorized to borrow from the Emergency Fund \$300. for press work from now till the Chicago Convention.

Miss Blackwell gave a message from Mr. Henry B. Blackwell, setting forth the advantages of presidential suffrage, and recommending the National to urge the States to try for it. It was the sense of the Business Committee that as Mr. Blackwell was the chairman of the Presidential Suffrage Committee, it was his right and duty, ex officio, to stir up the States on that subject.

October 13, 1906, 7 P.M.

Miss Shaw in the chair; present, Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Mrs. Avery, Miss Blackwell.

A letter from Mrs. Catt about the International Bulletin was read. It was voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the N.A.W.S.A. engage 40 copies, to be subscribed for by members of the Association.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that a sub-committee, consisting of the president, treasurer, corresponding

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secretary and herself (Mrs. Avery), should be appointed to draft a plan for the Anthony Memorial Fund, and present it in writing to the Business Committee as soon as convenient. Mrs. Avery was made secretary of the sub-committee.

It was voted on motion of Miss Clay, seconded by Mrs. Avery, to engage Miss Gregg till the Chicago Convention, and to tell her that we expect to use our influence to have her engaged for a year.

The Minutes were read and approved.

October 14 - 1906. 9:30 A.M.

Miss Shaw in chair. Present, Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Avery, Miss Blackwell, Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Miss Lucy Anthony.

It was voted that Miss Blackwell draft a memorial resolution for Laura Moore.

It was moved by Mrs. Kelley that the meetings of the Business Committee be limited to two days.

It was moved by Miss Blackwell as a substitute and carried, that we make a strenuous effort to shorten the Business Committee meetings, by preparing the business as thoroughly as possible in advance, etc.

Miss Blackwell read a letter from Olympia Brown. It was voted to write her that the Business Committee differed with the opinion of Mrs. McCulloch, and that belated dues of last year would not give Wisconsin a vote in this year's convention; that to have a vote this year, this year's dues must be paid.

It was voted that Mrs. Kelley be a committee of one to investigate the feasibility of taking Miss Eddy's picture of Miss Anthony to New York, with a view to having it satisfactorily disposed of in accordance with Miss Eddy's wishes.

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It was voted on motion of Miss Clay, seconded by Mrs. Avery, that a committee^{be} appointed to investigate the entire cost of publishing a third volume of the Life of Miss Anthony, by Mrs. Harper, because the Business Committee thinks it desirable that it should be done. Mrs. Avery was appointed the Committee.

It was voted on motion of Miss Clay, that Mrs. Upton watch her opportunity to accept President Roosevelt's invitation to call and see him, and then use her discretion; and that her expenses be paid.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that the president correspond with Dr. Woods immediately, to see whether she can go at once to Oklahoma; and that if she cannot go till after Miss Chase could, Miss Chase be asked to go.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay, that the president write at once to Miss Chase, engage her till the Chicago convention, and tell her we shall use our influence to have her engaged for a year.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that if Dr. Woods cannot go to Oklahoma when we want her to, but says she can work for us later, the president immediately notify the Business Committee, and take a vote on the advisability of employing her.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that the salaries paid Miss Gregg, Miss Chase and Dr. Woods be the same as last year.

Voted that a room be provided for the president's office.

The minutes were read and approved, with some changes.

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NATIONAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

JUNE 7, 1906.

A meeting of the Business Committee was held in the Portland Hotel, Portland, Ore. June 7th. 1906. at 10-30 A.M. Miss Shaw in the chair. Present, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, and Miss Blackwell; also, *Dr. Jeffreys*, unofficially, Miss Mary Anthony, Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer and Mrs. Mary Sperry.

Miss Shaw said she must send out a President's letter, and invited suggestions as to what she should say.

Miss Gordon expressed the opinion that most of the local campaign committees through the State had not done their duty.

Miss Clay said that the Oregon women, with few exceptions, seemed to feel no responsibility for doing any work; that they were simply an inert mass; that she thought they should now be thrown upon their own resources and that if they could not get up their new initiative and referendum petition without help, they were a hopeless case.

Miss Shaw said that, generally speaking, she had never seen better local campaign committees in any State where she had worked for an amendment.

After discussion, it was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell, seconded by Miss Clay, to invite Miss Gordon to remain as long as she can and lay a foundation for the new campaign; also to invite Mrs. Boyer to stay as long as she thinks it advisable.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay, seconded by Miss Gordon, to borrow of Miss Shaw \$1000 00 or as much as she feels able to lend, to enable us to clear off the remaining liabilities of the campaign; and to give her an interest-bearing note for the amount.

Voted that Mrs. Catt, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Avery, Miss Kate M. Gordon, Mrs.

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Mary C.C. Bradford and Miss Lucy E. Anthony be the delegates from the N.A.W.S.A. to the meeting of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance at Copenhagen; and that Mrs. Waud Wood Park, Mrs. Mary Hutcheson Page, Miss Jean Gordon, Miss Fanny Gordon, Miss May Richardson and Miss Jess Stevens be the alternates.

Any vacancies may be filled by vote of all the delegates present at the International meeting.

Voted that the glass case at the Headquarters be lent to Mrs. Colby, also one table; that the Underwood typewriter be sent to Miss Shaw's and that the rest of the furniture and material be stored in Dr. Annice Jeffrey's Myers's basement and the literature given to the Oregon E.S.A. and that the Headquarters copy of the History of Woman Suffrage be presented to Mrs. Boyer.

Feb 21, 1907

A majority of the incorporators of the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund met at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill. on Feb. 21st. 1907.

On motion of Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, it was voted that they proceed to organize.

On motion of Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, Anna H. Shaw was elected Chairman pro tem. and Alice Stone Blackwell Secretary pro tem.

Mrs. Avery read a proposed list of By-Laws, and moved the adoption of By-Law 1, to read as follows: "The name of this corporation shall be the 'Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund'.

This was carried.

Mrs. Avery moved the adoption of By-Law 2, to read as follows;

"This corporation is organized under the laws of the State of Illinois for the following purposes; to raise a fund of at least \$100 000. to be used exclusively by the National American Woman Suffrage Association, to continue the suffrage work of Susan B. Anthony and those who labored with her for woman's enfranchisement; to collect, hold, invest and re-invest such fund in good securities or property anywhere in the United States; to pay and deliver over the income and principal of said fund upon the order of or as directed by vote of a majority of the General Officers of the N.A.W.S.A at such times and in such amounts and for such purposes as a majority of the then General Officers of the N.A.W.S.A. shall from time to time deem best for the furtherance of the woman suffrage cause in the United States of America".

This was carried.

Mrs. Avery moved the adoption of By-Law 3, to read as follows;

"The membership of the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund shall consist of a board of eleven (11) persons who shall be trustees of the fund.

This was carried.

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Mrs. Avery moved the adoption of By-Law 4, to read;

"The officers of this corporation shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall together constitute the committee to have charge of the investment of the money."

Lucy E. Anthony moved to amend this by striking out everything after the word treasurer.

Miss Laura Clay moved to amend the amendment by adding, "who shall be elected at each annual meeting."

Miss Anthony accepted the amendment and the motion as amended was carried.

Mrs. Avery moved the adoption of By-Law 5 to read;

"The officers of the board shall perform the usual duties pertaining to their respective offices."

This was carried.

It was moved that By-Law 6 be adopted as follows: "The treasurer shall give bond for the faithful performance of her duties in an amount which shall be satisfactory to the board."

This was amended by inserting the words "and at such time" before the words "which shall be satisfactory" and by changing the word "an" before "amount" to "such". With these amendments, the motion was carried.

By-Law 7 was adopted as follows: "This corporation shall hold an annual meeting at the same time and place with the annual meeting of the N.A.W.S.A. for the purpose of electing officers, appointing committees and transacting business."

By-Law 8 was adopted as follows: "In the interim of annual meetings, business may be transacted by a majority vote in response to a circular letter sent to each member by the president; or special meetings shall be called when deemed necessary by a majority of the members."

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By-Law 9 was adopted as follows: "This corporation shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur in its membership by death, resignation or removal by vote of eight (8) of its members."

By-Law 10 was adopted as follows:

"This corporation shall have power to amend its own By-Laws at any annual meeting, 14 days' notice having been given by the secretary."

The By-Laws were then adopted as a whole.

Anna H. Shaw was then elected President, Harriet Taylor Upton Treasurer, and Rachel Foster Avery Secretary.

Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Fanny Garrison Villard and Miss Kate M. Gordon were nominated and elected as members of the investment committee.

Adjourned.

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NATIONAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The National Business Committee met at the Palmer House, Chicago, February 12/1907, at eleven A.M., the president, Miss Shaw, in the chair. Present: Clay, Gordon, Blackwell, and, by request, Mrs. Avery.

Mrs. Avery presented the question of incorporating a body to raise and disburse a memorial fund for Miss Anthony. She recommended calling it a Board of Trustees. She suggested making the fund a memorial to other pioneers in addition to Miss Anthony.

Voted that it is the sense of the Business Committee that Mrs. Boyer should stay in Oklahoma as the National representative at the Headquarters until the end of the Constitutional Convention.

Moved by Miss Gordon that Dr. Woods be employed in Oklahoma through the season of the Farmers' Alliances and summer picnics. Sense of committee was affirmative. Also that Mrs. Bradford remain to end of convention.

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The National Business Committee met February 12, 1907, at 2:30 P.M., Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Upton, Clay, Gordon, Blackwell, and, unofficially, Miss Hauser.

Moved by Mrs. Upton that proxy voting be allowed in the Business Committee. The motion was lost.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Upton, that no proxy voting of any kind be allowed in the Business Committee.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton to issue a set of twelve programs for the use of local clubs during the coming year.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the Business Committee recommend to the Association that the National Convention be held in the fall.

Voted to drop from the plan of work the paragraph about the Memorial Organization Fund.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that Mrs. Avery be made a special auditor for the Oregon campaign account.

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The Business Committee met February 12/1907 at 8 P.M., Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Clay, Upton, Gordon, Blackwell, Avery, and Miss Hauser unofficially.

Press work was discussed. It was voted on motion of Miss Gordon that Miss Hauser's salary be raised to \$100. a month.

Voted that the Board of the Anthony Memorial Fund consist of eleven women, to be chosen by the Business Committee, six of whom shall be general officers of the Association elected by this convention.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the N.A.W.S.A. shall not print an advance convention program or solicit program ads.

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The National Business Committee met February 13, 1907, about 9:30 A.M. Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Miss Gordon, Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Upton, and, unofficially, Miss Hauser.

