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A meeting of the National Executive Committee was held in Plymouth Church, Seattle, Washington, July 1, 1909, at 9:30 A. M., the president, Miss Shaw, in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved, with corrections.

The Corresponding Secretary called the roll twice, first for the names of the State presidents and State members of the National Executive Committee, and then for suggestions as to the plan of work for the year.

Miss Clay of Kentucky recommended that, instead of working alone for some progressive measure, the Suffrage Association should place itself at the head of all the organizations that are in sympathy, and have them unite in asking for it.

Miss Gordon of Louisiana recommended that the Suffrage Association should become more political in character; that the women should electioneer for the right man as judge of the juvenile court, etc.

Miss Blackwell recommended trying to convert the rising politicians by sending literature systematically to the officers of all the Young Men's Republican and Democratic Clubs; also securing an inch or more of space by the year in daily and weekly papers.

Mrs Steinem of Ohio made a recommendation which she promised to send to the secretary in writing, but she had not yet done so.

Mrs. Crossett of New York recommended that the Official Board, when planning the use of funds for the year, publish Progress, the National organ, as a weekly if practicable.

Texas recommended organizing both men and women, and organizing them together, and also urged the need of changing

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the property laws for married women.

The president announced the appointment of the following Committee on Credentials: Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, ex officio, Miss Penfield of Texas, Mrs. Stockwell of Minnesota, Miss Lexow of New York and Mrs. Stewart of Illinois.

The National Business Committee held a meeting in Plymouth Church, July 1, 1909, about 11:30 A. M. Mrs. De Voe, Dr. Eaton and Dr. Kendall were present, at the request of the National officers, to consider the dissension in the Washington E. S. A.

After discussion, it was voted on motion of Mrs. Kelley that the Official Board of the N. A. W. S. A. invite the Executive Board of the Washington E. S. A., to meet with the full Official Board of the National at 4 P. M. on July 2, for the purpose of producing some plan for assuring harmony in the campaign.

The first suggestion of the National officers was that the State Executive Committee meet with the National Board and with representatives of the opposite side. This they declined to do, but were willing to meet with representatives of the National alone.

The 41st Annual Convention of the N. A. W. S. A. opened in Plymouth Church, Seattle, Washington, Thursday, July 1, at 2:30 P. M., the president, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The audience sang "The March of the Mothers", by Mrs. Olive Tilford Dargan. Fraternal greetings were given by Mrs. Margaret B. Platt for the W. C. T. U., and by Mrs. B. B. Lord for the Grange. Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe, president of the Washington State E. S. A., welcomed the Convention in behalf of the

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State. Mrs. Mary S. Sperry, president of California, and the National President responded.

The Corresponding Secretary called the roll of States.

On motion of Mrs. Mary E. Craigie, seconded by Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, it was voted, the audience rising, to send Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt a message of regard, and of regret for her absence.

The annual report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Miss Kate N. Gordon.

The president expressed regret for the absence of Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser, and paid a high tribute to her consecrated service to the cause.

The report of National Headquarters, by Miss Hauser, was read by Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton. On motion of Mrs. Ella Hawley Crossett, seconded by Mrs. Esther F. Boland, it was voted that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Miss Hauser for her report, and her admirable services to the cause.

The convention met on July 2, 1909, at 10 A. M. the president in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved. The report of the auditors was read by Miss Laura Clay. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton. On motion of Mrs. Clara Laddey it was accepted with thanks.

The president asked for the reading of the recommendation from the Business Committee and the Executive Committee that the National Headquarters should be moved to

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New York City. This was read by the Recording Secretary, and on motion of Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery it was made a special order of business at this time. Miss Shaw explained that certain persons in New York had offered to defray the whole cost of the National Press Work, with the exception of Progress, for at least two years, and to supply the National with Headquarters at whatever rent the National chose to pay. Mrs. Mary H. Loines moved that the Headquarters be removed to New York City. After discussion, it was voted that discussion should be close, and Mrs. Loine's motion was then carried, with only two dissenting votes.

On motion of Miss Gordon, a rising vote of thanks was passed to those who had made the Association this offer.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from some of the local clubs of Washington, claiming that they had been illegally denied representation in the State Convention of the Washington E. S. A., and from delegates who had been seated in the State Convention but who sympathized with them, asking that Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Brown be admitted to the National Convention as their delegates.

Miss Gordon moved that Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Brown should be seated and given a voice and vote until their case was investigated. Miss Clay moved to amend by striking out the words "and vote." Miss Gordon accepted the amendment, and the motion as amended was carried.

The report of the Committee on Presidential Suffrage was given by Henry B. Blackwell, and, on motion of Mrs. Craig of Oregon, was adopted with a rising vote of thanks.

On motion of Mrs. Kelley, it was voted that no one speak more than three minutes, and that no one speak twice till

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all desiring to speak had been heard.

The report of the Committee on Peace and Arbitration, by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, was read by Miss Penfield, and was adopted. The report was discussed by Mrs. Olivia Shepherd, and others.

Reports from the States where the campaigns were pending came next on the program. Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway reported for Oregon, Mrs. Philena Everett Johnson, for South Dakota (with a supplementary report from Mrs. Ella S. Stewart), and Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe for Washington.

Voted to adjourn at 12:30.

Voted to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee that a Document Committee of three be appointed by the official board, to have charge of documents proposed during the Convention to be printed.

Voted to charge 15¢ for the National Report.

Voted that a Special Committee on Finance be appointed by the official board.

The National Convention met again July 2, 1909 at 2:30 P. M., the president, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

Mrs. Clara B. Colby spoke on "Conditions which create Suffragette Methods." A discussion followed, on "The American Situation versus the English Situation".

The report of the Committee on Industrial Problems affecting Women and Children was given by Mrs. Florence Kelley. Discussion followed. Mrs. Kelley spoke on "Wage Earning Women and the Ballot."

The convention adjourned early, to enable the delegates to go on an automobile ride given them by the Washington

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suffragists.

On July 2, 1909, at 4:30 P. M., the General Officers of the N. A. W. S. A., met the Washington State Executive Committee at the Hotel Lincoln, with a stenographer who took the records. All the General Officers were present. At the close, the National Officers withdrew to allow the State Executive Committee to have a private conference, which resulted in the following communication, delivered July 3, at the morning meeting of the Convention:

(insert- I have never had this. I think Miss Gordon has it).

The president asked the General Officers to withdraw to act on this communication. Mrs. Kelley moved that it be read to the Convention.

The Convention met July 3, 1909, at 9:30 A. M., the president, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved.

It was voted that the report of the Committee on Industrial Problems affecting Women and Children be adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Howe of Maryland, a rising vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the friends who had given the delegates the automobile ride.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Laddey to recommend to the Document Committee that Prof Potter's address be printed.

Miss Shaw said that the address was the property of the College League, but that the National would be glad to arrange with them about printing it, so that each Association should have some to circulate.

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The report of the Committee on Legislation for Civil Rights, by Mrs. L. L. Blankenbur, was read by the Corresponding Secretary. The president of Nebraska mentioned several improvements made during the year in the laws of that State, and Mrs. Crossett moved that these be added to the report. Other delegates mentioned other laws to be added. It was voted that Mrs. Blankenburg's report should be adopted as far as it went, and that she should be requested to make such additions as might be sent to her.

Miss Shaw announced the appointment of Miss Crystal Eastman by Gov. Hughes of New York on an important committee, and Mrs. Kelley paid a tribute to Miss Eastman.

Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery reported on the National Petition for the Submission of a 16th Amendment. A letter was read from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt in regard to the petition work. She tendered her resignation as chairman of the Petition Committee. A discussion of the best methods of securing signatures followed.

There was a Round-Table Conference on Pre-election methods, led by Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, and followed by a lively discussion.

Mrs. P. A. Dann of Montana was introduced to the Convention by Mrs. Upton.

The Convention met July 3, 1909 at 2 P. M., Miss Shaw in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Elliott of the M. E. Church. The Minutes were read and approved.

A Round-Table Conference was held on the question, "Is concentration of effort on one bill preferable to a division on two or more measures?" Mrs. Ella Hawley Crossett led

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the discussion.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mrs. Upton. The case of the contesting delegations from Washington was then taken up.

Mrs. Butlin of Illinois moved that no one from Washington should be seated as a delegate until the difficulties between the two sections were adjusted.

Mrs. Kelley moved as an amendment that both sides be invited to present their case before the Convention, each to choose its own speaker and to have 15 minutes.

Mrs. Colby raised a point of order that the question was not properly before this body; that it was not the business of the National to settle local difficulties.

Mrs. Stevens of Iowa cited a precedent in the case of contesting delegations from a State ~~of~~ to the National Republican Convention.

The Corresponding Secretary read a protest from the complainants, and a communication from the State Executive Committee of the Washington E. S. A.

Mrs. Colby's point of order was not sustained by the chair, and Mrs. Kelley's amendment was carried with 3 dissentients.

D. C. Coates presented the case of the complainants Mrs. E. S. De Voe spoke for the Washington E. S. A., she said that the State Board regarded the action of the State Convention as a closed incident. She did not go into the reasons for it. She welcomed the convention, and expressed the hope that the delegates would have a pleasant time.

The question then came on Mrs. Butlin's motion

that the Washington delegation should be seated. Miss

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that no representatives from Washington should be seated. Miss Blackwell moved as a substitute that the representatives of both sides should be seated, with a right to the courtesies of the floor but without a vote. This was carried.

The report of the Committee on Church Work was given by Mrs. Mary E. Craigie, and after being discussed by Miss Clay and Mrs. C. M. Miller, of Washington, Mrs. Johnson of South Dakota, and Mrs. Churchill of California, on motion of Mrs. Andrews it was adopted.

