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REGISTRANTS TO 1998 TWAC

National Officers: Marjorie Workman, WNAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

State Officers: Dawn Sweeney, president; Rebecca Pugh, vice president; Anne Worthington, secretary; Myrtle Reeds, Debbie Mitchell, field workers; Mary Wisehart, historian.

District Officers:

Cumberland: Lilly Duncan, Barbara Nicholson

Union: Betty Hall, Arlene Farley, Merle Archer, Carla Fannin.

District Delegates:

Cumberland: Maxine Wagner, Laura Beem, Yvonne Hampton, Martha Harris, Katherine McDonald, Laura Thigpen.

Union: Roberta Estepp, Pearl Morgan, Judy Castle, Helen Lusk, Edna Dyer, Darla Trimble, Sara Kilgore, Fay Bernard.

Local Delegates (without district): None

Local Delegates (paying \$1.00): Nancy Lucas, Limestone; Jane Bailey, Bethany.

Local Presidents:

Cumberland: Ruthann Hall, East Nashville; Geneva Walker, Smyrna.

Union: None

West: None

Cookeville: None

Visitors: Emily Woods, Roan Street, Union; Phyllis Brummitt, Limestone, Union; Maryellen Greene, Limestone, Union; Regina France, Limestone, Union; Karyn, Carman, Khristi, Daniel, Michael, John Pugh, Liberty, West Tennessee; Jewell Sweeney, Fellowship, Union; Judy Hayes, Calvary, Cumberland; Marge Crain, Limestone, Union; Ollie Mai Baggett, First Dickson, Cumberland; Susan Mosley, First Oak Ridge, Union; Mila Laughlin, Phipps Bend, Union; Trula Cronk, Horton Heights, Cumberland; Mae Hite, Shady Grove, Union; Lissie Turnage, Heritage Baptist, Johnson City; Juanita Scott, Harris Memorial, Union; Sandy Gragg, Midfield, Union; Janet Rouse, Roan Street, Union; Evelyn Dunlap, Roan Street, Union; Mrs. Kirby, Victory, Central; Frances Otterman, Midfield, Union.

**Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Session
of the
Tennessee Women Active for Christ Convention**

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Women Active for Christ convened November 10, 1998, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee. The convention theme was "Living Sacrifices" with Romans 12: 1 as the scripture text. Fifty-seven were in attendance.

President Dawn Sweeney appointed the following committees and they were dismissed to meet:

Credentials: Anne Worthington

Registration: Myrtle Reeds

Finance: Barbara Nicholson

Resolutions: Laura Thigpen, Judy Castle, Arlene Farley, Katherine McDonald, Marjorie Workman

Rebecca Pugh opened the morning session by having the congregation sing "Take My Life." JoAnn Campbell accompanied on the piano.

Dawn welcomed everyone, read the theme scripture, and led in prayer. Betty Hardin responded by welcoming everyone on behalf of the host church.

Rebecca, Carman and Khristi Pugh sang "I Am Not Ashamed of The Gospel." The Limestone Women Active for Christ then presented the skit, "Is That A Tear In Your Eye?", written by Annette Aycock, missionary to Brazil.

Dawn called the convention to order. The first item of business was the Children's Home report given by Kevin Trimble. (See Children's Home report.)

The credentials committee's report was read by Anne Worthington. Motion, second and carried (MSC) to accept the report and seat the delegates. (See credentials report.) Anne also read the secretary's report. It was received as information. (See secretary's report.)

Barbara Nicholson gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Gladys Gragg. MSC to receive the report. (See treasurer's report.)

Marjorie Workman, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC), gave the WNAC report. (See WNAC report.)

Myrtle Reeds, Debbie Mitchell and Rebecca Pugh, in the absence of Betty Mutchler, gave the field workers' reports. (See Field Workers' reports.)

Reporting continued with the following reports: resolutions(Laura Thigpen), registration (Myrtle Reeds), and finance (Barbara Nicholson). The reports were received and voted on. (See reports.)

In final business a nominating committee was elected. (See nominating committee)

The delegate sign-up sheets for the WNAC convention in Atlanta were passed, and the business session recessed at 10:45 a.m. with the congregation singing, "God Is So Good."