The Minutes were read and approved, with some additions.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the N.A.W.S.A. do three months of active field work during the coming year.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that we recommend to the incoming Business Committee the employment of Miss Chase as a National organizer by the year.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon that the Sub-Committee on organization talk with Miss Chase about the year's work.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that we make out the agenda.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon that we recommend to the Executive Committee that the policy of the N.A.W.S.A. shall be concerted action to secure the submission by Congress of a 16th Amendment; that the States be recommended to make it a feature of their legislative work to secure from the State Legislatures a resolution in favor of such an amendment, in addition to securing pressure on Congressmen; and that in our convention resolutions before labor organizations, etc., we try to get them to ask for a suffrage plank in the platforms of the National parties.

(The agenda were made out)

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton to recommend to the Executive

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Committee that Progress be continued as a monthly, and be enlarged.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the invitation from Washington to hold the National Convention of 1909 in Seattle be laid before the Executive Committee, also the question of where the convention of 1908 shall be held.

Voted that the question of a badge be referred to the Executive Committee.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that the Business Committee use its discretion as to the picture to be given away after each National Convention.

Voted to instruct the Literature Committee to prepare a leaflet on School Suffrage, and one for teachers.

The choice of the Finance Committee of the Convention was referred to Mrs. Upton.

Voted to reserve two hundred copies of Mrs. Harper's North American Review pamphlet, and to offer the rest for sale at ten cents a copy.

Voted to invite Mrs. Catt to be a fraternal delegate from the N.A.W.S.A. to the Peace Congress to be held in New York City in April. If she does not accept, Miss Shaw may be able to go.

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NATIONAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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2:30 P. M.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Kelley, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell, and, unofficially, Mrs. Avery.

The Minutes were read and approved.

It was decided on recommendation of Mrs. Kelley that the Business Committee and a representative from each State W.S.A. appear at a Congressional Hearing next January, if possible, and that Miss Gordon and Mrs. Kelley secure speakers of international reputation. Kx

Mrs. Avery read a draft of the proposed plan of incorporation for the Board of Trustees of the Anthony Memorial Fund, and, after some changes, it was adopted for recommendation to the Executive Committee, as follows:

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--SUSAN B. ANTHONY WOMAN SUFFRAGE FUND--

W H E R E A S

The sentiment in favor of Woman Suffrage has so far progressed throughout the world that its early adoption is now assured; and,

W H E R E A S

The rapidity with which women will be fully enfranchised in the United States of America depends upon the ability of the advocates of woman suffrage to bring it to the attention of those intelligent people whom they have not yet directly reached; and

W H E R E A S

Sufficient money for printing, postage, club organization, etc., is the only thing further required to complete the work of the great founders of the suffrage movement, of whom Susan B. Anthony was the last; and

W H E R E A S

It was Miss Anthony's plan and constant wish to devote all funds which friends of suffrage contributed to the immediate purpose of advancing the cause each day, as rapidly as the means available for that day permitted; Now, Therefore, Be It

R E S O L V E D

That, as the most fitting memorial to Susan B. Anthony, the National American Woman Suffrage Association shall raise a fund of at least \$100,000, to be called the "Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund", and to be used exclusively by the National American Woman Suffrage Association to continue the suffrage work of Miss Anthony and those who labored with her for woman's enfranchisement;

R E S O L V E D

That all friends and admirers of Susan B. Anthony and all believers in the justice and humanity of the cause to which she devoted a long life of heroic effort, shall be invited and urged to contribute to this fund;

R E S O L V E D

That the General Officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Association elected by this convention shall select and nominate eleven women to act as Trustees of this Fund, six of whom

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shall be General Officers of the Association;

R E S O L V E D

That the ~~xxxxx~~ said fund, or so much thereof as may from time to time be in hand, shall be used for the furtherance of the woman suffrage cause in the United States of America, and in such amounts and for such purposes as the General Officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Association shall from time to time deem best;

R E S O L V E D

That the Board of Trustees shall have power to make laws for its own government, and to fill all vacancies which may from time to time occur in its membership.

Voted that Mrs. Kelley be invited to act as fraternal delegate to address the meeting of the National Educational Association Department of Superintendents in Chicago on February 23, and that Miss Gordon make the arrangements.

Voted that the corresponding secretary be instructed to write to Mrs. Gougar in regard to the Indiana report which she had sent in to be read to the convention that Indiana had paid no dues and was not auxiliary.

Miss Clay moved that Miss Chase be instructed immediately to organize in Indiana a State Association under an entirely different name from Mrs. Gougar's. The motion was withdrawn.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the Business Committee confirm the vote it passed at Warren, viz: that the Indiana work be continued under the supervision of Mrs. Upton, with Miss Chase as organizer. The Ayes and Noes were called for. The vote stood

AYE: Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell.
No: Miss Shaw, Mrs. Kelley.

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A meeting of the National Business Committee was held at the Palmer House February 17/1907, at 10 A.M., the president, Miss Shaw, in the chair. Present: Mrs.Upton, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Mrs.Kelley, Miss Blackwell, and Mrs.Avery unofficially.

Miss Gordon read a letter from Mr.Peter Hamraty, recommending that the Oklahoma campaign be continued. It was voted on motion of Mrs.Kelley, seconded by Miss Clay, that we continue the Oklahoma campaign.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that the press work in Oklahoma be continued.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that Mrs.Boyer's time be employed in Oklahoma.

Voted on motion of Mrs.Kelley that Mrs.Upton be authorized to make and sign contracts with all the National workers in Oklahoma, these contracts to be as definite as possible, and with the understanding that the workers who are stationary shall have a fixed salary that includes expenses, and those who are moving about shall have a salary plus traveling expenses.

The Oregon report was read, and a letter from Oregon to the President.

It was moved by Mrs.Upton, and seconded by Mrs.Kelley, that we do no further work in Oregon at present. The motion was lost, Mrs.Upton and Miss Shaw voting yes, Miss Gordon, Miss Clay, Mrs.Kelley and Miss Blackwell voting no.

It was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell, seconded by Miss Gordon, that the National Association inform the Oregon E.S.A. that we hold ourselves in readiness to consider any request for help from Oregon, if they should desire our help later. Mrs.Upton and Miss Shaw voted no; Mrs.Kelley, Miss Gordon, Miss Clay and Miss Blackwell voted yes.

Voted on motion of Mrs.Upton that when the corresponding secretary reads the Oregon report to the convention, she shall explain that the reason why the Oregon report is read, although there is no one from Oregon here, is because in Oregon there is a campaign,

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9 A. M.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Sperry, and, later, Mrs. Avery.

Miss Gregg was questioned as to the work in Oklahoma.

Miss Gregg said she thought she ought to do the work in Indian Territory, rather than Dr. Woods, as it is harder; that she would like to go home June 1 and spend the summer, but would consent to take July and August for her vacation. She thought her best service would be to attend farmers meetings, and get a resolution passed by the Farmers' Union. She would be ready to go back the first week in March. She recommended keeping the Headquarters open. She asked if she should take ten-cent memberships in the Farmers' Unions, etc. She was told that she would receive instructions.

Mr. McCulloch, who kindly came to the meeting by request, was interviewed, and answered questions as to the incorporation of the board to have charge of the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that the expenses of collecting the Anthony Fund be borne by the National Treasury.

The Business Committee elected as the six of its members to serve on the Board of incorporators for the Anthony Fund: Rev. Anna M. Shaw, Rachel Foster Avery, Harriet Taylor Upton, Alice Stone Blackwell, Kate M. Gordon and Laura Clay. Mrs. Fanny Garrison Villard, Jane Adams, Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst were elected as additional members. On motion of Miss Clay, it was voted to reconsider Mrs. Hearst's name. Voted on motion of Miss Clay that Mrs. Hearst be the tenth member if she accepts. Voted on motion of Miss Clay that an invitation be extended to Mrs. Sarah Platt Pecker to fill the eleventh place.

It was voted that Mrs. Keith be the first alternate for Mrs. Hearst if she declines, and Mrs. LaFollette the first alternate for Mrs. Pecker.

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Mrs. Stewart stated that the Treasury of the Illinois E.S.A. was empty, and that the Association had spent \$250. in addition on the convention.

It was voted on motion of Miss Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Upton, to appropriate \$250. to the Illinois E.S.A. to apply on convention expenses.

On motion of Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Stewart was asked to convey to the Illinois women a most hearty vote of thanks from the National Officers for their splendid work in making our convention a success.

Voted that it is the sense of the General Officers that the Treasurer need not give receipts for postage paid from sales of supplies, the record of such accounts being sufficient voucher of their expenditures.

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NATIONAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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1:30 P. M.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell. Later, Mrs. Avery. Committees were elected as follows:

PROGRAM

Miss Shaw, ex-officio; Miss Gordon, Miss Mills, Dr. H. Carey Thomas, with Mrs. Ella S. Stewart as Dr. Thomas's alternate in case she declines.

CONGRESSIONAL WORK

Mrs. Florence Kelley, with power to choose her own committee.

PRESS

Elizabeth J. Hauser

ENROLMENT

Oreola Haskell

LITERATURE

Miss Blackwell,	Miss Hauser	Mrs. Obenchain
Miss Anne F. Miller	Mrs. Nabel Craft Deering	

PRESIDENTIAL SUFFRAGE

Henry B. Blackwell

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND RAILROAD RATES

Lucy E. Anthony

LEGISLATION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg

It was voted to drop the Committee on Convention Press Work

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP

Laura Gregg

PEACE & ARBITRATION

Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead

LIBRARIES

Mrs. Boyer and the rest of the present committee, viz:

Florence Spofford	Amelia E. Cameron
Martha Anderson Wynn	
Mary Rollins	

LEGAL ADVISER

Mrs. Catherine Vaughn McCulloch

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CHURCH WORK

Mrs. L. H. Day, with Miss Clay as alternate if she refuses

Mrs. Avery nominated Elizabeth Hauser and Lucy Anthony to fill the two vacancies on the Board of Incorporators for the Anthony Fund, with the understanding that they are to resign. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Avery read the proposed form of incorporation for the Anthony Fund. It was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that if the clause about the removal of members by vote of the Board stands, it be changed to read "eight" instead of "two-thirds".

Mr. McCulloch took the signatures of eight members of the Business Committee to the application for incorporation.

Miss Gordon moved that Miss Gregg be allowed latitude in regard to securing 10-cent members in Oklahoma.

Miss Blackwell moved that, with the consent of the Oklahoma State W.S.A., Miss Gregg be authorized to take ten-cent associate members who shall not count in Oklahoma's representation to the National. This was lost by a tie, Miss Shaw and Mrs. Avery voting "No", Miss Gordon and Miss Blackwell "Yes", Miss Clay and Mrs. Upton not voting.