The National Convention met on July 5, 1909. At 10 A. M., the president, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The proposed amendments to the constitution were then taken up.

The first was the proposal to amend Art. IV, Sec. 1, by striking out the word "two" and substituting "three," before vice-presidents, and by substituting "an auditor" for "two auditors."

Mrs. Upton moved to divide the question of adding a vice-president from the question of dropping an auditor.

Mrs. Upton withdrew her motion.

Miss Shaw called the vice president to the chair, and stated her objections to the proposed changes.

Mrs. Andrews moved that the question of adding a vice president be divided from the question of dropping an auditor, and that the section be amended to provide for three vice presidents from different parts of the country.

Mrs. Stevens raised the point of order that the

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point of order that the first proposition must be voted on first, and the chair sustained this.

The motion to divide was then defeated.

Mrs. Andrews then renewed the motion to amend the clause so as to read "three vice presidents from different parts of the country". After discussion, this was defeated.

Mrs. Allen of Tennessee rose to a question of privilege, and said that, if the sectional question came in, the South would demand an officer.

Mrs. Andrews rose to a question of privilege. The chair ruled her out of order, and the convention sustained the chair. 748

The proposed amendment to add a vice president and drop an auditor was then voted down.

On motion of Mrs. Crossett, the proposal to amend Art. III, Sec. 5, by inserting, after the word "officers" in the second line, "and ex-presidents," was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Esther F. Boland, it was voted that amendments proposing merely verbal changes, which were implied in the previous votes, should be taken as passed.

The amendment changing the name of the Business Committee to the Official Board was carried, and it was voted that the verbal changes implied in this should be made throughout.

It was voted to amend Art. 8 by striking out the words "and by them published," and substituting "which said officers shall publish" etc.

Mrs. Upton read the report of the Credentials Committee, which was accepted.

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The president appointed as distributing tellers Dr. Dewey of Iowa, Miss Mary Williams of Nebraska, Miss Paula Laddey of New Jersey, and Miss Alice Williams of New York; as counting tellers, Miss Lucy E. Anthony of Pennsylvania, Miss Folsom of Texas, Mrs. Baldwin of California & Mrs. Reid of Ohio.

The President called the Corresponding Secretary to the chair.

While the ballots were being counted, Mrs. Upton announced the birth of Thomas Reed Balentine, and Mrs. Crossett moved that a letter be sent to his mother expressing the convention's congratulations on securing this new advocate.

It was voted on motion of Miss Blackwell that a letter of congratulation should be sent to Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, and on motion of Mrs. Colby to send one to Mrs. Susan Look Avery. Mrs. Caroline M. Severance, Mrs. Ellen Sargent, Mrs. Osborn, Miss Emily Howland, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Miller, Col. T. W. Higginson, Miss Sarah M. Severance and Rev. Antoinette L. B. Blackwell were named by various delegates for recipients of similar letters and their names were accepted by the convention.

Dr. Baker moved that the delegates should give to the Corresponding Secretary the names of persons to whom they thought such letters should be sent. The name of Mrs. Amanda J. Marble of Table Rock was sent in.

Miss Lexow moved that a telegram of sympathy and regard should be sent to Mrs. Catt. She was told that it had already been done.

The President called Mrs. Cornelia Telford Jewett to the platform, and she gave an address of fraternal greeting.

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Miss Anthony reported that on the informal ballot 215 votes had been cast for President, 2 for Miss Clay, 213 for Miss Shaw. On motion of Miss Clay, the informal ballot was made the vote of the Convention, and was cast for Miss Shaw by the Recording Secretary.

On the informal ballot for First Vice President 216 votes were cast, 1 for Miss Blackwell, 1 for Miss Clay, 3 for Mrs. Gilman, 6 for Prof. Potter, 205 for Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery.

On motion of Mrs. Crossett, the informal ballot for First Vice President was made the vote of the Convention, and the Secretary cast it.

Miss Blackwell explained that she was not a candidate for re-election as Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Cornelia Telford Jewett of the Union Signal gave an address of fraternal greeting.

Miss Gordon was asked if she was a candidate for re-election as Corresponding Secretary. She said that she was not a candidate for re-election for the whole year, but was willing to be re-elected to serve temporarily, with the understanding that she would resign in the course of the year.

The tellers reported that the informal ballot for Second Vice President stood: Whole number of votes, 222; Mrs. Villard, 3, Mrs. Avery, 4, Mrs. Florence Kelley, 215.

On motion of Mrs. Howe the informal ballot was made the vote of the Convention, and the Secretary cast it.

Dr. Cora Smith Eaton announced that a Daylight Dinner would be given at The Firs on July 7.

The time and place of holding the next National Convention were then taken up. The Corresponding Secretary read

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letters of invitation from the Commercial Club of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and from the State President, who said she expressed the unanimous wish of the South Dakota E. S. A., and from the Mayor of Sioux Falls.

The tellers announced that the whole number of votes cast for the Recording Secretary on the informal ballot was 213; for Mrs. Kelley, 1; Mrs. Colby, 2; Mrs. Shaen, 3; Miss Penfield, 12; Miss Blackwell, 16; Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, 179.

On motion of Miss Blackwell, the informal ballot was made the vote of the Convention and was cast by the Secretary.

Miss Philena Everett Johnson of South Dakota moved that the N. A. A. S. A., accept the invitation to hold the next National Convention in Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Avery moved to amend by substituting Washington D. C., for Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Johnson spoke in support of her motion.

The tellers announced that the whole number of votes cast for Corresponding Secretary on the informal ballot was 212; for Mrs. Craigie 1; Mrs. Stewart, 8; Prof Potter, 23; Miss Kate M. Gordon, 180.

On motion of Prof Potter, the informal ballot was made the vote of the Convention and was cast ~~by~~ the Secretary.

Mrs. Stewart moved that the question of the time and place of the next National Convention be a special order for 3:30. P. M.

The tellers announced that the whole number of votes cast on the informal ballot for Treasurer was 219, Miss Clay, 3, Mrs. Upton 216.

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the place of holding the next Convention, and to leave the question to the Business Committee to be decided later.

The report of the Enrollment Committee, by Dr. Mary D. Hussey, was read by Mrs. Laddey, and was accepted un-animously.

Mrs. Kelley was called to the chair.

Miss Penfield gave a report of her work as a National Organizer since the Buffalo Convention, and led the discussion at a Round Table Conference on organization.

On motion of Miss Clay, the Conference on, "How to Make Existing Suffrage Sentiment Politically Effective", was made a special order for the morning of July 6.

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A meeting of the National Business Committee was held July 6, 1909, at 9 A. M., the President, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair, and all the members present.

Prof. Potter's appointment as Corresponding Secretary was discussed.

Miss Shaw said that she would make herself personally responsible for all of Prof. Potter's salary except the \$1000 that comes from the Thomas Garrett fund for the present Corresponding Secretary; and that the rest of it should not be taken from the National treasury, either from the general treasury or the Susan B. Anthony fund; The National to be responsible for Miss Peck's salary of \$1800. as Headquarters clerk.

Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery moved that this arrangement be adopted, and the motion was carried.

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The National Convention met July 6, 1909, at 9:30 A. M., the President, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair. Miss Shaw read an extract from the Seattle Post Intelligencer by John McReady of Mason Co., Washington, and Mrs. Steinem read an extract from the Seattle Times by John Macdonald, editor of the Western School Journal, Topeka, and a vote of thanks to these two gentlemen was passed.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Miss Shaw announced the death of Mrs. Nellie Holbrook Blinn and paid a tribute to her. On Motion of Miss Clay, it was decided by a rising vote, to send a telegram of regret to Mrs. Blinn's husband.

Miss Clay presided at a Round Table Conference on "How Can we Make Existing Suffrage Sentiment Politically Effective?"

Mrs. Upton read an invitation from the ladies of Idaho and Utah to an informal reception at the Idaho Building on the Exposition grounds, on July 7, from 3 to 5 P. M. On motion of Mrs. Duniway, the invitation was accepted with thanks.

A Round Table Conference followed on "How to Retain Members," Mrs. Stockwell presiding.

Miss Blackwell was called to the chair.

Miss Durkee of the Alaska Garnett Co., invited the delegates to visit her company's exhibit at the Exposition on the following day, announcing that the booth would be decorated in the Suffrage colors, State and National.

Mrs. Butlin made announcements in regard to the boat and railroad routes, ticket requirements etc.

In the absence of Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe, Mrs.

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Fanny Garrison Villard was called to lead the discussion on "The Tariff in its Relation to Women."

The National Convention met at 2:30 P. M.
July 6, 1909, the President, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read a telegram from Gov Vesey of South Dakota, inviting the N. A. W. S. A., to hold its next National Convention at Sioux Falls. This was received with long continued applause. On motion of Mrs. Crossett, it was voted to send a telegram in reply. Miss Shaw paid a tribute to the Governor.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Mrs. Pauline O. Steinem.

A paper by Mrs. Martha Kline, on "The Self-Government Plan in our Public Schools as an Aid to Preparing the Coming Generation for Equal Suffrage" was read by Mrs. Dawley of Toledo, and discussed.

Mrs. Steinem's report and recommendation's were accepted and then adopted.

Mrs. Upton stated the needs of the work and made an appeal for money, and in response pledges were made amounting to \$3000.

Miss Gordon asked the unanimous consent of the Convention to resign the Corresponding Secretaryship in favor of Prof. Frances Squire Potter. This was granted, and Prof. Potter made a speech of acknowledgement.