The worship hour began at 11:00 a.m. with the congregation singing "Take My Life" led by Carman Pugh. Dawn welcomed everyone and called on Roger Pascal to pray. An offering was received.

Debbie Mitchell presented a slide presentation of Free Will Baptist women who have served both in the past and the present. The presentation titled "Living Sacrifices" focused on Tennessee women.

After the slide presentation, Dawn Sweeney read the following tributes to Marjorie Workman and Mary Ruth Wisehart, and presented them with flowers:

Marjorie Workman

Everything in life undergoes change. Dr. Wisehart has passed the torch on to Marjorie Workman. Marjorie is no stranger to us. She has held various offices in her women's groups. She served as president of TWAC. She served five years on the WNAC Executive Committee. Before that she worked in Sunday School, CTS, as a bookkeeper, church clerk and of course pastor's wife and a mother. She worked at FWBBC for 20 years as dean of women. Everything she has done up to this point has been in preparation for her new job as executive secretary/treasurer for WNAC. She is already approaching each new duty with courage and commitment.

She is a special lady. If you need to talk, she will stop all other tasks and focus on what you are saying. She has a certain level-headedness about her so that when you discuss a problem with her you go away feeling more confident because of the wisdom she shared with you.

Marjorie, we love you and will stand behind you. We will do our best on the state, district and local levels to make your job less difficult. We love you because of your dedication to God and because you have cared enough to pour your life into ours. You have a valiant heart and a firm trust in God. You have already accomplished much and you will continue to do so. We are proud to be identified with you and to have you as our leader.

Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart

Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart has served thirteen years as WNAC's executive secretary/treasurer. We praise God for giving us this precious servant of

God.

To her friends she is a caring and thoughtful person. As a teacher at FWBBC she gave herself to her students. She is a gifted writer, including several hymns. She is a professional, demonstrated in running the WNAC office, planning conventions and serving on the Historical Commission.

She inspires others. Note her words in the Co-Laborer. "I've seen what God can do through women when they depend on Him and follow His leadership. If God says do it, we can accomplish whatever, no matter how big the task. My last wish is that we would realize the potential that is ours through prayer and dependence on God. When the work seems too big, impossible, remember that we serve a great God who has promised to lead us, supply our needs and help us accomplish His work in our world."

We can look at Dr. Wisehart for she represents an image of one who we can dare to become. The more we have come to know of her, the more we have learned from her. We have found her generous, kind and gracious. She has earned our respect and admiration. She is elegant and poised, yet still open and warm.

Sometimes we have needed growth or development in our Christian walk, and without even knowing it, she has facilitated that growth and development.

We are very grateful that God has allowed us to live in the same time period as Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart. In following her leadership, in having her as a friend, we feel we have struck gold....indeed been richly blessed by God.

Dawn closed the service at 11:30 a.m. with a prayer of consecration.

TWAC Luncheon

One hundred men and women met in the First Free Will Baptist Church family life center to hear Trula Cronk, former missionary to India speak. Rebecca, Carman and Khristi Pugh presented special music. The luncheon was a first. During the luncheon Dawn read a tribute in memory of Gladys Haney.

TWAC Field Workers' Reports

Middle Tennessee - As field worker for Middle Tennessee, I have mailed letters to the churches in the Cumberland District and the Cookeville Church advising them of various happenings.

I have also served as field worker for the Cumberland District and as secretary and treasurer for my local group..

I attended the WNAC convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Cumberland District retreat at Hillmont Camp, and the meetings of my local WAC group.

Respectfully submitted, Myrtle Reeds, TWAC Field Worker

East Tennessee - I have served in the following capacities: TWAC Field Worker, Central Quarterly Conference Field Worker, and Union Association Field Worker. I attended one WNAC retreat at Ridgecrest, one executive committee meeting, presided over several meetings as local president, and have corresponded with other women throughout Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Mitchell, TWAC Field Worker

West Tennessee - Greetings from West Tennessee. We have three auxiliaries with 30 members.