Miss Hauser read the following outline of the budget for next year:

Headquarters, including salaries, rent, telephone, Progress, Press Work, P.E. Leaflets and other literature, and \$500. for Mrs. Upton	\$6,583.00
Mrs. Boyer, one year,-----	\$1,200.00
Mrs. Boyer's personal expenses-----	\$ 540.00
Miss Gregg, ten months,-----	\$1,000.00
Dr. Woods " "	\$1,000.00
Miss Chase, per year, salary-----	\$ 900.00
President's Clerk-----	\$ 900.00
Corresponding Secretary's Clerk-----	\$ 360.00
Office Expenses of President, Cor. Sec., V.P., etc.-----	\$ 300.00
Congressional Hearing & E.C. meeting-----	\$ 400.00
Convention Expenses-----	\$1,013.00
Mrs. Avery for expenses in raising Anthony Fund-----	\$1,200.00
State of Washington-----	\$ 150.00

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It was voted to appropriate \$6,583.00 for Headquarters; \$100. per month for Miss Gregg while employed; \$100. per month for Dr. Woods while employed; and \$75.00 per month for Miss Chase while employed; \$882.00 for the President's clerk, and \$48.00 for her office rent for six months; \$360.00 for the Corresponding Secretary's Clerk; \$400. for the Congressional Hearing and Business Committee meetings; \$1200. for Mrs. Avery's expenses in raising the Anthony Fund; and \$150. for the State of Washington.

(I have no record of any formal vote on the other proposed appropriations. They probably went by consent.)

The election of committees was resumed, and the following committees were chosen:

--EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE--

Pauline Steinsam, with power to choose her committee.

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AFFECTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Florence Kelley

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP IN ENFRANCHISED STATES

Mary C. C. Bradford

with power to fill her committee

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Ida Husted Harper

COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN MUSIC

Jennie E. Johnson

with power to choose her committee

Miss Chase, Miss Gregg and Dr. Woods were made National Organizers by the year, and it was voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the names of the National Organizers engaged by the year be printed in the Minutes with those of the committees.

It was voted that Miss Gordon correspond with Mrs. Boyer about the bibliography, and ask her whether she can finish it; and if not, whom she would recommend; and ask her advice as to the best method of proceeding.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that if Mrs. Boyer has no practical suggestions to make, Miss Gordon correspond with Miss Lexow about the matter.

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The question of Alaska was referred to the Organization Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Avery that the Corresponding Secretary write to the Federation for the People's Rule, and say that by our Constitution we cannot affiliate, but that many of our members favor the Initiative & Referendum. (This seems to have gone by consent).

The question of binding leaflets for libraries was referred to the Literature Committee, with power to act.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that Mrs. Kelley be made a special committee on a suffrage exhibit and slides.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that the Chairman of Local Arrangements (Lucy Anthony) be instructed to prepare a suffrage map for the next National Convention.

Voted that Mrs. Upton call the practical suggestions made at this convention, and print them, to be sent to the presidents of suffrage clubs.

It was left to Mrs. Upton's judgment whether to have the Minutes printed at a union or a non-union office.

--Adjourned to 8 P. M.--

The National Business Committee met at 8 P.M., February 21, 1907. Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Avery, Miss Blackwell.

The Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Upton read part of a letter from Adelaide Johnson about the busts.

Mrs. Avery moved that the Treasurer be instructed to write Miss Johnson that when the three busts are delivered in good condition at the Warren Headquarters, the remainder of the money will be paid.

Miss Clay moved as an amendment that it be paid when Miss Johnson would give us the title to and custody of the busts. Mrs. Avery accepted the amendment, and the motion as amended was carried.

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Voted that if Miss Johnson refuses to give us the busts, the money now in hand to pay for them be turned into the National Treasury.

Adjourned as National Business Committee to reconvene as incorporators of Susan B. Anthony Fund

Reconvened as National Business Committee

Mrs. Avery was made Committee on Medals for suffrage contests, also on International Badge.

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and therefore an exception is made in its case.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that Mrs. Bradford be instructed to stop her work in Oklahoma immediately.

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2:30 P.M.

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The President occupied the chair. Present: Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell, and, later, Mrs. Avery.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon that Mrs. Upton be editor and business manager of Progress during the convention year.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon, without dissent, that the organization work be placed in charge of a Sub-Committee on Organization, the National President to be Chairman of it, and the detail work to be carried out by Mrs. Upton as Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery to offer the Washington B.S.A. \$50.00 a month for three months, to be used for organization work in the State, the collections and all the money raised to go to the State treasury.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that \$500. be appropriated for the National Treasurer, to enable her to employ such help as will leave her time free to work for suffrage.

A letter was read from Mrs. Catt in regard to congressional work. On motion of Mrs. Avery it was referred to Mrs. Kelley, as Chairman of the Committee on Congressional Work, with the request that she confer with Mrs. Catt, and report upon it later to the Business Committee. Miss Gordon was instructed to communicate with Mrs. Catt, and tell her what we have done.

Miss Gordon read a letter from Mrs. Catt announcing the opening of suffrage headquarters in New York City by the Interurban P.E. Council, and asking for a moderate supply of the National

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literature, the Minutes and Progress.

It was voted to grant the request, Mrs. Avery and Miss Shaw voting no, Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell and Mrs. Sperry voting yes.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Upton to pay no attention officially to the Jamestown Exposition.

Voted that portraits of Miss Anthony be given to Hull House and the Chicago P.E. League.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that these portraits be framed, and that Lucy Anthony be a committee on framing them.

Mrs. Avery, Miss Campbell and a third woman, to be chosen by them, were appointed a committee to prepare a book of recitations for suffrage contests.

Mrs. Upton said she had asked the editor of the Craftsman for the plate of "The Mother in Bondage", to print with John Spargo's article and she had the promise of it.

Mrs. Bakestraw, Mrs. Buell and Mrs. Fessenden were appointed as the Committee of Parliamentarians to investigate Mrs. Fox's manual and others and recommend a manual of Parliamentary Usage.

Adjourned till 8 P.M.

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8:00 P.M.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Avery, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Sperry, Miss Blackwell.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton, that all Mrs. Avery's expenses preceding and during the convention, for convention work including railroad fare be paid.

Voted that the cost of the History of Woman Suffrage which the Oklahoma women gave to Mr. Robert Owen be refunded to them by the National.

A letter was read from Janet Jennings, of Wisconsin in

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regard to tax payer's suffrage.

A letter from Mrs. A. S. Duniway, ^{addressed to the Bus. Com.} was read by the Recording Secretary asking for \$2000, to be spent by the Oregon E. S. A. at its discretion.

Voted that the Corresponding Secretary write Mrs. Duniway that it is contrary to our rules to place in the hands of any State society a lump sum to be used at its discretion.

It was moved by Miss Blackwell that we offer to pay Miss Pease's salary till she can get the signatures to the initiative petition, the length of time to be fixed by us.

Mrs. Avery moved as a substitute that it is the sense of the Business Committee that it is inexpedient to expend any money in Oregon at present. The substitute was lost, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Upton, and Miss Shaw voting yes, Miss Gordon, Miss Clay, Mrs. Sperry and Miss Blackwell voting no.

Miss Gordon moved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write Mrs. Duniway, asking the Oregon officers to submit to the National a plan of ~~what~~ what they would like, and saying that if possible, we will assist them with some financial aid, such money to be expended under our direction. The motion was carried, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Upton and Miss Shaw voting no, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell and Mrs. Sperry voting yes.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that in answering Mrs. Duniway's letter, the Corresponding Secretary ask her to send her reply to the National President.

Adjourned.

Oct 22, 1908

The closing Executive Committee meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. Building, Buffalo, N.Y., October 22/1908, at 8 A.M., the President, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The Minutes of the preceding Executive Committee meeting were read, and approved.

The recommendations from the Business Committee were taken up serially. The first two were accepted; the third had already been adopted by the convention; the fourth was discussed, and finally adopted as follows:

That whenever it is possible and any State makes the request for an organizer, the National will pay the salary, provided the State making the request will pay all expenses within the State and arrange the route, if a route is necessary.

It was voted on motion of Miss Clay that Headquarters be instructed to order a large quantity of the "Votes for Women" badges from Mrs. Colby.

The roll call of States was asked for. It was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that Oklahoma be heard first.

It was voted on motion of Miss Clay that all unfinished business be left to the Business Committee.

Mrs. Anna Jackey presented the request for Oklahoma for a second National worker in addition to Mrs. Boyer, and for continued help from the National to pay Mrs. Boyer's salary and the other expenses till the vote in the coming legislature is taken.

After discussion, Mr. Blackwell moved that we hear from the president, and then take the vote.

Miss Shaw spoke against the National's continuing work in Oklahoma.

It was moved by Mr. Blackwell, and seconded by Mrs. Florence Kelley, that the National continue the work in Oklahoma till the vote is taken in the next Legislature.

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Mrs. Stewart moved as an amendment that the National support this work to the extent of the \$300. pledged from Massachusetts, and that the Oklahoma people be expected to raise the rest of the money needed.

Miss Clay asked that Oklahoma be treated as well as other States, and allowed an organizer's salary if they raise the local expenses.

Mr. Blackwell moved as an amendment to the amendment that, in addition to the \$300. from Massachusetts, the salary of the organizer, Mrs. Boyer, be paid till the vote in the next legislature is taken. This was carried. The vote was doubted, and on a rising vote it was carried with two dissentients.

The amendment as amended was then carried, with four dissentients.

The motion as amended was then carried - i.e. that the National should assist Oklahoma to the extent of \$100. per month for Mrs. Boyer's salary till the vote in the next legislature is taken, plus the \$300. given from Massachusetts, with the expression of the wish by the delegates from Massachusetts that it be used for Oklahoma.

On motion of Mrs. Upton, it was voted that the \$300. from Massachusetts be kept in the pledge list.

Mrs. Funk asked that Miss Gregg be sent to Maryland for two weeks in April. The request was referred to the Business Committee.

Adjourned

(THE CONCLUDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS)

Oct 22-23, 1906

A meeting of the Business Committee was held in the Y.M.C.A. Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y., October 22/1906, at 11 A.M./ the President, Rev. Anna E. Shaw, in the chair. Present: Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell, Miss Clay, Mrs. Stewart.

Upon motion of Mrs. Upton, it was voted that \$50. from the theater rent be returned to Mrs. Richard Williams, and paid out of the collections.

On motion of Mrs. Kelley, \$125.00 was voted to Mrs. Fitch for two months' work in South Dakota, interviewing legislators and ascertaining conditions with a view to the submission of an amendment.