On motion of Mrs. Loines, a rising vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to Miss Kate M. Gordon for the

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great work she had done as Corresponding Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by its chairman, Henry B. Blackwell, as follows:

The National American Woman Suffrage Association in this its forty-first annual meeting, rejoices at the continued progress of the cause at home and abroad. During the past year Michigan has given votes to her tax-paying women upon questions of taxation and the granting of franchises, Washington, Oregon, and South Dakota have submitted woman suffrage constitutional amendments, Denmark has given women who are tax-payers or wives of tax-payers votes for all public officers except members of Parliament, Belgium has given to women engaged in commerce votes for the "Conseils des Prudhommes," and Victoria, Australia, has given votes to all women in all elections.

We rejoice in the enlightened public spirit shown by the women of our four enfranchised States, as evidenced by their general exercise of the suffrage and by the recent re-election by the women of Colorado of Judge Lindsey of the Juvenile Court over the rival candidates of both political parties.

We congratulate the women of Great Britain upon their gallant fight for the Parliamentary franchise.

We affirm that the movement for woman suffrage is but a part of the great struggle for human liberty, and that the enfranchisement of women is necessary for their own individual development, as well as for the greatest good of the home, the State, and the nation.

We heartily commend the formation of "Voters' Leagues for woman suffrage," in order thereby to secure legislative majorities.

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We favor equal pay for women and men for equal work, in all public and private employments.

We urge the enactment of the Initiative and Referendum.

We thank the National and State Granges, the National and State Federations of Labor, and all other State and National organizations of men or of women that have endorsed Votes for Women.

We recognize the need for more manual and industrial training in our public schools, especially for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 16 years.

And whereas existing child-slavery is a menace to the welfare of the nation, and whereas the great diversity of the laws of the States regarding child-labor and the compulsory education makes it almost impossible to deal effictively with these problems, therefore

Resolved, That we favor uniform State laws for child-labor and compulsory education.

We recall with affectionate regret the decease during the past year of many dear and valued co-workers; among others of Mrs. Hannah T. Vollmer of Illinois, Marianna T. Folsom of Texas, Mrs. Jessica Colman Romaine and Miss Anna Dixey of Louisiana, and Mrs. Anna G. Fowler of Ohio.

We thank the press of Seattle and of the State for reports of our proceedings, the citizens of Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane for generous hospitality, the clergymen and public officers who have taken part in our proceedings, the trustees of the Plymouth Congregational Church for the use of their building,

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the managers of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition for the use of the Auditorium and the holding of a Woman Suffrage Day, the railroads for reduced fares, the owners of automobiles, the local committees of the Washington State Suffrage Association, the musicians, the Bon Marche for decorations, the steamboat company for excursions, the ushers and pages, and all others who have contributed to the usefulness and success of our Convention.

Mrs. Avery moved the addition of the following resolution:

We affirm that the startling revelation of the existence of an organized slave-traffic in young girls furnishes a tremendous object lesson on the need of woman's vote; and we urge all liberty-loving men and women to work against the compulsory subjection of any human being to a life of vice.

Consent was given by the Convention, and the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions accepted it.

He then read the following resolution, sent in by Mrs. Villard, and moved that it be added:

That the United States, being unhampered by European complications and dangers and without an enemy in the world, should take the lead in an international movement for the limitation of the crushing burden of armaments, which now consumes one-third of our national expenditure, which lessen our possibility of useful leadership, is inconsistent with the Hague principle, and with our treaties of peace and arbitration, and we favor the appropriation by Congress of a Peace Budget to be used in promoting friendly international relations.

Miss Clay asked to have this voted upon separately.

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The resolutions reported by the Resolutions Committee, and Mrs. Avery's resolution, were adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Villard's resolution was also adopted.

A letter was read from the Delineator, offering information about a school for mothers; also an invitation from Mrs. Pitt Trimble to the delegates to attend the coming meeting of the National Council.

Unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

Adjourned.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING THURSDAY MORNING

JULY 8, 1909.

The Executive Committee of the N. A. W. S. A. met at 10:15 Thursday morning July 8, in the parlors of the Plymouth Congregational Church, the President, Anna H. Shaw, in the chair.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee of July 1 were read and after correction, approved.

The roll of states was called by the 1st Vice President, Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, for recommendations for work.

Miss Clay reported her work in Arizona and recommended that an organizer shall be sent to Arizona about the first of September to organize the territory preparatory to constitutional amendment or legislative work. After discussion the motion prevailed.

CALIFORNIA: Miss Shaw reported a request for \$75. this year for work among labor associations.

LOUISIANA: Miss Gordon read a letter from Mrs. Harriet M. Johnson Wood urging the advisability of trying to get favorable court decisions in the territories.

(Original letter attached)

Miss Clay's motion prevailed that this matter be referred to our legal adviser, Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch.

MASSACHUSETTS: Miss Blackwell recommended that an effort be made to convert woman suffrage young voters by sending specialized literature to the officers of political Clubs.

The recommendation was adopted.

Miss Blackwell also recommended that an inch or more of space be hired or otherwise secured in leading newspapers and that this space be kept filled with eminent opinions or other suffrage matter.

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Miss Gordon recommended the use of bill boards. After discussion in which Mrs. Savage of Washington, Mrs. Crossett of New York, Mrs. Upton of Ohio, Miss Lippincott of Pa., Mrs. Laddey of New Jersey, Mrs. Jeffries of S. Dak., Mrs. Allen of Tenn., Mrs. Bennett of Ky., Mrs. Park of Calif., Miss Blackwell's motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that a definite statement be sent to the states from Headquarters relative to uniform bulletin board service.

The motion prevailed.

Miss Penfield recommended a card system of keeping lists of members.

MISSOURI: Mrs. Avery spoke on the need of reorganization in Missouri and other states which are practically unorganized. Miss Gordon urged the necessity of defining the qualifications of auxiliariaship.

Mrs. Avery moved that the Executive Committee recommend that the Special Board shall formulate and present to the 42nd Annual Convention additions of auxiliaryship in the N.A. W. S. A. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEBRASKA: Mrs. Andrews spoke on the necessity of organization. A discussion followed.

NEW JERSEY: Mrs. Laddey asked for an organizer and speakers. (Referred to Official Board)

It was moved and carried that further discussion be limited to one minute.

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NEW YORK: Mrs. Crossett recommended that state and national constitutions be changed to admit clubs which pay only twenty-five cent dues.

OHIO: Mrs. Steinem asked each state to appoint one member of Educational Committee.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Mrs. Johnson requested help in the campaign.

Mrs. Avery moved that a vote of thanks and appreciation be tendered Mrs. Harriet T. Upton for her splendid services in Headquarters all these years. The motion was adopted with a rising vote.

TENNESSEE: Mrs. Allen asked for an organizer. (Referred to Business Committee).

WASHINGTON: (having time of Vt. Wis. and Oregon) reported on Washington Press Work, leaflets and dodgers.

Mrs. Savage asked the privilege of presenting requests in writing.

A telegram was read conveying greetings from the New York Co-operative League. (original telegram attached)

A design of suffrage badge was presented.
Referred to General Officers.

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Mrs. Kelley moved that Headquarters undertake the compilation of a handbook of federal and state laws which are unjust women, and that the states be asked to co-operate in the correct and complete compilation. The motion was seconded by Miss Gordon and carried.

TEXAS:

Miss Folsom reported College League. Miss Lexow reported.

It was moved and seconded that if possible PROGRESS should be published weekly.

Miss Blackwell supported the motion, which prevailed.

Miss recommended that cities and towns try to get their charters changed to incorporate woman suffrage.

Miss Shaw reported that Senator Stockwell will give two week's time to the campaign in South Dakota and recommend the example.

Petition work was presented by Mrs. Avery, urging greater diligence and co-operation.

Mrs. Laddey moved that a rising vote of thanks be given Miss Lucy Anthony for her excellent services in transportation arrangements for this Convention.

Mr. Blackwell recommended the formation of Voter's Leagues. The suggestion was referred to the General Officers.

Motion prevailed that the Susan B. Anthony fund be referred to the new finance committee.

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Mrs. Crossett moved and it was carried that all unfinished business be left to the General Officers.

Mrs. Savage expressed thanks of the State Association to the Convention for coming to Seattle and to the General Officers for recommending Mrs. De Voe and Dr. Eaton as good State Workers.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Ella S. Stewart,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS
JULY 10, 1909.

The meeting of the General Officers was called to order by the president, Anna H. Shaw, in Room 433, Lincoln Hotel, Seattle, Washington, Friday morning July 10, 1909, 9 A. M.

The following were present: Pres. Anna H. Shaw, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Upton, Miss Gordon, Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell and Mrs. Stewart.

The minutes of the last board meetings were read corrected and approved.

A communication from the temporary officers of the newly organized Equal Suffrage Association in Washington was read, as follows:

(Original letter attached)

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Mrs. Avery reported a communication from Mrs. Jarmuth and Mrs. Fick to the General Officers to meet with them and other members of the newly organized association to discuss plans of work. Mrs. Avery moved that the invitation be accepted. After discussion the motion was lost and Miss Gordon was instructed to prepare an answer to the effect that we deem it inadvisable in view of the present circumstances for the board to meet officially with them.

(Letter attached.)

Mrs. Kelley moved that the Official Board discontinue all further financial contributions to the Washington Equal Suffrage Association. Seconded by Mrs. Upton and carried.

Miss Blackwell reported that a thousand newly published leaflets "Testimony from four States" that she had donated 500 copies to the State Association after consultation with Mrs. Avery. Mrs. Stewart reported that Mrs. Upton had asked her to do as she pleased with the literature left over at the literature table and that she had divided it between the Washington E. S. A., and the South Dakota E. S. A.

