

Convention 2010 – Action on Program

New Study – Texas Water Resources as a Commodity

Our new study for the next biennium was adopted with relative ease. The delegates seemed to feel that this study is needed now, as we hear more in the news about the sale of water rights.

Focus: An update of our Water position to consider the competition for water in Texas, including governmental policy, public interest rights, and water resource protection concerns

Scope:

- Analyze current state regulations which govern the sale or transfer of water rights
- Consider ramifications if Texas were to classify water as a commodity rather than a natural resource
- Explore options such as a state-run water marketing administration
- Assess laws that would be needed for interstate or international water transfers
- Assess the best use of our water (i.e., public interest concerns, environmental factors, effect on third parties, future water requirements)

The study committee will be chaired by Mina Johnson (Amarillo) and will have members from various regions of the state. There will be opportunities for local Leagues to explore how water is used in their areas.