Mrs. Avery suggested that the Corresponding Secretary correspond with Dr. Woods in regard to the situation in So. Dakota.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the Northern Pacific be the official route to the Washington convention, provided this does not bind all the officers and delegates to it.

Miss Shaw appointed an committee on the big petition for the 16th Amendment, Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Kelley, and for the third member either Mrs. Hastings or Miss Cameron, at Mrs. Catt's choice, or some one else satisfactory to both Mrs. Catt and Miss Shaw.

Voted that the question whether the petitions shall be signed by both men and women, or by women only, be left to Mrs. Catt, with the information that the majority of the Business Committee think it would better be women only.

It was moved by Mrs. Avery to appropriate \$500. for the petitions. The motion was withdrawn.

It was moved by Mrs. Kelley that the petitions be returned by February 15.

The Minutes were read and approved

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Hotel Lenox, Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Clay, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Blackwell.

X The finances were taken up, and it was stated that the Association had ¹⁸\$18,000 to appropriate.

\$900. was appropriated for Oklahoma and \$125.00 for South Dakota. On motion of Miss Clay, it was voted to pay Washington \$100. per month for eight months. \$300. was appropriated for the rent of Headquarters for the year, \$1200. for Elizabeth Hauser's salary, \$24.00 for telephone, \$150.00 for postage, \$12.00 for incidentals, \$800. for Mrs. Upton, \$353.00 for press work apart from Miss Hauser's salary, \$100. for the P.M. leaflets. It was voted to employ Minnie Hauser at \$75.00 per month, Miss Kelly and Miss Andrews at \$65. each per month, and Miss Doty at \$50.00 per month.

Voted that the treasurer's reports be sent out quarterly instead of bi-monthly, and that form letters be used in soliciting sales of the History of Woman Suffrage and the Life & Work of Susan B. Anthony, and the placing of the Minutes in libraries.

Miss Clay read the following resolution, which Miss Charlotte F. Jones, of West Chester, Pa., had asked her to present: "That the W.A.W.S.A. shall form an Equal Suffrage School League, to which all members of Business Schools, Boarding Schools, Normal Schools, High Schools, etc., shall be eligible for membership."

\$65. was appropriated for the Press Clippings Bureau, \$140. for office supplies at Headquarters, \$5.00 for Russell's Convention Rates.

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It was voted to call the Minutes the Annual Report, and \$275.00 was estimated as the cost of publishing them.

estimated \$100. was appropriated for stationery, *voted* \$700. for the President's secretary for a year, *estimated* \$100. for the President's other office expenses, light, heat, postage, etc.; \$700. for the Corresponding Secretary's clerk, and \$75. was estimated as the Corresponding Secretary's office expenses.

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Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Miss Clay, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Upton, Miss Blackwell.

Moved by Miss Blackwell that a sum be appropriated for the postage and other expenses of the Committee on Church Work.

Mrs. Stewart moved as a substitute that this year \$50. each be appropriated for the Committees on Church Work and on Education.

Miss Clay asked that it be made \$50. apiece from now till the next annual convention, which will be eight months. Mrs. Stewart accepted the amendment, and the \$50. for each Committee was voted.

Miss Clay asked that the \$50. for Church Work be given from the \$100. which she had promised to the Association.

Mrs. Douglas, of New Orleans, was nominated for Church Work. It was voted on motion of Mrs. Stewart to reconsider this, and to ask Mrs. Douglas in case of a definite declination from Mrs. Day.

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\$500. was estimated as the expenses of the Buffalo Convention, including speakers. Mrs. Avery estimated \$400. as the travelling expenses of the Business Committee to this convention.

\$1500. was estimated as the cost of the Washington convention.

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estimated
\$1,000 was appropriated for Miss Gregg's salary, and \$800. for her expenses.

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Voted to employ Miss Chase for a month's work in New Hampshire at the rate of \$60. per month, she to be allowed to distribute the time as she chooses; and that when she feels able to go into regular work again in other States, we re-engage her at \$75. per month. *expenses*

Voted to engage Miss Fannie Penfield at \$80. per month and expenses.

Moved by Miss Clay that if there is any money left after making the appropriations for necessary expenses, we consider Miss Cramer's case.

It was moved by Miss Clay that Miss Gregg finish the engagements she has made in Indiana, but that no more be made for her. The decision for this was postponed.

On motion of Miss Gordon, it was voted that Laura Gregg, when she visits Colorado, remain there in the interest of securing affiliated organizations to the National, as well as to secure signers to the petition for a 16th Amendment to the National Constitution. This motion to be conditional on the advisability of taking her out of Indiana.

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X
\$300. was ~~estimated~~ appropriated for Miss Penfield's expenses, and \$600. for her salary.

Mrs. Avery reported that the book of recitations and the book of arguments would cost about 11 cents each, and could be sold for 20.

\$160. was appropriated for 2,000 copies of each, and \$30. for binding 300 more sets of leaflets for libraries.

A little discretionary power was left to the Literature

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Condition in deciding what leaflets or booklets to include in these bound sets.

Miss Clay moved that if we get out any posters, it be a picture.

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\$ 800
It was voted on motion of Mrs. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Avery, to appropriate \$800. for the big petition.

It was decided that Mrs. Avery hold her present place on the Anthony Fund Committee for four months longer, and then make up her mind whether to continue ⁱⁿ it or not.

It was moved by Mrs. Avery, seconded by Miss Clay, and carried, to appropriate \$500. for the headquarters at Washington, D.C., in case the proposal to have one pass through.

It was moved by Miss Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Upton, and carried, that in engaging our organizers they be required to sign a contract.

Voted that books for prizes, etc., be continued, and that this and similar small matters be left to the discretion of Headquarters.

Voted to offer a prize of \$10. to any Junior Club (the members under 20 years of age) which shall be formed without the aid of a regular organizer, and shall have paid dues for the second year on not less than 20 members.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that Headquarters be authorized to arrange a National Suffrage Day at Chautauque, and to ask the Chautauque authorities to appropriate money for the expenses of the meeting.

Voted to invite the National College League to complete the bibliography.

The Minutes were read and approved, with corrections.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that Mrs. Boyer's salary

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personal expenses - \$60 allowance for headquarters, etc.
and expenses be paid by the National for a week after Nov. 1,
and after that the National pay her salary only.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that no more engagements be made in Indiana for Miss Gregg, and that those already made for her there be filled if in the judgment of Miss Shaw and Mrs. Upton it is for the best interests of the work.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that if any money from the Thomas-Garrett Fund becomes available for the purpose of employing young college women in their own States, and if Miss Thomas and Miss Garrett approve, it be used to pay \$50. per month to such States as can supply young college women acceptable to the Business Committee.

Voted on motion of Miss Shaw that, if an unusually brilliant college woman comes along, whose it is especially desirable to secure, after she has been employed for two months and whose adaptability for the work, her salary may be raised \$25. per month if absolutely necessary.

Voted that Mrs. Sperry be given the courtesy of the floor.

The report of the Chairman of Enrollment was read and accepted.

Voted that the Corresponding Secretary immediately ask the States which of them will give up their time on the program of the next annual meeting for the sake of a Round Table conference.

It was announced that Mrs. Robinson had reported in favor of Robert's Rules of Order as the manual of Parliamentary Law.

Voted that the appointment of the Congressional Committee be postponed till it be seen whether we are to have a Headquarters at Washington D.C.

[Oct 22-23, 1908]

October 23/1908 - 8 P.M.

Mrs. Avery in the chair. Present: Miss Clay, Miss Gordon,
Mrs. Upton, Miss Blackwell, later Miss Shaw.

Voted to strike Miss Shanks off the list of life members.

The Minutes were read and approved with corrections.

Committees were appointed as follows:

PROGRAM: Anne E. Shaw Mrs. Clara E. Arthur
Kate W. Gordon Dr. Cora Smith Eaton
Mrs. Ella Stewart

FINES: Elizabeth J. Hueser

ENROLLMENT: Dr. Mary D. Hueser

LITERATURE: The former committee, with the addition of
Dorothy Dix and Charlotte Perkins Gilman

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE: Henry F. Blackwell.

NATIONAL COM. OF LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND R. R. RATES: HENRY F. ANTHONY

INDUSTRIAL: Same as last year.

LEGISLATION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS: Mrs. E. L. Blankenburg

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP: Emma Stone

CHURCH WORK: Lucy Hobart Day

PRAYER & ARBITRATION: Jessie Ames Wood

LIBRARIES: Same as last year.

LEGAL ADVISER: Catherine Fough McCullough

EDUCATION: PAULINE STEVENS.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane.

CAMPAIGN MUSIC: Harriet Monroe, Gertrude Barnum,
Elizabeth Handman, Agnes
Catherine Van Buren, Layden
Miss Johnson.

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Voted to have a memorial list for those in whose names contributions of not less than \$50. are made.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that Miss Shaw, Miss Gordon and Mrs. Upton be a sub-committee to decide on the date of the next convention.

Voted that Miss Shaw, if she finds in Denver a suitable woman to go to New Mexico, be empowered to send her without further ado.

Moved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to notify the State Presidents of the recommendation to send letters and telegrams to the president-elect. It went by consent.

Adjourned

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The opening meeting of the 40th Annual Convention of the N.A.W.S.A. was held in the Y. M. C. A. Building in Buffalo, N.Y., on Thursday, Oct. 15, 1908, at 2:30 P. M., the president, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell, D.D. After the singing of "America" by the audience, addresses of welcome were given by Mrs. Helen Z. M. Rodgers for Women in the Professions, by Mrs. John Miller Horton for the Buffalo City Federation of Women's Clubs, by Dr. Ida C. Bender for the Teachers' Association, by Mrs. Frank Shuler for the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs, by Mrs. Frances W. Graham for the State W. C. T. U., and by Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg for the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Emily Howland spoke on "The Spirit of 1848," and responses to the addresses of welcome were given on behalf of the State by Mrs. Ella Hawley Crosssett, president of the New York State W. S. A., and by Rev. Anna H. Shaw in behalf of the N. A. W. S. A.

The International Report was presented by Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery.

It was announced that a reception would be given to the Convention by Mrs. John Miller Horton of Buffalo.

The Corresponding Secretary called the roll of States, that those wishing to submit any new business might do so. None of them responded.

Adjourned.

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An executive session was held at the Y. M. C. A. Building, Buffalo, N.Y., on Friday, Oct. 16, 1908, at 9:45 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Kate M. Gordon. Miss Shaw announced that Miss Laura Gregg would preside at a Conference on Increase of Membership, the special topic to be "Building Up Membership in the town and Country". Miss Gregg opened the subject, and brief addresses were made by Miss Mary Williams of Nebraska, Miss Laura Clay of Kentucky, and Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton of Ohio.