On motion of Mrs. Avery this action was approved.

Mrs. Kelley moved and it was carried that the literature remaining in Miss Blackwell's hands be sold at cost.

Mrs. Upton asked for information what attitude as National Treasurer she shall take if dues are offered by the two State Associations of Washington. Discussion followed with three minute limit.

Mrs. Upton moved, seconded by Mrs. Kelley,

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and it carried that dues from any organizations in Washington which may be proffered the National Association between now and Jan. 1, 1910 be held in abeyance until the next annual Convention.

A communication was read from the newly organized suffrage association in Washington asking that a National representative be sent to their Convention in October.

Miss Blackwell moved and it was carried that the temporary organization be informed that this board deem it inadvisable to send such a representative so long as the present association remains auxiliary to the National Association.

Motion of Mrs. Kelley prevailed that it is the sense of this board that it cannot state definitely what its attitude will be on the status of the Washington Equal Suffrage Ass'n until it has consulted its legal adviser.

Motion prevailed that the board rise at 12:30.

Miss Blackwell moved that the National Ass'n pay fifteen dollars to Prof. Schmidt of Cornell for a manuscript on Equal Suffrage. The Motion was carried.

Miss Gordon was instructed to write Mrs. Sperry with reference to her expenses to Buffalo and the request of California for financial help.

Miss Clay moved and it was carried that a committee of five be appointed to formulate the qualifications for auxiliaryship in the N. S. W. S. A. The following were appointed: Miss Gordon Mrs. McCulloch of Ill, Mrs. Fitzgerald of Mass, Mrs. Kelley of N. Y. and Mrs. Potter.

The Board arose.

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AFTERNOON

Mrs. Kelley moved and it was carried that Miss Gordon write a letter to the President and Secretary of the National Council of Women and submit to the board.

The matter of budget was taken up by vote. The treasurer made a statement of funds on hand and prospects.

Motion prevailed that we make appropriations first outside the Thomas-Garrett fund.

The following appropriations were made: HEAD-QUARTERS: For rent, \$900. Miss Peck, \$1800. One stenographer \$780. two clerks \$1040. Telephone \$175. Janitor etc., \$150. To print annual report \$300. For moving \$150. Treasurer's clerk \$780. Treasurer's rent \$120. President's Secretary \$780. For postage and telegrams \$500. Furniture \$300. Incidentals \$25. Stationery \$200.

On motion of Mrs. Kelley Miss Gordon's office furniture be donated to the Louisiana E. S. A.

Mrs. Avery moved and it was carried that if circumstances justify the change Progress shall be issued as a weekly beginning Jan. 1909.

Miss Clay moved to amend by adding "and that a report shall be sent and vote taken about November first on the advisability of making Progress a weekly". The motion as amended prevailed.

The question of field workers was taken up.

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Miss Blackwell moved and it was carried that Miss Gregg be retained as organizer. Miss Clay's motion prevailed that Miss Gregg's salary be \$100. per month and expenses. Miss Clay moved and it was carried that Miss Penfield be employed at \$75. per month. Miss Clay nominated Miss Penfield for work in Arizona but after discussion it was moved and carried that Miss Gregg be sent to Arizona according to plans outlined in a previous letter to the board.

Motion carried to adjourn at 5:30 to meet at 7:30

EVENING

The meeting of General Officers was called to order at 7:30 by the President.

Miss Gordon read the following letter to the National Council of Women, (Letter attached) which was ordered sent.

Mrs. Kelley moved and it was carried that the official board ask for the salary of the petition clerk from the Thomas-Garrett fund, until the petition is presented.

Mrs. Kelley moved and it was carried that Mrs. Avery negotiate for four month's additional rent of Washington Headquarters. Motion of Mrs. Kelley prevailed that the chairman of petition Committee give Mrs. Bradley 30 days notice that we shall not need her services longer.

Motion prevailed to appropriate for Washington Headquarters \$450. for rent and \$450 for main, lig., heat, and

Motion of Mrs. Upton prevailed that Prof. Potter be member of the program committee with Miss Shaw and that they elect the other members of the committee.

ENROLMENT-- Dr. Mary Hussey,

LITERATURE-- Miss Alice Stone Blackwell- with

PRESIDENTIAL SUFFRAGE-- Henry B. Blackwell.

Chairman Railroad Rates-- Mrs. Minerva Butlin.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Kelley be chairman of the Committee on Industrial Problems affecting women and children with the power to add to the committee.

Motion prevailed that the Committee on Increase of Membership be discontinued.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Mary E. Craigie be appointed Chairman of Committee on Church Work, ~~the following~~

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On motion of Miss Clay \$25. was appropriated to the committee on Church Work, the printing to be done by Headquarters.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead be Chairman of the Committee on Peace and Arbitration.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer be retained as Chairman of Committee on Libraries and Bibliography with power to add to it, and that the Committee be asked to prepare the manuscript for a tentative bibliography.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch be the legal adviser.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Pauline Steinem be Chairman of Committee on Education with an appropriation of \$25

Motion prevailed that we drop the Committee on Campaign music.

Motion prevailed to adjourn at ten o'clock.

Motion prevailed that Miss Chase be listed as National organizer.

Motion prevailed that Prof. Potter be Chairman of the Committee on Convention Resolutions.

Motion prevailed that the request of New Jersey for help be answered that later in the year we hope to help them.

Motion carried that Mrs. Upton send Tennessee \$5. worth of literature.

Motion prevailed that South Dakota be the first order of business in the morning.

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Motion carried that the Board adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

JULY 10

The meeting of the General Officers of the N. A. W. S. A. was called to order at 9:30 by the president.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read corrected and approved.

Mrs. Avery moved and it was carried that it is the desire of the General Officers that the salary attached to the office of Corresponding Secretary be paid to the incoming Cor. Sec. and they ask the concurrence therein of the Chairman and Treasurer of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Fund.

Mrs. Kelley moved and it was carried that excluding treasurer's collections, dues, convention pledges, life members and bequests unless specially designated-- all other money should go to the Susan B. Anthony Fund until we reach \$100,000.

Miss Clay moved and it was carried that we accept Miss Gordon's offer to make an effort to raise the balance of \$100,000. of the S. B. A. Fund on condition that \$5000. be given to the Louisiana E. S. A.

Miss Clay's motion prevailed that three hundred dollars be sent immediately to South Dakota.

Miss Clay moved and it was carried that the recommendations of the committee on auxiliary membership be reported to the general officers four months before the convention.

Mrs. Avery moved and it was carried that \$75

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a month be paid Mrs. Julius H. Johnson, State president of South Dakota as organizer.

Motion of Miss Blackwell prevailed that Mrs. Upton send literature to South Dakota.

Motion carried that we appropriate money for special campaign literature in South Dakota to be paid after their fall convention.

Miss Gordon was appointed to consult with Dorothy Dix with reference to securing good suffrage cartoons.

Motion of Mrs. Stewart prevailed that Miss Shaw write Mrs. Johnson offering her Miss Penfield's services in South Dakota if they desire her.

Motion prevailed that arrangements for National Speakers at South Dakota convention be left with Miss Shaw and Mrs. Johnson.

A motion of Miss Blackwell was carried that Miss Shaw offer \$50. for plate matter for South Dakota if they desire it.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Upton print the minutes.

On motion of Mrs. Upton it was voted that the States be given time to report at the next convention and by amendment offered by Miss Clay that the reports be graduated as follows: that three minutes be the minimum of time for State reports; that two minutes additional be granted where legislative work has been done and that five minutes additional (ten minutes) be given to States where a campaign is on.

Miss Clay moved and it was carried that the State president or proxy be allowed the allotted time for speech instead of written report if they desire.

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Mrs. Stewart moved and it was seconded that Miss Shaw and Mrs. Kelley appoint the finance Committee. Action was deferred until afternoon.

It was moved by Mrs. Upton and carried that Mrs. Catt be asked to continue as Chairman of the Petition Committee with Mrs. Avery as assistant chairman.

Mrs. Avery moved and it was carried that Mrs. Kelley be the third member on the Committee.

Mrs. Avery moved and it was carried that the President be empowered to appoint the delegates to the Triennial of the National Council of Women to be held in Seattle July 14, 15.

Adjournment to 1:30 P. M.

Mrs. Upton asked for instructions on printing a memorial list.

On motion of Miss Clay it was voted that any sum not less than fifty dollars given for a memorial at any previous date shall be included in the memorial list.

The deferred motion of Mrs. Stewart that Miss Shaw and Mrs. Kelley appoint the finance Committee was called up and Miss Clay made a statement as to her position in objection to this proposition. The vote was taken and the motion prevails.

Miss Clay asked that the duties and rights of an advisory board be formulated.

On motion of Mrs. Kelley it was decided that the duty of an advisory board is to advise the General Officers.

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Miss Clay moved to limit the number of members of the advisory board to 25. Miss Blackwell moved to substitute the number 30 and Mrs. Avery to substitute the number 10. The amendment to the amendment was carried and the motion as amended prevailed.

The following were nominated as members of the advisory board: Jane Addams, Clara Barton, Andrew D. White, Hon. John Shafroth, Pres. David Ward Howe, Belle Bennett, Rev. Charles Aked, Rev. W. D. MacArthur, Prof. Wm. Welch, Miss Mary Garrett, Mr. Wm. Ivins, Judge Brewer, Hon Alva Adams, Chas. Amidon, W. D. Howells, Josiah Strong.

Mrs. Stewart moved and it was carried that the president and two vice-presidents select the ten members from this list. Miss Clay's motion prevailed that these persons be asked to serve as members of advisory committee for one year.