We had a one day retreat for the spring meeting with Charity Van Winkle speaking. Our project was the Provision Closet. The fall meeting speaker was Robyn Osborn, home missionary to Memphis.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Mutchler, TWAC Field Worker

WNAC Report

Greetings from the WNAC national office. This is a time of transition for the staff and me. At the convention in Tulsa the delegates elected me as Executive Secretary/Treasurer of WNAC. I encourage you to pray for us that the transition will go smoothly.

1998 CONVENTION

We had a good convention in Tulsa. According to our reports we have 649 local groups with 6,929 members, and 13 Actionette groups with 112 members. We received requests in 1997 from 45 new and reorganizing groups, including four in Tennessee. Since the beginning of this year we have received requests for materials from 44 groups. Five were from Tennessee.

The delegates approved a resolution to give scholarships to three young men in Côte d'Ivoire. One is Pastor Silas. This will be the third year you have given to him. He will graduate in June.

A resolution to reaffirm our commitment to God's Word and to the teaching in Ephesians 5:22-23 was also approved. We went on record commending the Southern Baptist convention for affirming this position.

FINANCES

Financially WNAC is short in both the General Fund Offering and the Emphasis Offering. Here is what I believe is happening. The National Association started the Rest of the Family Offering to help out the ten agencies that do not have a special drive each year. Any offering that comes in to WNAC marked Rest of the Family has to go into that September offering to be divided among those ten agencies. This past year WNAC's portion of the Rest of the Family Offering was \$1,555.67. Hopefully this offering will grow and be adequate to replace WNAC's August Emphasis Offering. But until that time we need both.

I encourage you to give to the Endowment Fund. We now have over \$10,000 in the fund. A gift given in honor or in memory of a person goes into the Endowment Fund and the names are recorded in the book of remembrance. We use only the interest from this fund.

TENNESSEE CONTRIBUTIONS In 1997

General Fund	\$3,113.66
Emphasis Offering	1,411.08
Dues	4,790.00
Endowment Fund	145.00
Rest of the Family	463.96
The Together Way	337.52
Foreign Student Scholarship	796.08
Provision Closet	678.00
Foreign Missions	15,914.11
Home Missions	7,621.49
Mission Objectives	1,349.64
Student Loan	128.36
Colleges	968.86
Total Giving	\$37,717.76

Tennessee was second in giving to the Emphasis Offering, the General Fund Offering and in total giving to WNAC.

We now have in the Free Will Baptist Bible College organ fund \$5,227.77. This fund was established to honor Dr. Mary Wisehart who served 29 years on the faculty. WNAC bought the first organ for the college in 1957.

CREATIVE ARTS

Darla Trimble from Greeneville won fourth place in the articles category of the Creative Arts Contest. Send in your entries by March 1.

ANSWERED PRAYER

Co-Laborer subscriptions increased. A mailing service that will mail the magazine for \$480 per issue. Dr. Wisehart's book, *Beyond the Gate*, was published in time for the national convention. It is available at the WNAC office for \$19.95.

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES

WNAC hasn't raised the price on *Co-Laborer* magazine in three years. Beginning with the 1999 January/February issue, the cost of the magazine will be \$8.75 for single subscriptions and \$8.00 for five or more sent to the same address.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WNAC's Western retreat is scheduled for Glorieta, New Mexico, September 24-26, 1999. The 1999 convention meets in Atlanta, Georgia, July 19-20.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Workman, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Children's Home Report

Mr. Thomas McMinn, our new licensed professional counselor has worked to obtain our state license for our outpatient mental health clinic. Mr. McMinn was absolutely sent to us by God and is doing a wonderful job with our children and their families.

This summer we purchased a beautiful new home in our community which houses eight additional girls. On our campus a new boy's emergency shelter is almost complete in order to minister, on a short-term basis, to boys in transition to other facilities. Our board recently approved buying an already licensed home called, Fairhaven Ranch, which will also minister to eight more children. Also approved by the board is our venture into Virginia where an emergency shelter was donated and is now being remodeled. As you can see we are following in every direction where God is opening the doors.

We are doing well financially, but in order to accommodate all God is doing we would love to see each Free Will Baptist Church help us by giving \$100-\$200 monthly. Thank you for your gifts and mainly for your many prayers. God is truly good and He will give you more than even your heart's desire.