At 10:45 A. M. the regular meeting began. Rev. Anna H. Shaw took the chair and announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Credentials

Mrs. Catherine Reed Balentine, Va.
Miss Jean Gordon, Ia.
Miss Mary Williams, Nebr.
Mrs. Mary L. T. Gannett, N.Y.
Miss Mary S. Andrews, O.

On Courtesies

Mrs. George H. Lewis, N.Y.
Mrs. Ella Hawley Crossett, N.Y.
Mrs. Grace Chamberlain, N.Y.
Mrs. Mary B. Luckie, Pa.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Miss Shaw requested the delegation from each State to elect its member of the Committee on Resolutions.

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The Corresponding Secretary gave her annual report, and it was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Miss Shaw announced that all college women were invited to attend the meeting of the College Equal Suffrage League, and read a memorandum from President Thomas of Bryn Mawr, explaining who were included under the term "college women".

The report of the Headquarters Secretary was read by Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser and accepted.

The report of the Auditors was given by Miss Laura Clay, and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, and accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

The State report of California was given by Mrs. Sperry, and that of Connecticut by Mrs. Bacon.

It was voted to adjourn at 12:15 to visit the Larkin factories.

A meeting of the N. A. W. S. A. was held Friday, Oct. 16, 1908, at 2.30 P. M., the president, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

Mrs. McNutt of Hornell gave a greeting as fraternal delegate from the Ladies of the Maccabees.

On motion of Mrs. DeVoe, it was voted to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Lillian Hollister, Supreme Commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, on the loss of her only son.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The report for the District of Columbia was given by Mrs. Jessie Waite Wright, and that of Illinois by Mrs. Ella Sease Stewart.

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The report of the Presidential Suffrage Committee was given by Henry B. Blackwell, and accepted.

The report of the National Press Chairman was read by Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser, and accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

A Press Conference followed, Miss Hauser presiding. Miss Bertha Coover spoke on how to get suffrage matter into country papers, Miss Matilda Orr Hayes on how to get it into the large city dailies. There were brief addresses by Miss Kate M. Gordon and Miss Florence Garvin, and Mrs. E. D. Bacon displayed 21 yards of press clippings, showing how much suffrage material the members of the Connecticut W. S. A. had got into the papers during the year.

Mrs. Clara B. Arthur spoke on "History in the Making."

The report of the Committee on Libraries, by Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer, was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and accepted with a vote of thanks.

An executive session was held on Saturday morning, Oct. 17, 1908, at 9.45 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Laura A. Gregg. Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton presided, and Miss Kate M. Gordon acted as secretary pro tem. There was a Conference on Increase of Membership, the special topic being how to build up membership in the City. At 10.45 A. M. the reading of State reports was resumed. Miss Grace Ballantyne reported for Iowa, Mrs. Martha C. Cranston for Delaware, Mrs. Fannie J. Fernald for Maine, Mrs. Emma Maddox Funck for Maryland, Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead for Massachusetts and Mrs. Maud C. Stockwell for Minnesota.

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Dr. Augusta Stowe Gullen of Canada was introduced to the Convention.

Miss Craft of New York suggested that what the States are doing be reported quarterly in Progress. On motion of Mrs. McLean of Ohio, seconded by Mrs. Hornbrook of West Virginia, this suggestion was adopted.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 1908.

2.30 P.M.

Miss Kate M. Gordon presided. She announced that the Committee on Resolutions would meet at 2.30 on Sunday in the Star Theatre.

An address on Social Prophylaxis was given by Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton, delegated representative from the American Society for Sanitary and Moral Prophylaxis. Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer spoke on "The need of the Hour". There were addresses by Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Mrs. Florence Kelley.

A telegram from Miss Sadie American was read by Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton.

On Monday, Oct. 19, 1908, at 9.45 A. M., a Conference on Increase of Membership was held in the Y. M. C. A. Parlors, Miss Laura Gregg presiding. The topic was "Building Up Membership in Large Assemblies."

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At 10.45 A. M. in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, the president, Anna H. Shaw, took the chair. The Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Marble read the State report for Nebraska, Dr. Hussey for New Jersey, Mrs. Crossett for New York, Mrs. Upton for Ohio, Mrs. Laskey for Oklahoma, ^{and} Mrs. Tingley for Rhode Island.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Sibley of Georgia.

Mrs. Avery presented the subject of suffrage posters.

Mrs. Upton presided over a Round-Table Conference on Finance, and the Anthony Memorial Fund.

After discussion, it was voted on motion of Miss Clay, seconded by Mrs. De Voe, to separate the running expenses from the Susan B. Anthony Fund.

It was moved by Miss Gordon that each State be recommended to appoint a committee to solicit for the Susan B. Anthony Fund. 

It was moved by Dr. Funck as an amendment that a clear statement regarding this matter be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to each State. At Miss Shaw's request, he withdrew this until Miss Gordon's motion was carried, and then introduced it as a separate motion, which was carried.

Miss Shaw made an appeal for the fund.

Mrs. Balentine reported for the Credentials Committee 127 delegates present and 14 alternates.

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A meeting was held on Monday, Oct. 19, 1908, at 2.30 P. M., the president, Anna H. Shaw, in the Chair.

Miss Caroline Lexow, Secretary of the National College Equal Suffrage League, opened the symposium on "Stock Objections to Woman Suffrage". She replied to the objection that it would be a useless concession and would simply double the vote; Mrs. Mary T. L. Gannett to the objection that women do not want it, and Miss Maude E. Miner, probation officer of the New York Night Court, to the objection that bad women would vote. Mrs. Kelley spoke on the objection that we are asking the ballot for all women, the poor and ignorant as well as the educated and rich. Miss Gregg spoke on "The Real Enemy" — the vicious interests.

The president read a letter from the Buffalo Club.

An executive session was held Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1908, at 9.45 A. M., the president in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Miss Gordon announced that a trip to Niagara Falls had been arranged for the delegates.

Mrs. Crossett moved that the Executive Committee meeting after the close of the Convention be held at Niagara Falls in connection with the lunch tendered by the Biscuit Company.

The proposed amendments to the constitution were then taken up. X

It was voted that the president of the newly-organized National College Equal Suffrage League was a regular member of the Convention, with a right to vote.

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Mrs. Balentine reported for the Credentials Committee as follows:

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The president appointed as chairman of the tellers Miss Laura Gregg, and as Counting Teller Miss Harriet May Mills; as Distributing Tellers Miss C. C. Grossett, Mrs. McClary, Mrs. Day and Dr. Hussey; as Collecting Tellers Mrs. Chamberlain, Miss Ballantyne, Mrs. Sellers and Miss Helena Shaw Smith.

It was voted to go on and take the informal ballot for first vice president while the votes for president were being counted.

The Corresponding Secretary called for any new business.

Those persons who wanted to go to Niagara Falls and had not already expressed their wish to do so, were asked to stand.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes cast for president as 190; for Anna H. Shaw, 190.

It was voted that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the Recording Secretary cast it for Miss Shaw; which was done. Miss Shaw made an address of acceptance.

The tellers announced that the whole number of votes cast for first vice president on the informal ballot was 154, for Rachel Foster Avery 154.

It was voted that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the Recording Secretary cast it for Mrs. Avery, which was done.

Mrs. DeVoe presented an invitation to hold the next annual convention in Seattle, and read a letter from the

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president of the Fair Association, offering to make one day National American Woman Suffrage Association Day, to grant the use of the auditorium, and other inducements.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes cast for second vice president on the informal ballot as 202; for Mrs. Florence Kelley, 202.

Mrs. Haskell said that there was a mistake in the count, as she had voted for another candidate.

The tellers were instructed to make a recount.

Mrs. Avery moved that the invitation to hold the next annual convention in Seattle be accepted.

Miss Clay suggested that the acceptance be made constitutional on Washington's success in getting a suffrage amendment submitted.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes cast for recording secretary on the informal ballot as 199; for Miss Blackwell, 149; for Mrs. Stewart, 44; for Miss Ballantyne, 1.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Stewart that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the Corresponding Secretary cast it for Miss Blackwell; which was done.

The invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Seattle was accepted with thanks, by a rising vote. The time was left to the Business Committee.

The tellers reported the result of the recount of the informal ballot for second vice president; whole number of votes cast, 202; for Mrs. Florence, 199; for Mrs. McCulloch, 2; for Mrs. Crossett, 1.

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It was voted that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the recording secretary cast it for Mrs. Kelley; which was done.

Mrs. Avery announced that the suffrage posters would be ready before the close of the Convention, and asked how many each State would take.

Mrs. Fitch of South Dakota said she had been instructed by her State to ask if anything had been done about medal contest work.

Miss Charlotte F. Jones read the following form for a 16th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

Art. VI.

Section 1. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective voting population.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.

The tellers reported the result of the informal ballot for Corresponding Secretary; whole number of votes, 217; for Kate M. Gordon, 208; for Harriet May Mills, 3; for Miss C. C. Crossett, 1; for Mrs. Anna Cadogan Etz, 1; for Elizabeth Hauser, 1; for Kate Lewis, 1; for Mrs. Truman C. White, 1.

It was voted that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the recording secretary cast it for Miss Gordon, which was done.

The tellers reported the result of the informal ballot for treasurer: whole number of votes, 218; for Harriet Taylor Upton, 218.

It was voted that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the recording secretary cast it for Mrs. Upton, which was done.

Miss C. F. Jones moved that the Association try to secure the form of amendment to the U. S. Constitution which she had read, instead of the form for which we have usually petitioned.

It was moved as an amendment that the question be referred to the Business Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Catt as a substitute that this question and the question whether the Association should continue to ask for a 16th Amendment forbidding disfranchisement on account of sex be made a special order of business for 10 A.M. the next day. This was carried, and the motion as amended by the substitute was carried.

The tellers reported the result of the informal ballot for first Auditor; whole number of votes, 200; for Miss Laura Clay, 168; for Mrs. Stewart, 14; for Miss Howland, 6; for Mrs. Gannett, 6; for Mrs. Stockwell, 3; for Mrs. Colby, 1; for Miss Gregg, 1; for Miss Hauser, 1.

It was voted that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the recording secretary cast it for Miss Clay; which was done.

It was moved that the ballots for second auditor be collected now, but not counted till afternoon. The motion was lost.

It was announced that an automobile ride had been arranged for the delegates.

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Mrs. Avery announced that the whole number of suffrage posters had not been engaged by the States thus far. It was voted to increase the number of posters per State in proportion to the orders.

Mrs. Upton announced that an elderly lady in Indiana had sent a quilt to be sold for the benefit of the Susan B. Anthony Fund.