Motion of Mrs. Upton prevailed that we compile a book of suffrage recitations.

Miss Clay's motion prevailed that we publish a series of recitation books, none to cost more than ten cents.

Miss Blackwell moved that a letter of thanks be written Mrs. Dorgan for her beautiful poem, Miss Gordon to write the letter, motion carried.

Mrs. Stewart moved that the decision on time and place of next annual convention be deferred until about the first of November, the vote of the General Officers being taken by mail if a meeting of the Board of General Officers is deemed inadvisable.

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The motion was carried.

Motion of Mrs. Avery prevailed that Miss Gordon be allowed stenographic help in clearing up Convention work.

Mrs. Avery moved and it was carried that the date and all arrangements for moving Headquarters be left with the President and Treasurer.

It was moved and carried that we recommend the appropriation of \$1000. to the Literature Committee for literature and \$400. for Progress and from the Thomas-Garrett fund.

Miss Blackwell moved and it was carried that we make special efforts in States where there are campaigns for constitutional conventions.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Ella S. Stewart.

Recording Secretary.

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Tuesday A.M. Dec. 21, 1909.

The Board of General officers of the N.A.W.S.A. met at 10 o'clock, December 21, at 208 Central Park, West N.Y. City. Miss Anna H. Shaw, Pres., called the meeting to order. The following officers were present:

Pres.	Anna H. Shaw.
V. Pres.	Evelyn Foster Avery.
Sec. V. P.	Florence Kelley.
Cor. Sec'y.	Frances Squire Potter.
Rec. Sec'y.	Ella S. Stewart.
Auditor.	Laura Clay.

Frances Squire Potter
On motion of Mrs. Avery, the Cor. Secy. was instructed to write to Miss Blackwell, who was detained at home by illness, expressing the sympathy of the board and their sorrow at the necessity of her absence.

The secretary read the minutes of the last board meetings, held in Seattle. Mrs. Kelley's motion prevailed that the minutes of the last session be adopted as read.

Mrs. Avery was called to the chair:

Mrs. Kelley moved, it was seconded by Miss Clay, that we hear first the report of the Treasurer, and then the report of the Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Upton read the report of the Treasurer:

Mrs. Kelley moved, Mrs. Potter seconded the motion, that the report of the treasurer be accepted. Carried.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, was next presented.

Moved by Mrs. Kelley and seconded by Mrs. Upton, that the report of Corresponding Secretary be accepted. No discussion. Carried.

Mrs. Avery made a statement that the committee on National Petition work would report on work and plans at a dinner at Mrs. Catt's this evening. The evening would be devoted to a discussion of the petition work.

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Mrs. Kelley made statement relating to the Committee on Industrial Conditions relating to women and children, and moved--

"Whereas the U.S. Department of Labor has for some years been conducting an investigation into the conditions of labor of women and children, at an expense of approximately a half million dollars; and

Whereas the results of the investigation are more valuable in proportion to the promptness with which they are made public, therefore

Resolved, that the board of officers of the N.A.A.W.P. request that the department of commerce and labor issue at the earliest possible moment, the report of the said investigation." The

The motion was carried.

Miss Shaw moved, Mrs. Upton seconded, that the chairman of committee on Industrial Legislation affecting women and children, formulate the resolution and letter to be sent from this board to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Mrs. Upton moved that the State Associations be requested by the official board to send similar requests to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Miss Shaw moved, and it was carried, that the resolution passed by the National Board, be sent to each state (and the letter) as a guide.

Mrs. Stewart moved, and it was carried, that corresponding Secretary notify Miss Furline of Chicago of her appointment as chairman of Committee of Legislation for civil rights.

Moved by Mrs. Kelley, that Mrs. Harper, as Chairman Press Committee, come before the board at 10 A.M. the 22nd, or such time as convenient. Carried.

A letter from Mrs. Belmont, with reference to the Press department, was read. She also expressed a desire to appear before the board. It was the sense of the board that Mrs. Belmont be invited to appear at her convenience to discuss the Press work.

Miss Shaw, in connection with treasurer's report, made a statement about financial transactions in opening bank account, and money advanced by herself, and the delays of various kinds in starting this part of headquarters work.

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Mrs. Kelley moved, and Mrs. Potter seconded that a vote of thanks be given to Miss Shaw for her personal loan and inconveniences during the time of transition. Carried.

Miss Clay moved, and Mrs. Kelley seconded, that Miss Shaw and Mrs. Upton be authorized to repay Miss Shaw the money advanced by her and now due her. Carried.

Then followed a discussion of work of Committee appointed to define qualifications of auxiliaryship in the N.A.F.W.A.

Mrs. Kelley moved that that section of constitution which provides for representation at our annual convention be so amended that any auxiliary organization in any state, having fifty (50) paid-up members, and sending its dues to the treasurer by time prescribed, be entitled to representation in annual convention.

Seconded by Miss Clay.

Motion for special order, to be discussed at 8:30 was carried.

Report on Finance Committee

Miss Shaw reported that the committee had one meeting. Mrs. Kelley submitted the names of two candidates for membership. Nothing further had been done.

Committee on selection of an Advisory Board reported progress.

Mrs. Upton moved and Mrs. Potter seconded, that the word "instructed" be changed to suggested, in the action relating to the appointment of an Advisory Committee from the list of names nominated at the Board meeting in Seattle July 10th. Carried.

Mrs. Kelley moved that Miss Harriet H. Mills be placed upon the list of National lecturers and organizers. Carried.

Each officer then submitted a list of topics for discussion or action during the meeting of the board after which a motion to adjourn was carried.

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2 P. M. December 21st, 1908.

The meeting of the Board of Officers was resumed at 2 P.M. The minutes of the morning session were read and after corrections, approved.

Mrs. Avery reported that Mrs. Belmont would appear before the board at three o'clock.

It was moved by Mrs. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Upton, that the board offer the use of headquarters on Sunday afternoons during January, February and March for the reception of strangers in New York City.

Mrs. Kelley offered the name of Mrs. Edmund Kelley as hostess for eight consecutive Sundays, beginning January 9th. An amendment was offered that it is understood that the regular employee and headquarters officers be absolved from any duty in connection with these At Homes, unless they desire.

A roll call being asked for the vote resulted as follows: Mrs. Avery, Kelley Potter, Upton, Stewart, Shaw, voting aye, and Miss Clay voting nay. The motion as amended prevailed.

It was moved by Miss Shaw, and carried, that Mrs. Kelley be chairman of the committee in charge of these At Homes, and that she invite representatives of the various suffrage elements of the community to assist in them.

On special order the discussion of auxiliaryship was taken up, and after lengthy discussion the mover and second withdrew the motion.

Mrs. Belmont was introduced to the Board, and made a statement about the press work, similar to statement contained in the letter read in the morning.

In view of the employment of Elisabeth Hauser by Mrs. Belmont to supplement Mrs. Harper's work, Miss Shaw moved, and Mrs. Potter seconded the motion, that Mrs. Belmont be at liberty to call upon Mrs. Harper whenever she needs her services in prosecuting her suffrage work. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Belmont then made a statement with reference to the rooms rented as headquarters, to the effect that she would give all of the space now occupied by the National headquarters rent free, provided all the space should be occupied by Miss Shaw, and suggested that the \$900.00 now being paid her (Mrs. Belmont) for headquarters rent, be expended elsewhere if Miss Shaw were not to be exclusively in headquarters, and the inharmory now existing were not removed.

No action taken.

Mrs. Upton moved and it was carried that the question of the auxiliaryship of the state of Virginia this year be left to the judgment of Miss Clay.

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Miss Shaw reported on suffrage activity and prospects in Alabama, and the southern states.

Miss Clay moved, seconded by Mrs. Potter, that Miss Shaw correspond with Miss Gordon to see if she would do some organization work in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida; what she would charge, and how much time she could give. Carried.

Correspondence with interested Missouri people was reported by Miss Shaw, Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Potter.

It was the sense of the board that they be encouraged to organize themselves, under the direction of the Organization Committee.

The situations in New Jersey, Nebraska and Maryland were discussed in the report on organization by Miss Shaw, as well as Mrs. Mackay's league. No action taken.

It was moved by Mrs. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Potter, that Dr. Barton O. Aylesworth be added to our list of National lecturers and organizers.

Mrs. Avery read a letter from Mrs. Eeckiel about halls and hotels in Washington, available for use in the National Convention. Motion prevailed that Mrs. Avery telegraph about Ransoh's Hall.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

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Wednesday morning, December 23rd, 1909.

Board of N.A.W.S.A. met at 9:30 A.M. 209 Central Park West, New York City. Those present being President Shaw, Mrs. Avery, Kelley, Potter, Miss Clay, Mrs. Upton, Stewart.

Mrs. Avery in the chair.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

The first order of business was the request of both Mrs. Potter and Miss Shaw for the board to define headquarters responsibility; and also in this connection Mrs. Belmont's statement relating to Headquarters.

Mrs. Kelley moved, and Mrs. Potter seconded, that no time limit be enforced. Carried.

Mrs. Kelley moved that the board accept Mrs. Belmont's suggestion that the Board find other offices. Seconded by Mrs. Upton.

Miss Clay moved that the vote on this question be deferred until Mrs. Kelley calls for it. Mrs. Upton seconded and it was carried.

Mrs. Kelley moved and Miss Clay seconded that a hearing be given Miss Peck. Carried.

Mrs. Shaw moved, Mrs. Upton seconded, that when any statements are made, in regard to Miss Anthony's relation to headquarters and its work, she shall be present when such statements are made.

Mrs. Potter moved to amend by inserting the words "and Miss Peck" after the words "Miss Anthony".

Mrs. Potter moved that the Board listen to a statement from Miss Shaw and Mrs. Potter, and then that all statements made with reference to Miss Anthony and Miss Peck be repeated in the presence of both before the discussion of the matter. Mrs. Upton seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Potter moved, Mrs. Upton seconded, that, if opinions or information from outsiders be introduced into this discussion, those outsiders be invited to the meetings to speak to these statements; or if personal presence is impossible, that letters be laid before the board. Carried.

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Mrs. Harper arrived according to arrangement of yesterday, to speak on the Press Department. She spoke on the New York newspaper situation with reference to the suffrage question, the great amount of space given by the daily papers, etc., in news and editorial columns.

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Press Associations.

In compliance with the request of Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Potter moved, and Miss Clay seconded, that Mrs. Harper be allowed to give one half time to the Press department, and in return for the other half which she desires for literary work, that she engage an expert stenographer full time, such stenographer to be paid by Mrs. Harper personally. Motion prevailed.

Miss Clay moved and Mrs. Potter seconded that the suggestion that the press service as now carried on with state chairmen be discontinued, and that Mrs. Harper in the meantime, ascertain how many states are using the press bulletins now being supplied by National Press Superintendent.

Miss Clay moved that if Mrs. Harper finds that any state press superintendents do not use this press bulletin, that that correspondence be discontinued. Carried.

Miss Shaw moved that no irrelevant business be taken up till the main business is considered. Carried.

Mrs. Kelley moved for protection of Mrs. Harper that we suggest she be seen only by appointment hereafter. Carried.

Mrs. Avery reported on telegram to Mrs. Eschiel relative to halls in Washington.

Miss Clay moved that, if this matter is not finished before this board adjourns, a committee be appointed to take final action in securing hall for convention as soon as possible. Mrs. Potter seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Upton moved that we have a Sunday service. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Kelley moved that we pay no fees for speakers at convention. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Kelley moved, Miss Clay seconded, that where we must do so, will pay traveling expenses of speakers. Carried.

Mrs. Upton moved to adjourn. Carried.

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Wednesday P.M. December 23rd.

Mrs. Kelley in the chair.

Miss Shaw moved, Mrs. Potter seconded, that Miss Anthony be permitted to make a statement before the board. Carried.

The sense of the board was that at the annual convention a great deal of time be given to the convention for discussions and symposiums, leaving the evenings free for speakers.

Miss Shaw reported that she and Mrs. Potter of the Program Committee, had asked Mrs. Avery to be a member. The committee now being Miss Shaw, Mrs. E. S. Hartshorn, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Potter.

Mrs. Potter read her statement as to headquarters difficulties.

Miss Shaw then made her statement.

On the occasion of the reference of Miss Shaw to certain reports about Miss Anthony, Mrs. Kelley and Miss Clay desired it put upon the minutes that they protest against anonymous statements being made about anyone in this discussion.

Mrs. Kelley made a statement saying that she did not understand that Miss Shaw was to be in headquarters except for a brief time, when she voted for the headquarters work at Seattle.

Mrs. Upton made a statement as to her attitude or understanding of the headquarters arrangement at Seattle.

Mrs. Kelley asked as to the employment of Miss Anthony and the advisability of having a person in the headquarters without a salary or responsibility.

Miss Shaw stated that Miss Anthony was receiving a salary from her and was only in her room.

Miss Clay made a statement of her former understanding of headquarters arrangements.

Mrs. Stewart moved and it was carried that Miss Peck and Miss Anthony be telephoned to come before the board.

Mrs. Upton moved that Miss Gordon as chairman of the committee to raise Susan B. Anthony fund, have entire responsibility with her committee in raising that fund. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Potter made a statement in rebuttal.

At 4:30 Miss Peck and Miss Anthony arrived and were admitted together according to the vote of the morning. Miss Peck read a statement.

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Miss Shaw raised a point of order, according to the vote of the morning, as to reference to conversation with Mrs. Belmont, who was not, and could not be present.

The point of order was sustained.

On the point of order excluding certain portions of Miss Peck's statement, Mrs. Potter moved that that part of Miss Peck's statement (involving conversation) be omitted for the present, with the provision that that action be reconsidered later if necessary. Carried.

Miss Shaw moved, seconded by Miss Clay, that, since the foregoing action regarding Miss Peck's report had been passed, Miss Shaw also may be permitted to repeat a conversation which has influenced her action and belief, on the same conditions applying to the foregoing action. The motion prevailed.

Miss Anthony made a statement in general and in answer to Miss Peck's statement.

It was moved that if Miss Shaw or Miss Anthony either wish to have Miss Anthony present at another session and that if Mrs. Potter or Miss Peck wish to have Miss Peck present at another session, they both be notified to be present. Carried.

Moved and carried to adjourn to 9:30 A.M., December 23rd.

Approved.

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Thursday, December 23, 1909, 9:30 A.M.

Miss Shaw in chair.

Present, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Avery, Miss Clay, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Upton.

To balance a life membership given me at Carnegie meeting, Miss Clay moved that we donate \$50.00 out of General Treasury to South Dakota campaign. Carried.

Miss Shaw asked the question as to who would decide what literature would be reprinted. The sense of the board was that the Literature Committee should have the decision in this matter.

The question of the price of literature was also brought up, and how much if any can be given away, and she shall decide.

Miss Clay reported message from Mrs. Harper in the interests of Mrs. Belmont, that when Mrs. Belmont made statement to the Board Tuesday afternoon that she did not realize just what the limits of the board were, and her only desire was a desire for the comfort of Miss Shaw, and she earnestly desired that the Association remain as at present in the headquarters.

Miss Clay moved that in the matter of free literature, the President use free literature according to her discretion. Carried.

Miss Clay moved, Mrs. Potter seconded, that a certain amount of free literature be given away by the headquarters secretary, at her discretion, for one month, and then shall render a statement as a basis for a further vote. Motion was carried.

Mrs. Avery moved that the Committee on Literature investigate the possibility of reducing the selling price of our literature to absolute cost, i.e. printing and forwarding. Mrs. Upton seconded. Carried.

Moved that the proposition of Mrs. Catt for the exchange of literature from the various headquarters to be put on sale, be accepted. Carried.

Miss Shaw reported request of Mrs. Catt that we do not give away literature in New York City. Miss Clay moved that it is the sense of the board that, while we do not wish to promise not to give away literature, we will co-operate with Mrs. Catt and others in training suffragists to buy literature. Carried.

The question of South Dakota was then taken up.

Mrs. Avery reported and read letters from Mrs. Finsley.

Miss Shaw reported and read letters from Miss Penfield and others.

The headquarters matter was called up as special order.

Miss Clay stated her conviction that the difficulties in headquarters arose historically from the fact that we have never had such

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headquarters and the absence of definite ruling and precedent, and as Miss Clay moved that this official board make rules which shall define and limit the duties and rights of each member of the official board in relation to headquarters. Seconded by Miss Shaw.

Discussion.

Miss Shaw stated that in taking general oversight of work at Headquarters, she had acted in accord with the understanding that she and some other members of the board had at Seattle.

Mrs. Avery made a statement that when she voted for removal of headquarters to New York, it was with the understanding that the President would have general charge of work in headquarters.

Mrs. Kelley had supposed that it would be the opposite from Mrs. Avery's idea.

Mrs. Upton thought Miss Shaw would have general oversight, her office being in the building; that all large questions would be determined by her.

Miss Clay thought vaguely that Miss Shaw would have general oversight for at least four months.

Miss Blackwell says: "I think it certainly was the intention of the official board that you should have the general oversight of the work at National Headquarters. In case of any serious difference of opinions arising as to what was to be done, I suppose it would be proper to take a vote of the board." Alice Stone Blackwell.

Mrs. Stewart thought that the President should have general oversight and direction of all branches of National work, and final authority, next to the board, but that the board had arranged for the details of headquarters by the new arrangement of having Corresponding Secretary and Headquarters Secretary in headquarters.

Vote on Miss Clay's motion was taken, and carried.

Miss Clay moved, and Mrs. Kelley seconded, that this board officially and Mrs. Potter personally, request that Miss Shaw dissolve the contract between herself and Mrs. Potter. Carried.

Miss Clay moved, Mrs. Upton seconded, that the Official Board make a new financial contract with Mrs. Potter. Carried.

Mrs. Kelley moved that Miss Clay be committee of one to draft a series of rules which shall define the duties and rights of officers of officers in relation to headquarters. Carried.

Mrs. Kelley called up her motion to secure headquarters elsewhere, made Wednesday A.M. December 23rd, by Mrs. Belmont, and spoke as to it.

Mrs. Kelley moved, seconded by Mrs. Upton, that the board accept Mrs. Belmont's suggestion that the board find other offices.

Discussion by Mrs. Kelley, Miss Clay, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Potter. Action deferred.

Moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Thursday, December 23, 1909. P. M.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved after correction.

Mrs. Avery made a report on conditions in South Dakota and read letters from South Dakota workers.

A motion of Mrs. Avery, seconded by Mrs. Upton, was carried that money sent to South Dakota for the campaign be sent for specified work.

Mrs. Avery moved, Mrs. Stewart seconded, that Miss Matilda Orr Hays of Pittsburgh be sent to South Dakota as a press worker, if acceptable to South Dakota people. Carried.

Mrs. Avery was appointed on motion, to correspond with Mrs. Tinsley, and report these actions.

Mrs. Petter reported the offer of Isaac Norton Stevens, editor of the Pueblo Chieftain, to speak occasionally for suffrage, gratis.

Miss Shaw reported similar offer of Senator Stockwell.