The tellers reported the result of the informal ballot for second auditor: whole number of votes, 199; Mrs. Stewart, 139; for Miss Ballantyne, 36; for Mrs. Sperry, 8; for Mrs. DeVoe, 7; for Miss Hauser, 4; for Mrs. Grossett, 3; for Mrs. Stockwell, 1; for Mrs. Golby, 1; defective, 6; blank, 2.

It was voted that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that the recording secretary cast it for Mrs. Stewart, which was done.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1908.

2.30 P.M.

Mrs. Avery called the meeting to order. Mrs. Harriette M. Johnston-Wood spoke on "Some Legal Phases of the Disfranchisement of Women".

It was voted that the recommendations be printed for reference.

Mrs. Mary T. L. Gannett spoke on the Rochester Memorial to Susan B. Anthony.

Adjourned for the automobile ride.

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A meeting was held on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1908, at 10.15 A. M., the president, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

Miss Perle Penfield, a new National organizer, was introduced to the audience by the president, with a complimentary address.

The Minutes were read and approved, with a correction.

The special order of business was taken up, i.e. the consideration of the 16th Amendment which Miss Jones proposed to substitute for the form of 16th Amendment for which the Association has usually petitioned. Miss Jones's amendment was as follows:

Art. VI.

Section 1. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective voting population.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.

Dr. Siewers moved that Miss Jones's amendment be substituted for the usual form of 16th Amendment for which we have petitioned. After discussion, the substitute was lost.

It was voted that the Association shall urge concerted action to secure the submission by Congress of a 16th Amendment forbidding disfranchisement on account of sex.

Mrs. Catt moved that the work of the Association for the coming few months shall be to secure a petition to Congress for the 16th Amendment, and that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to attend to it.

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Dr. Siewers moved as an amendment that simultaneous letters be written to the president by all the State Associations several weeks before he sends out his message, and that one week before he does so, telegrams be sent him, expressing the wish of women for the ballot.

The president pointed out that this should come up as a separate motion.

Mrs. Catt's motion was carried.

It was then voted on motion of Mrs. Catt that the Association exert its energies to secure the appointment of a U. S. Senate Committee on Woman Suffrage favorable to the cause.

Dr. Siewers reintroduced her former motion. Dr. Funck moved that it be a recommendation from the National to the States. Mrs. Funck recommended the sending of individual letters to the president as more effective.

Dr. Siewer's motion was carried.

Mrs. Mary E. Craigie moved that we try to secure the appointment of at least one member from each of the enfranchised States on each of the Committees in Congress that deal with woman suffrage. The motion was lost.

Miss Kate M. Gordon rose to a question of privilege, and asked that Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead be allowed to present her report as chairman of the Peace Committee this morning, instead of in the afternoon. This was granted, and the Peace report was read and accepted.

It was suggested that the History of Woman Suffrage and the Life of Miss Anthony be placed in the libraries of Buffalo. Mrs. Crossett stated that they were already there.

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Miss Blackwell moved that the bound volume of suffrage leaflets be placed in the Buffalo libraries. Miss Mills asked that it be placed also in the high schools. This went by consent.

It was voted to present the Suffrage Headquarters in Buffalo with a large portrait of Miss Anthony.

Mrs. Fitch reported for South Dakota, Mrs. DeVoe for Washington, Mrs. Phebe C. Wright read the report of the Friend's Equal Rights Association, written by Mrs. Mary Bentley Thomas, and Dr. M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr reported for the National College Equal Suffrage League.

Mrs. E. S. Stewart, the newly-elected auditor, was introduced to the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Church Work was given by Mrs. Lucy Hobart Day.

It was voted that the report be accepted, and that the recommendations contained in it be adopted.

Adjourned to 2 P.M.

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2 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Clay.

The Minutes were read.

Dr. Siewers stated that in her resolution regarding the sending of letters and telegrams to the president elect, she had meant to include the declaration that this should be continued in the case of each president.

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Some of the delegates who had voted for the resolution had not so understood it, and the chairman took a vote as to whether they wished the recommendation to include this clause or not. The vote was in the negative.

Miss Shaw arrived and took the chair. She pointed out that we could not bind the Association for the future, but it could be voted as a recommendation that this action should be continued. It was so voted.

Mrs. Harriet M. Johnston Wood read a list of recommendations, and asked that the National recommend them to the States.

Miss Gregg moved as an amendment that they be recommended to the States after the million petitions had been secured.

It was moved that the Matter be laid on the table. The motion was lost.

Mrs. Stewart moved as an amendment that it be referred to a committee, of which our Legal Adviser shall be chairman, to report at the next Convention.

Dr. Siewers moved as an amendment to the amendment that the committee report in three months.

Miss Gordon moved that it report before the next meeting of the Business Committee.

Mrs. Harriette Johnston Wood said she would withdraw her motion to have these recommendations recommended to the States, and would substitute a motion that they be printed and referred to the States for action.

Mrs. Stewart's motion was carried.

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The report of the Committee on Legislation for Civil Rights was given by Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg.

Methods of legislative work were discussed by Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Craigie and Miss Gordon.

Mrs. Helen P. Jenkins was introduced to the Convention by Mrs. Avery, and gave an account of some of her experiences as a pioneer.

X Mrs. Anna Cadogan Etz spoke on "Woman's Share in Productive Industry".

Mr. Whitefield (of the Buffalo Y. M. C. A.) was introduced to the Convention.

Mrs. Belle Davis Smith was introduced as a fraternal delegate from the N. W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Clara B. Colby was introduced and told of her experience in England.

Mrs. Pauline Steinem reported for the Committee on Education, and moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Miss Shaw announced that the Business Committee, in consultation with Dr. Thomas and Miss Garrett, had apportioned the Thomas Garrett Fund for the coming year as follows:

In addition to the salaries, \$4500. which had been stipulated by the givers of the money:

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Work of College League,.....\$3000.
Literature.....\$1000.
Self-Supporting Women.....\$1000.
Progress.....\$ 400.
Lectures.....\$ 500.
For a purpose to be announced later.....\$1600.

Miss Shaw explained that this fund had been raised and given not to pay the running expenses ^{of} ~~for~~ the Association, or to relieve the members from raising the money for the usual lines of work which they had been in the habit of paying for themselves, but to enable the Association to do additional things, in new lines of work, which it could not have done with its ordinary funds.

Henry B. Blackwell gave the report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:

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It was voted to add two resolutions which had been omitted for the sake of brevity, viz.

(insert)

It was voted to strike out a resolution rejoicing over the failure of Hon. John Jenkins , chairman of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, to secure a renomination.

The resolutions were then adopted as a whole.

On motion of Miss Clay, it was voted that unfinished business be brought up on roll call of the States at the closing Executive Committee meeting the next day.

Mrs. Avery displayed the new suffrage poster.

Adjourned.

VOTE SENT OUT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

April 6, 1908.

1. Are you in favor of returning to Mrs. Loines the \$50. she raised for the Anthony Memorial Fund?

Miss Shaw. No, if collected for the Susan B. Anthony Fund and understood to be given to that fund, but if simply collected by Mrs. Loines for suffrage work, then (that it should be returned to her to be used at her discretion.

Mrs. Avery. No.

Miss Blackwell. I would give her her choice between having it returned and having it turned into the National Treasury to be used according to the judgment of the Business Committee.

Mrs. Upton. No.

Miss Clay. Yes.

Mrs. Sperry. Not if collected for the Susan B. Anthony Fund.

2. If not, are you in favor of paying it toward the Headquarters of the Interurban Association in New York City?

Miss Shaw. No.

Mrs. Avery. No.

Miss Blackwell. No.

Mrs. Upton. No.

Miss Clay. I am not in favor of considering it a gift to the Memorial Fund or as a gift from the National to the New York Headquarters.

Mrs. Sperry. No.

3. If returned to Mrs. Loines to be used toward the New York City Headquarters, are you in favor of crediting it to the New York pledge toward the Anthony Memorial Fund?

Miss Shaw. No.

Mrs. Avery. No.

Miss Blackwell. No.

Mrs. Upton. No.

Miss Clay. I think we ought not to give to Headquarters anywhere where there is not a campaign on hand or in the near future.

Mrs. Sperry. No.

VOTE SENT OUT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

March 31, 1908.

1. For how long a time shall Mrs. Boyer plan to remain in Oklahoma?

Miss Shaw. I cannot vote on the length of Mrs. Boyer's stay in Oklahoma because I do not believe the work in Oklahoma, under present circumstances, of any material value whatever.

Mrs. Avery. Until after the election; then see how many friends of woman suffrage are elected.

Mrs. Kelley. Until we get enfranchisement there.

Miss Blackwell. Until the Legislature adjourns or acts on our question, provided the money can be found.

Mrs. Upton. Until candidates are elected, provided ten or more are pronounced suffragists.

Miss Clay. For the time decided on at Moylan Business Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Sperry. I think she had better be recalled.

2. Are you in favor of Mr. Boyer curtailing the press work in Oklahoma? If so, how much?

Miss Shaw. As the press work in Oklahoma before amounted to very little, as far as the press clippings were concerned, this whole question would have to be decided by the attitude of the newspapers themselves. I believe it would be better to have a half dozen newspapers in the state well looked after than to try to interest 592 ~~indifferent~~ indifferent papers.

Mrs. Avery. To send to only about 200 papers weekly.

Mrs. Kelley. I think this should be decided from time to time in correspondence with Miss Shaw and Mrs. Upton; no by vote of the Business Committee as a whole. (I think the word "no" was intended to be "not")

Miss Blackwell. Not if it can be helped.

Mrs. Upton. To two papers in each county.

Miss Clay. I am in favor of her curtailing it within the bounds of what she can do herself with the help of a clerk.

Mrs. Sperry. I don't know.

3. Shall Mrs. Boyer engage in the usual picnic work, which heretofore has been considered very important in Oklahoma?

Miss Shaw. Yes, as far as she is able to do so if she remains in the state.

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Mrs. Avery. No.

Mrs. Kelley. I think she is the best judge how she can be most useful.

Miss Blackwell. Yes.

Mrs. Upton. No.

Miss Clay. Only so far as she can do it herself or with the help of voluntary assistance.

Mrs. Sperry. No, I think not.

4. Shall she under all circumstances use two cent stamps?

Miss Shaw. No, not to papers which take the regular matter.

Mrs. Avery. No, one cent stamps for newspaper work.

Mrs. Kelley. This seems a foolish question, on which I decline to vote.

Miss Blackwell. No, according to circumstances.

Mrs. Upton. No.

Miss Clay. She should be left to her own judgment about that.

Mrs. Sperry. Yes, if letters are sent.

5. Shall she work for the election of candidates who are favorable and secure others to assist her in working for their election?

Miss Shaw. I do not see how it is possible for her to do so under the circumstances.

Mrs. Avery. No, just question candidates and put them on record publicly.

Mrs. Kelley. By all means.

Miss Blackwell. Yes.

Mrs. Upton. Yes.

Miss Clay. Yes, as far as she can do so with expediency.

Mrs. Sperry. I do not think it would do any good.

6. Shall she work to defeat those who are opposed?

Miss Shaw. No.

Mrs. Avery. No.

Mrs. Kelley. Yes.

Miss Black- At her discretion. As a general rule, I should think not well.

Mrs. Upton. No.

Miss Clay. Not if she thinks it unwise.

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Mrs. Sperry. How can you.

7. Shall we borrow money to pay the Oklahoma bills?

Miss Shaw. No.

Mrs. Avery. No.

Mrs. Kelley. No, we should raise it ~~partly~~ partly in Oklahoma.

Miss Blackwell. If necessary.

Mrs. Upton. We will have to do so it seems.

Miss Clay. I await further information.

Mrs. Sperry. No.

8. Are you willing to sign a note with the other members of the Business Committee upon which money shall be borrowed for this purpose?

Miss Shaw. Yes, if the majority of the Committee vote to borrow the money and are willing to sign the note.

Mrs. Avery. If all agree to sign.

Mrs. Kelley. No, it is bad business methods.

Miss Blackwell. Yes.

Mrs. Upton. Hate to, but will if others do.

Miss Clay. I await further information.

Mrs. Sperry. No.

Miss Gordon's vote has not yet been received.

Mar 4-6 1908

The Business Committee of the N. A. W. E. A. met at
Meylan, Pa., March 4, 1908, at 8.30 A.M., the President, Rev. Anna
H. Shaw in the chair.

Present, Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Mrs. Avery, Miss Gordon,
Miss Blackwell.

The Agenda was made out, and, at the request of Mrs. Upton,
the Anthony Memorial Fund was considered first. Ways and means
to complete the \$100,000 were discussed. Mrs. Upton suggested a
sale of second-hand books, Miss Blackwell a Self Denial week or a
National Suffrage Fair, Mrs. Avery a letter to each local club ask-
ing it to give an entertainment to raise funds. The list of States
was gone over, and an estimate made of the additional amount that
could be hoped for from each.

Adjourned for lunch.

Reconvened at 2.30; the same persons present, plus
Mrs. Kelley.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Kelley, that we begin immediat-
ly a letter-writing campaign directed at the U. S. Senate Committee
on Woman Suffrage and the Judiciary Committee of the House, and the
Speaker, in order to secure a report.

Voted, on motion of Miss Clay, that the work of insti-
gating the letter writing campaign be done from headquarters.

Miss Clay moved that in our Convention Resolutions we
ask each body to send a representative to our Congressional Hear-
ing. Withdrawn.

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Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that the Business Committee immediately invite the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in the interest of industrial women and children, to vote instructions at its biennial meeting to its Ex. Com. to send a representative to our Congressional Hearing on woman suffrage.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that the instructions in the preceding resolution be applied to all appropriate national organizations.

Voted, on motion of Miss Blackwell, that we invite Mrs. Julia Ward Howe to be our fraternal delegate to the biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; that Mrs. Park be our second choice and Mrs. Fitzgerald our third.

It was suggested that the leaflets by Mrs. Decker and by Judge Lindsay be enclosed in the letters to the club women.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Upton, to send representatives to the National Conventions of the different political parties, to ask for a suffrage plank, provided we can get representatives in Denver and Chicago.

It was agreed to omit the memorial to the political conventions.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Upton, that the National ask the women in the different States to urge the delegates to the National Political Conventions to try to have a suffrage plank considered.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Kelley, that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to inform herself exactly in regard to the

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Governors' Convention in Washington, and if, in her opinion, it be advisable, to write to the State Presidents, asking each to bring pressure to bear on her Governor, through the local societies, to get them to give a hearing to a delegation from the Suffrage Association.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that Miss Hesser spend a week in Buffalo in September to work with the papers, if the Buffalo Women's approval can be obtained.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Upton, that the question of paying the expenses of any particular speaker to Buffalo be left to the judgment of the Committee on Program.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, to appropriate \$50.00 per month for organization work in Washington on the same conditions as before, for four months longer, before the National Convention.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Kelley, that we continue Mrs. Boyer in Oklahoma through the next Legislature.

Voted unanimously, on motion of Miss Gordon, that it is the sense of this Committee that we should follow Senator Owen's advice to question the candidates for the next Oklahoma Legislature, publish their answers, and try to put them on record on our side before they are elected.

Reconvened at 7.30 P.M. the same persons present.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that the Business Committee secure Mrs. Harper to prepare a memorial to be presented by

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Senator Owen to the U.S. Senate. It was the sense of the committee that she be offered \$50.00 for doing it.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Kelley, that in corresponding with Mrs. Boyer about Oklahoma, New Mexico be included in the proposal.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that Mrs. Boyer be offered \$100.00 per month and her expenses; and that \$60.00 per month be allowed her, as the maximum, for a clerk and office quarters.

The drafting of the letter questioning candidates was left to Mrs. Boyer.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Kelley that, if necessary, we continue to take 40 copies of Jus Suffragi, and call attention in Progress to the fact that subscriptions can be taken at our headquarters.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Upton, that the question of buying copies of the International Report be left to our National President and International Corresponding Secretary.

Voted that the following persons be delegates to the meeting of the International Suffrage Alliance: Mrs. Catt, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Mc Culloch, Mrs. Harper, Miss Lucy B. Anthony. Alternates: Miss Clay, Mrs. Marie Janney Howe, Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, Miss Emily Howland, Mrs. Fanny Garrison Villard, Miss Elizabeth Cummins.

Second Set of Alternates: Miss Anna Nicholes, Mrs. Van Der Vaart, Miss Janet Richards, Mrs. Osborn, Miss Anne Cummins, Miss Grace Nicholes.

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Voted that the delegation fill vacancies.

Voted that the Corresponding Secretary furnish the delegates to the National Political Conventions with the form of resolution to be asked.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that the publication of the P. M. Leaflets be continued.

Moved by Mrs. Upton that we give the History of Woman Suffrage to women's colleges and State Universities, they to pay the expressage. Carried.

Voted, on motion of Miss Blackwell, that we place 200 copies of the History of Woman Suffrage in educational institutions.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Upton, that a new edition of "Objections Answered" be printed.

Moved by Mrs. Upton that the Corresponding Secretary correspond with Miss Johnson in regard to campaign music. This went by consent.

It was decided to write to Mrs. Lucy Hobart Day that we have no vacancy at headquarters just now, and nothing but field work.

The Corresponding Secretary read correspondence between Wm. J. Bryan, Miss Kate M. Gordon and Mrs. Susan Lock Avery.

Voted, on motion of Miss Gordon, that the Corresponding Secretary correspond with the presidential candidates and ask their views on woman suffrage, for publication.

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The same persons were present, minus Mrs. Upton.

Voted, on motion of Miss Blackwell, that Mrs. Mc Culloch be asked to investigate and see if there is a chance to get a reversal of the Supreme Court's decision that women have not a right to vote under the U. S. Constitution; she to see if there is material enough to make it worth studying into, and if so to let us know what it would cost, as we mean to employ her to do it.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that the Corresponding Secretary write to the California E.S.A. asking what help they want from the National, and how we can best give it. Also she is to suggest to them to question candidates before they are elected.

Voted, on motion of Miss Blackwell, that we pay out of the Thomas-Garrett fund Miss Lexter's expenses while organizing College Leagues in New York this Spring.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that, if some suitable college woman can be found to organize College Leagues in Massachusetts, following Miss Adams's meetings there, we pay the expenses.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that the Program Committee be instructed to devote one hour a day at the Buffalo Convention to an "institute drill" with an instructor.

The president asked for instructions as to incurring expense in going to conventions when invited. She said the expenses hitherto had been paid from the Thomas-Garrett fund. It was voted

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on motion of Mrs. Kelley that the president use her discretion in all such cases.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery to appropriate \$200.00 from the Thomas-Garrett fund for the expenses of Miss Shaw's summer trip to Europe.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that the National undertake the correspondence necessary to secure the Advisory Committee for the American Conference to be held in May, 1909, in New York, in connection with the meeting of the International Suffrage Alliance.

2 P. M.

Same persons present, and later Mrs. Upton. Minutes read and approved.

Voted to continue to send a full line of the P. E. Leaflets when asked for a sample set.

The Budget for the next six months was estimated as follows:-

Headquarters	2000.
Progress	375.
Literature	300
Corresponding Secs.	300.
Buffalo Convention	300.
Organization	3200.
President's office	400
Press work	600
Mrs. Upton	250.
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Mrs. Kelley moved that a dictionary for Headquarters be bought at once. Miss Lucy Anthony promised to make the Headquar-

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ters a present of one that had belonged to her aunt.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that the money for the Press work, Progress and the Literature be taken from the Thomas-Garrett fund. This leaves \$7090. to be raised.

Voted that the college work be paid for out of the Thomas Garrett fund.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that we have a Committee on Bequests.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Kelley that the Business Committee recommend as an amendment to the constitution that individuals may become co-operating members of the N. A. W. E. A. by the payment of . and that organization be allowed to become affiliated members on payment of .

Mrs. Upton said she wanted to record her vote against appropriating any money to provide Mrs. Boyer with an assistant.

(Mrs. Kelley left)

Moved by Miss Clay that organizations becoming affiliated shall be entitled to one delegate only, and shall pay the \$10.00 annually. This went by consent.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that organizations may become affiliated only on approval by two thirds of the National Executive Committee.

7.30 P. M.

Same persons present, less Mrs. Kelley.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker and Rev. Olympia Brown. Ways and means of raising money

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for the Anthony Memorial Fund were again discussed.

March 6, 1908, 10. A.M.

Same persons present. Minutes read and approved.

The following were chosen as the Committee on Requests:

Lucy E. Anthony, Anne F. Miller, Caroline M. Severance, Mary H. Page, Caroline E. Merrick, Nellie Somerville and Mary J. Coggeshall.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay, that the Mc Kinley doll be sold for the benefit of the Association; that Lucy Anthony ask Miss Jane Campbell to sell it on halves; and that, if she cannot do so, the doll be sold in Ohio.

College Leagues were discussed.

Voted that it was the sense of the Committee that in publishing news of new clubs in Progress, it is best to publish only the president and secretary, not the whole list of officers.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon that the supply of Susan B. Anthony stamps be destroyed.

2. P.M.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that, so far as possible, all the statements sent out to the press by the Anti-Suffrage Associations be answered.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that, so far as possible, all editorials in important papers, and all syndicated editorials be replied to, if possible, by someone in the locality.