The motion of Mrs. Kelley to remove from 505 Fifth Avenue, was again called up. Mrs. Stewart spoke. Mrs. Kelley asked consent to withdraw the motion. Unanimous consent was given and the motion withdrawn.

Miss Clay reported as special committee on rules defining the duties and rights of officers in relation to headquarters as follows:

PRESIDENT:

The President shall have room chosen by herself in Headquarters, and shall choose a stenographer whose duties and disposition of time she shall allot. She shall have the privilege of inspecting all the activities of headquarters at all times, and through the Corresponding Secretary and with her concurrence, shall indicate such plans or alterations of plans, as may seem to her desirable. If there should not be agreement between these officers, a vote of the Official Board, taken in the customary manner, shall be decisive.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Should the presence of a Vice President at headquarters be necessitated either by the absence of the President, or to assist in the work, at the desire of the Official Board, she shall be entitled to the use of a desk and such stenographic service as may enable her to perform her work.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

The Corresponding Secretary shall have supervision of and allot the duties of the Headquarters Secretary; shall select the stenog-

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rapher and other headquarter helpers under her charge, (none of whom shall be "persona non grata" to the president)

She shall conduct all the correspondence of the organization not belonging to the province of some other general officer. She shall have charge of headquarter supplies; literature, mechanical work in connection with Progress, etc.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

The Recording Secretary shall supply for file in headquarters, the minutes of the proceedings of the National Convention, and of the Official Board.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall have supervision of the accounts at Headquarters; require receipts for all money expended for headquarters; pay all bills o.k'd by the persons at headquarters who contracted them, and to which the proper orders are attached.

AUDITORS:

The Auditors may examine at any time they are present, the records of the accounts kept in headquarters.

By consent, this report was considered seriatim, after which the motion of Mrs. Upton was carried that the report be adopted as a whole.

The sense of the board was that Miss Shaw could have her stenographer do her typewriting in the workroom if she desired.

The vote of the morning being brought up relative to the dissolution of the contract between Miss Shaw and Mrs. Potter, Miss Shaw stated that she would only consent to withdraw from the contract on the condition that she may pay into the treasury the amount of money guaranteed in the contract. Miss Clay moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart, that the new contract with Mrs. Potter be put in the hands of Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Avery, with power to act. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Upton moved, and it was carried, that the association allow a telephone in the room of the President at Headquarters.

Methods of raising money were discussed as well as the status of the work in Washington, and our reputed obligation to Jus Suffragii.

Mrs. Upton moved, and it was carried that \$500.00 from the general fund be appropriated for literature for the year, and if the literature bill exceed \$500.00, that the Thomas-Garrett fund be asked for the excess.

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Moved by Mrs. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Potter, that all leaflets printed hereafter, bear a brief appeal for funds, directing checks to be made payable to the Treasurer of the N.A.W.S.A., 508 Fifth Avenue, New York. Carried.

Miss Shaw reported the vote of the Executive Committee on Progress as follows: The name receiving the most votes being "Tenant Suffrage". The paper remains a monthly.

Miss Clay and Miss Shaw reported on Arizona, and a letter from Miss Gregg was read.

Miss Clay made report on Oklahoma.

Moved and carried to adjourn to 8 P.M.

8 P. M., December 23, 1909.

Minutes approved.

Motion of Miss Clay prevailed that in case the National Association assists Oklahoma, that it do so by sending Mrs. Boyer, if they desire her.

Motion of Mrs. Stewart prevailed that literature be provided for Arizona at the discretion of the President.

Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mrs. Avery, that Mrs. Upton arrange for the hearing at Congress. Carried.

Mrs. Avery reported the plans on presenting the petition, and afterward moved that the National Petition Committee be authorized to request the use of the House of Representatives, or the Senate, for the presentation of the Petition. The motion prevailed.

Miss Clay moved, and it was carried, that in case the House of Representatives, and the Senate be refused, the National Petition Committee be authorized to hold a protest and Petition meeting on the steps of the Capitol.

Miss Clay moved and it was carried that we help Oklahoma in case they secure a referendum, which comes at the general election.

Moved by Mrs. Kelley and carried that the two secretaries be requested to go to South Dakota for a couple (or more) weeks' work in January or February, if possible.

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Miss Clay made a statement about the Bruce fund, and proposed:

In case there is a special election in Oklahoma, submitting the women suffrage question, and in case the funds of the Association happen to be low, Miss Clay will loan \$1000.00 from the Bruce fund, taking the note of the Board according to conditions laid down in Mrs. McCulloch's letter.

Mrs. Avery moved, and it was carried, to accept the offer, in case of the foregoing conditions.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Ellas Stewart
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A meeting of the Business Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association was held on the train en route to Seattle, June 26, 1909, the President, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, in the chair; present, Miss Clay, Mrs. Kelley, Miss Gordon, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Upton.

The Agenda was made out, as follows:

Mrs. Upton:

Consideration of new officers.

Office Secretary for Headquarters.

Chairman of Press Work.

Editor of Progress.

South Dakota.

Washington.

Further Distribution of histories.

Mrs. Johnston Wood's paper:

Plan for presentation of National Petition.

Next convention, when and where?

Delegate to General Federation.

How Votes for Women pin shall be sold.

Washington Headquarters.

Susan B. Anthony, Suffrage Fund.

National Finance Committee.

Iowa Organization Plan.

Henry Williams and the McCall Bequest.

Sale of Minutes.

Arizona.

Miss Gordon: Maine.

Miss Blackwell:

Which of the English methods can we use here?

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What should be the attitude of the National toward militant methods?

What can we do to get the schismatic societies in?

Publicity Bureau.

Extension of Press Work.

Suffrage Store.

Suffrage Exhibit.

Hiring space in papers.

Suffrage van.

Suffrage kite.

Suffrage Globe.

Literature--Schmidt.

Political Clubs.

Amendments to Constitution.

Mrs. Avery: Form of auxiliaryship.

It was voted on motion of Miss Gordon that a Document Committee be appointed, to whom all documents proposed in the Convention to be printed shall be referred.

Voted to publish a small edition of Mrs. Johnston Wood's paper; 1500 was named.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon to investigate conditions in Maine and Vermont with a view to bringing about a campaign there.

Voted that if there be no new developments Miss Penfield be sent to Arizona in September.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton that the National officers notify Washington and South Dakota that unless they settle their respective differences and work together, the National

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will not help them.

June 28, 9:30 A. M., Miss Shaw in chair; present Miss Clay, Mrs. Avery, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Kelley and Miss Blackwell.

The Minutes were read and approved.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Kelley that speeches be limited to five minutes, and no one speak twice till all have spoken who wish.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery to recommend to the Convention that the next National Convention be held in Washington D. C., early in April and that the petition be presented at that time.

Voted on motion of Miss Gordon that 300 sets of the History of Woman Suffrage be placed in libraries during the year.

Voted on motion of Miss Clay that we seek a proper agent to solicit contributions for the Susan B. Anthony Fund.

3 P. M.

Miss Shaw in the chair; the same persons present; later Mrs. Stewart.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell to suggest to the States, as a means of bringing the cause before the public, suffrage kites, and the arrangement of a suffrage exhibit, to be lent around.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton to recommend charging 15¢ per copy for the National Report, and to mention that

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stamps will be accepted.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton to recommend that a special committee be appointed on Finance.

Mrs. Stewart gave a report of her work in South Dakota, and the present situation in that State.

A letter was read by Miss Clay from 14 New York Delegates, recommending the acceptance of Mrs. Belmont's offer concerning National Headquarters and press work.

The Treasurer read her report.

Adjourned till 7:30 P. M.

June 28, 1909. Miss Shaw in the chair; the same persons present.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Avery moved to recommend to the Executive Committee the acceptance of Mrs. Belmont's offer to pay all the cost of the National press bureau if the N.A.W.S.A. will move its Headquarters to New York City. The motion was carried, the vote standing as follows:

Shaw "Yes"

Avery "Yes"

Kelley "Yes"

Upton "Yes"

Gordon "Yes"

Blackwell Not voting

Clay "No "

Stewart "Yes"

Adjourned.

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June 29, 1909, 3:30 P. M. Mrs. Avery in the chair. Present, Clay, Upton, Kelley, Gordon, Stewart, and Blackwell.

Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Avery stated the difficulty that had arisen between Dr. Cora Smith Eaton, treasurer of the Washington E. S. A., and the Spokane Equal Suffrage Club. Mrs. Kelley moved that we ask Mrs. De Voe to come and state her side of the case.

Mrs. De Voe came. She said she was not fully informed as to the matter, and referred us to Dr. Eaton for particulars.

Mrs. Kelley moved that we ask Mrs. De Voe, Dr. Eaton, and a third person if they wish, in behalf of the Washington E. S. A., and Messrs. Coates and Cummerford and Mrs. Coates, in behalf of the complainants, to meet us tomorrow at 9 A.M. at the Lincoln Hotel, Seattle.

Mrs. Kelley changed the motion to read that we will hold this conference tomorrow, with representatives from both sides invited to be present.