Voted that the Corresponding Secretary communicate with Alaska and see if there is any chance to do anything there.

Voted that the Corresponding Secretary write to the Secretary of the Initiative & Referendum League, and represent to

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him the unwisdom of such initiative and referendum laws as that of Oklahoma.

Voted to instruct Miss Chase, after she has finished her work in Connecticut, to use her time in New Hampshire and Vermont according to her own discretion.

Correspondence was read between Miss Shaw and Mrs. L. Annie Pound.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay, to give Miss Shaw discretion to see what she can do with Mrs. Day for a trial term of three or four months, at a small salary, either in Maine or some New England State.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay, that the \$20. prize be paid to the S.E.A. Young People's League of Swarthmore, Pa.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that the Corresponding Secretary write to Mrs. Catt in regard to the entertainment of the International Alliance and cognate matters.

Minutes read and approved.

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The Business Committee of the N.A.W.S.A. met in Buffalo, N.Y., October 12/1908, at 10 a.m., the president, Miss Shaw, in the chair. Present: Mrs. Avery, Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell, later Miss Gordon.

The agenda was made out under the heads of Organization, Legislation, Finance, and Miscellaneous, as follows:

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Avery, Indiana

Miss Blackwell, --- Mrs. Boyer

Miss Clay - National bodies and other membership.

Miss Shaw - Where shall organization be done, and by whom?

What agreement shall be made with the States, and under what conditions will the National furnish organizers?

College Women's League

Self-Supporting Women's League

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Avery - Oklahoma
Oregon

Miss Blackwell - Piecemeal municipal suffrage

Maine
Multiplied Letters

Miss Shaw - Petition to President-elect.
What form of National legislation shall we recommend the States to ask for?

LEGAL TEST CASES

What form of State Legislative work shall we recommend?

FINANCE

Mrs. Avery - The Anthony Fund

Miss Blackwell - Rummage Sales and Local Pairs

Miss Shaw - Regular running expenses
Thomas-Garrett Fund

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LITERATURE
PROGRESS
PRESS WORK
HEADQUARTERS
OFFICERS

Miss Gordon - Payment of expenses of postage, etc., for
chairmen of National committees

Self-Denial Day and Miss Anthony's Birthday

Expense of maintaining Headquarters

Systematic distribution of literature

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Avery - Bibliography

Recitation Book

Book of Arguments

(Lucy Anthony) Program for Toronto

Miss Blackwell - Suffrage Posters
Suffrage Kite
Suffrage Map
Suffrage Globe
Banners
Street-car advertising
Postal Cards

Miss Clay - Church Work

Miss Blackwell - Officers
Open-air meetings and processions
Libraries
Letter-Writers' Committee

Miss Shaw - Expenses of desirable people to important conventions

Appeals to other organizations to unite with us in pe-
tition work to the president-elect and to congress.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that a committee wait
on Samuel Compers and ask his advice as to having anything to
do with tax-payers' suffrage.

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October 12/1908 - 2:30 P.M.

Same persons present, plus Miss Gordon.

Voted, on motion of Miss Gray to empower Mrs. Boyer to employ someone to take her place in the office while she carries out Miss Shaw's suggestion to go to Garfield County and try to defeat Ellis.

It was decided to keep on helping Washington.

Voted, on motion of Miss Gray, to engage Miss Gregg for the coming year at the same rate.

Voted to engage Miss Chase at the rate of \$60. per month for one month's work in New Hampshire, she to distribute the time as she chooses; and that whenever she feels able to resume regular work in other States, we re-engage at \$75. per month.

Adjourned at 3:30 P.M. to visit Mr. Gompers.

October 13/1908 - 2:30 A.M.

Miss Shaw in the chair, the same persons present, plus Miss Elizabeth Hauser, who had been invited to sit with the Committee, but without a vote.

The Minutes were read and approved.

It was voted to authorize the Literature Committee to bind 600 more sets of leaflets, and that the States be urged to place the bound leaflets in libraries.

Miss Gordon moved that we publish a leaflet showing up the folly of the Welfare Work, of the National Civic Federation. The motion was lost.

Voted to recommend to the States a systematic and specialized distribution of literature.

Voted on motion of Miss Gray to use the Oregon liquor circular and an extract from the model saloon circular in a P.R. leaflet.

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Miss Gordon recommended that we cease to ask Congress for a 16th Amendment. Miss Clay moved to reserve the question for the Executive Committee. It was so left.

Voted that, if the treasury permits, and Mrs. Day's work in Pennsylvania proves satisfactory, we continue to employ her.

October 13/1908 - 2:30 p.m.

Same persons present.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Avery to recommend that we offer an organizer to States where the officers and local women are willing to co-operate to the extent of paying all expenses of travel in the State and entertainment, and to arrange the routes. (This was amended by the Exec. Com.)

Voted on motion of Miss Clay to employ an organizer under the new clause in our Constitution (if it shall be adopted) to secure the affiliation of organized bodies.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery to recommend that the States which have any form of partial suffrage be urged to take measures to secure the largest possible vote by women.

Voted to recommend that every State apply to each Legislature for some form of suffrage, and follow it up with systematic legislative work.

Voted to recommend the States to try multiplied letters.

It was decided to recommend Mrs. Katharine Reed Valentine for second auditor, and afterwards to try instead to secure Mrs. McCulloch.

Provisional Committees were nominated as follows:

PROGRAM

Miss Shaw
Mrs. Devos

Miss Gordon Mrs. Clara B. Arthur
Mrs. Ella Stewart, Someone from the convention
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PR ESS -- Miss Hauser

ENROLLMENT --- Mrs. Verna Haley

LITERATURE -- Same as last year, plus
Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman & Dorothy Dix

PRESIDENTIAL SUFFRAGE -- Henry H. Blackwell

NAT. COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS - Lucy E. Anthony

October 14/1908 - 9:30 P.M.

Miss Shaw in the chair. Present: Mrs. Avery, Miss Gordon,
Miss Clay, Mrs. Sperry, Miss Blackwell, Miss Hauser.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The provision^{al} appointment of committees was resumed.

INDUSTRIAL

The same as last year

LEGISLATION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS - Mrs. Laines

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP - Miss Gregg

CHURCH WORK - Mrs. Lucy Hobart Day

PEACE - Mrs. Head

LIBRARIES - The same as last year.

LEGAL ADVISER - Mrs. McCulloch

EDUCATION - Mrs. Pauline Steinem

RESOLUTIONS - Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane

CAMPAIGN MUSIC - Catherine Van Reunes - Miss Johnson

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery to drop the Committee on
membership in the enfranchised States.

Miss Gregg, Miss Chase and Miss Penfield were discussed
as organizers.

Oregon was discussed, but no vote taken.

The recommendations to the Executive Committee were resumed

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery that any State, before en-
tering upon a legal test case and asking the co-operation of the

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National be recommended to consult with our legal adviser.

Voted to recommend that the Business Committee be authorized to secure an Advisory Board of prominent persons and print their names on our stationery.

October 14/1908 - 2:30 p.m.

It was voted to recommend

That the National send a speaker to large and influential bodies of men or women, and try to secure not only a hearing before the body, and endorsement, but the affiliation of the body, under the new clause in our Constitution.

That each State be advised to get out a leaflet of Eminent Opinions of persons in that State.

To urge the appointment in each State of a woman whose duty it shall be to reply immediately to any misstatements in regard to the W.S.A., or the voting, or the effect of the women's vote in that State; also to send this statement to the National Press Chairman, so that she may incorporate it, if necessary, in her press notices.

It was voted to recommend that suffrage posters be gotten out on every possible occasion.

That each State have a Letter-Writers' Committee.

That a P.S. leaflet be enclosed in each letter.

That the States send Quarterly Reports to the National Corresponding Secretary.

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OPENING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The opening Executive Committee meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Building, Buffalo, N.Y., Wednesday, October 14/1908, 4:30 p.m., the President, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The roll of states was called by the corresponding sec'y.

The recommendations of the Business Committee to the Executive Committee were read by the Recording Secretary, and taken up seriatim.

It was stated by the President that all these recommendations for work were contingent on the state of the National treasury.

It was voted to recommend to the convention:

That the National continue to assist the State of Washington;

That the states be urged to place bound volumes of suffrage leaflets in libraries;

That the states be recommended to carry on a systematic and specialized distribution of literature;

That the National Association continue to ask Congress for a 16th Amendment;

That the National will not send an organizer except to states where the officers and local women are willing to co-operate to the extent of paying all expenses of travel in the State and entertainment, and to arrange the routes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OCT. 15/1908

8:30 A.M.

The President, Miss Shaw, occupied the chair.

The recommendations from the Business Committee were taken up.

It was voted to recommend to the convention:

That the National employ an organizer under the new clause in our constitution, to secure the affiliation of other organized bodies;

It was voted to wait till the close of this meeting before drawing for seats;

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It was voted to recommend:

That states having any form of partial suffrage be recommended to take measures to secure the largest possible vote by women;

That every State be recommended to apply to each Legislature for some form of suffrage, and to follow it up with systematic legislative work;

That states be recommended to try the plan of "multiplied letters".

That any State, before making a legal test case and asking the co-operation of the National, is recommended to consult with our legal adviser (Mrs. Catherine Daugh McCulloch)

That the Business Committee be authorized to secure an advisory board of prominent persons, and to print their names on our stationery;

That the National send a speaker to large and influential bodies of men or women, and try to secure a hearing before the body, and try to obtain not only endorsement but the affiliation of the body under the new clause of the Constitution;

That each State be recommended to compile a leaflet of "Eminent Opinions" of persons in that State.

That each State be recommended to appoint a woman whose duty it shall be to reply immediately to any misstatement regarding the Woman Suffrage Association, the voting of woman, or the effect of women's vote in that State, also to send a copy of this reply to the National Press Chairman, so that she may incorporate it, if necessary, in her press notices.

That suffrage posters be gotten out on every possible occasion;

That each State have a committee of letter writers, and that a National chairman be appointed to supervise this work.

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That suffragists be recommended to enclose a P.R. leaf-
let in each letter of their ordinary correspondence.

That each State be recommended to send a Quarterly Re-
port to the National Corresponding Secretary. Blanks to be
sent out, showing what points it is decided to cover.

That the states be recommended to question all candi-
dates for office as to how they stand on women suffrage, and
try to elect those who are in favor, supposing they are suitable
men in other respects.

Voted that Mrs. Steiner and Miss Blackwell be a com-
mittee to formulate a recommendation about text-books in civics.

It was decided to adjourn at 12 o'clock.