June 30, 1909. Room 433, Lincoln Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Miss Shaw presided, and all the General Officers of the N.A.W.S.A. were present; also the following:

D. Carlos McAllister of Seattle, J. C. Harkness of Spokane, Leonia W. Browne, of the Green Lake P. E. Club; D. C. Coates, of Spokane; Wm. A. Belote of the King County P. E. Club; Lula C. Kellogg of the Young Women's Educational Club, Seattle; Mrs. Edith De. L. Jarmuth, of the King County P. E. Club; Mrs. Zamoro C. Cauffman of the Working Girls' P. E. Club, of Seattle;

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Mrs. La Reine Baker, of Spokane; Mrs. Adelaide H. Belote, of the 23-23 Suffrage Club of Seattle; Mrs. W. M. Wilson of the Laundry Workers' Club of Spokane; Mrs. Zitella Fassett of Spokane; Mr. Albert Evans Milliken of Seattle; Mrs. Nellie Mitchell Fick, of the King County P. E. Club; Mrs. Jennie Jewett of White Salmon; Mr. Z. Cummerford, of the Spokane College Equal Suffrage Club; Margaret W. Bayne, of the Kirkland Club; Cora Melott, of the King County Club; Miss Grace D. Orth, of King County; Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, of King County; Mrs. Ray Welch, of Kelso; Dr. Fannie L. Cummings of the Blackwell P. E. Club; Mrs. Rininger of King County; Miss Bernice Sapp, of Olympia.

Miss Shaw stated the attitude of the N.A.W.S.A. She said : "The National has never assumed any right of dictatorship in State work. The present difficulty would be wholly outside our province, but that the pending campaign affects the whole nation, and but that the National has been for some time contributing funds to help build up the State work in Washington. We hope to be able to do anything you wish, and nothing you do not wish, to help you hereafter."

The president and treasurer of the Washington E. S. A., not being present, but being in the hotel, Mrs. Avery was requested to see them. She reported that Mrs. De Voe, Dr. Eaton and two other members of the Washington State board said they preferred not to have the matter presented at this conference, but at the State Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Kelley, seconded by Miss Clay it was voted unanimously by the National Board that Mrs. De Voe and Dr. Eaton be formally requested to be present at this conference.

Mrs. Craig said she represented the Elizabeth

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Cady Stanton Club, the Civic Suffrage Club, the New Thought Club. The Abigail Scott Duniway Club and the Ballard Civic Club.

Dr. Eaton came to the conference, but Mrs. Avery reported that Mrs. De Coe preferred not to be present.

Miss Shaw asked Dr. Eaton if there were present any members of the State Board who took the same view of the case that she did.

Dr. Eaton said she appeared only in her personal capacity, and that in the action she had taken she represented herself only.

Mrs. Kelley said that she thought, in view of the refusal of the State board to come and confer, nothing further could be done.

Mrs. George A. Smith, president of the Allsi Suffrage Club, and chairman of the Petition Committee for the Washington E.S. A., said that she and Mr. Geo. A. Smith had attended in behalf of the State Association.

Miss Adella M. Parker of the State Association arrived.

On motion of Miss Gordon, seconded by Miss Kelley, the National Board voted unanimously that we hear both sides as far as we are able.

Mrs. De Voe arrived. Others who had come in were: Mrs. Adele M. Fielde of King County; C. M. Miller of the Boston Heights Club; Mr. Savage, of the Washington E. S. A., and Boston Heights Club; Mrs. Frank Cottrell of the King County Club;

On motion of Miss Gordon it was voted unanimously that the proceedings of this meeting be considered absolutely executive and that no one give information to the press.

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On motion of Mrs. Avery, it was voted to place a three minute limit on each speaker in the discussion, after the first presentation of each side.

Miss Shaw called on Mrs. De Voe, who said she had not been able to get her State Board together; therefore she was only present in her personal capacity and had no statement to make.

Miss Shaw asked who was to make the statement for those who protested against the exclusion of certain clubs.

Dr. Eaton raised the point of order that there was ~~not~~ no certainty that the State Convention would uphold the action of the State treasurer and would refuse the dues of any club. She thought the State Convention was the proper place to have this convention raised and threshed out.

Dr. Luema Johnson arrived.

The chair ruled that Dr. Eaton's point of order was not well taken.

On motion of Miss Clay, seconded by Mrs. Stewart, the National Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the chair.

Mrs. Jarmuth stated the case for the complainants. She said that five clubs which had been admitted to vote at the last State Convention had been refused admission to the coming State Convention; also 23 clubs organized since the last State Convention, the formation of half of which clubs had been authorized by Mrs. De Voe or some member of the State Board.

Miss Adella M. Parker cited a precedent.

The president of the Green Lake Club said that a meeting of her club had been held without her knowledge, and the

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club had been disbanded and reorganized. The State treasurer had told her it was merely the formation of a new club. When she snet in her club's dues, the State secretary told her that two thirds of the club had voted to dissolve it.

The chair was asked for a ruling as to whether the three-minute limit should apply to the statement of each club. The chair ruled that it did not.

Mrs. Kelley moved to adjourn at 12:30.

An amendment to make it 12 was lost, and the original motion was carried.

Mrs. De Voe said she would have to go before 12.

It was proposed by Miss Blackwell that the State board have a chance to reply after the complaint of each club, so that they might not lose their chance to reply by the State president's having to go early.

Mrs. De Voe said she thought this controversy would more properly come beofre the State Executive Committee.

Mr. Coates presented the complaint of the Spokane Club. Dr. Eaton objected to the reading of any private letters. She said she was willing that any letters should be read which had been written by her as State treasurer to an officer of any club as an officer.

Miss Clay asked whether the letters whose reading was objecting to were private or official. Dr. Eaton said she considered them private. Mr. Coates said the letter~~s~~ he wished to read was signed Cora Smith Eaton, treasurer Eashington E.S.A. Dr. Eaton said that if this letter was read she should withdraw, and should ask the members of her State board to withdraw.

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Miss Shaw said that, as we had not been able to get a statement from both sides, she recommended that that committee adjourn.

Miss Clay moved that the National Board express the conviction that Dr. Eaton ought to give personal satisfaction to the lady to whom the letter was written: but that the National Board would rather not hear read a letter which the lady who wrote it says she regards as private.

Mr. Coates said he would omit the reading of the letter in dispute, and would read the others.

Miss O'mara spoke in behalf of the subcommittee that had been appointed by the State Executive Committee to look into the cases of the challenged clubs. She reported that she had investigated the membership of the Spokane Club, and had found reason to believe that their list was padded. Mr. Coates denied this. Miss O'Meara stated that the sub-committee appointed to investigate had also found various irregularities, some of which she specified, in regard to some of the other clubs. A representative of one of these other clubs denied the charge so far as it concerned her club.

Mrs. La Reine Baker said she had spent \$3000. for the cause and thought it unjust that her club should be excluded.

Mrs. Craig asked why her six clubs were excluded.

Dr. Eaton and Mrs. De Voe explained the reasons why this had been done.

Mr. Coates and Mr. Pick spoke on the other side.

Mrs. Kelley said she came here for light, and

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felt the need of it more now than before the meeting. She said: "We cannot go away and say that there is a hopeful campaign here unless the two sides get together. For the sake of the whole country, if not for your own, do not quarrel. Change your constitution if necessary."

Mrs. Melott said: "How can we change anything unless we are allowed to vote?"

Miss Fielde asked: "How can we get in if the Credentials Committee is appointed by the chair? Are we not under oligardric instead of democratic rule?"

Miss Gordon moved, in the interest of the cause all over the United States, to recommend that an absolutely impartial Credentials Committee be appointed at the State convention.

Mrs. De Voe said everybody would be entirely satisfied with the Credentials Committee that would be appointed.

Adjourned.

Nation Executive Committee, Plymouth Church, Seattle Washington, June 30, 1909. E. P. M. The President, Miss Shaw, in the chair.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Crossett that Lucy Anthony have charge of the drawing of lots for seats by the States.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Andrews that the usual method of drawing for seats be followed.

The Corresponding Secretary called the roll of States.

The Recording Secretary read the recommendations of the General Officers to the Executive Committee.

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Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell, to recommend that a Document Committee of three be appointed by the Official Board, to whom all documents proposed ~~for~~ during the convention for printing shall be referred.

Miss Blackwell moved to recommend that the next National Convention meet in Washington, D. C.

On motion of Mrs. Stewart, it was voted to postpone the decision on this point, since South Dakota has invited the Convention.

Voted to recommend that 300 sets of the History of Woman Suffrage be given to libraries during the coming year.

Miss Gordon moved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to notify the States that this offer is made to their leading libraries.

Voted on motion of Miss Blackwell to recommend suggesting to the States, as a means of bringing our question before the public, suffrage stores, suffrage kites, and a suffrage exhibit, to be lent around to the locals.

It was moved to recommend charging 15¢ for the National Report-- stamps to be accepted.

Mrs. Laddy moved as an amendment to recommend that each State President buy two copies, one for herself and one to pass around among her local presidents. The amendment was lost and the original motion was carried.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Tindall to recommend the appointment of a special committee on finance.

Voted on motion of Mr. Blackwell that this committee be appointed by the Official Board.

Mrs. Mary H. Loines moved to recommend that the

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National Headquarters be moved to New York City. Miss Shaw stated the offer that had been made to the Association.

Mrs. Crossett moved that the discussion be limited to five minutes.

Mr. Blackwell moved as an amendment that Mrs. Crossett's motion be laid on the table. This was carried, 15 to 14.

Mrs. Crossett moved that each side have an equal length of time.

Addresses in favor of moving to New York were made by Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Laddy, Mrs. Butlin, Miss Matilda Orr Hayes, Mrs. Crossett, Mrs. Loines and Miss Shaw, and against it by Miss Clay, Mr. Blackwell and Miss Blackwell.

The motion to recommend moving to New York was carried, 27 to 3.

Adjourned.

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The National Business Committee met after the adjournment of the Executive Committee, and listened to a communication stating that the delegates from 23 clubs had been refused a vote by the State Convention of the Washington E. S. A., and asking the National officers to receive a deputation from the excluded clubs.

The National officers received this deputation at an informal meeting at the Hotel Lincoln immediately after. The representatives of the excluded clubs asked what they should do. The National officers promised them to consider the case.