Sincerely, I Am, Dr. James Kilgore, Executive Director

TWAC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee submits the following report:

1. Reports received from 3 district and 1 local auxiliary(ies) have been examined and found to be in order, and it is recommended that their delegates be seated. These are **Cookeville local auxiliary, Cumberland District, Union District and West Tennessee District.**
2. It is also recommended that delegates who register properly from any local church affiliated with the various bodies of the TWAC be seated.
3. It is further recommended that this report be adopted, and that all registered auxiliary delegates, along with the district officers, local presidents and officers of this body, be seated as the voting body of this convention.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Worthington, Recording Secretary

Secretary's Report

Thirty-seven auxiliaries reported with an enrollment at the beginning of the year of 508. The present enrollment is 459. This number reflects those paying dues.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Worthington, Recording Secretary

Registration Committee

We, your Registration Committee, wish to make the following report:

State Officers	6
District Officers	6
National Officers	1
Local Presidents	2
Ministers	1
Missionaries	0
Visitors	25
District Delegates	14
Local Delegates	2
Total Registered	57

Respectfully submitted,
Myrtle Reeds

Resolutions Committee

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to recommend the following:

1. PLAN OF WORK

January	Enlistment & Support
February	Foreign Student Scholarship Fund
March	State Project (see below)
*April	Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter Offering)
May	Memphis Home Missions Project (Tim Osborn)
June	Local Projects (FWB Family Ministries Crisis Pregnancy Center (423/638-LIFE)
July	Provision Closet
August	WNAC Emphasis
*September	Rest of Family Offering (Executive Office/WNAC/Master's Men/Retirement & Insurance/Commissions/NYC)
October	Tennessee State Promotional Office
*November	National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering)
*December	Free Will Baptist Bible College (Paul Kettelman Offering)
* Incorporates The Together Way Plan adopted by the National Association	

2. We recommend that the 1998-99 state project be as follows: to set a goal of \$3,600 toward an organ for Free Will Baptist Bible College

in honor of Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart.

3. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation and thanks to the following:
 - To the host church, pastor and staff for making the arrangements for our delicious luncheon.
 - To the luncheon speaker, Trula Cronk, former missionary to India.
 - To each officer and those who had a part on the program, especially the musical and dramatic presentations.
 - To Debbie Mitchell, the coordinator of the slide presentation, "Living Sacrifices."
4. Be it resolved that the secretary and treasurer be paid \$100 each for the clerical work involved in these offices.
5. Be it resolved that the Tennessee Women Active for Christ send the following recommendations to the Women Nationally Active for Christ:
 - We recommend that the Foreign Student Scholarship Fund be named the Cleo Pursell Foreign Student Scholarship Fund in honor of the founder.
 - We recommend that the Memorial Student Loan Fund be named the Mary Ruth Wisehart Student Loan Fund in honor of her many educational achievements.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Thigpen
Judy Castle
Arlene Farley
Katherine McDonald
Marjorie Workman

Finance Committee

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

1. We have examined the treasurer's report, which shows a balance as of November 6, 1998, to be \$1,335.19.
2. Within 90 days following the adjournment of the session, 125 copies of the 1998 minutes are to be printed and distributed according to the district membership, and that one copy per district and state convention officer be mailed to her.
3. That \$400 be given to the convention speaker Trula Cronk.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nicholson

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 10, 1997- November 6, 1998

Balance forwarded November 10,1997

\$2,282.22

STATE RECEIPTS

Banquet Tickets/ State Meeting	1,060.00
Offering - State Meeting	494.00
TWAC 1997-1998 Dues	121.00
Randall House retreat tables reimbursement	100.00
State Minutes	24.00
General Fund	213.00

DISTRICT RECEIPTS

32,512.92

Cookeville Local	510.00
Cumberland	18,788.00
Union	11,467.19
West Tennessee	1,757.73

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$34,524.92

TOTAL ASSETS

\$36,807.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Honorariums	200.00
State Meeting Speakers (Eddie Payne/Pat Franks	2,000.00
Banquet Meal/State Meeting	880.00
Mileage (Executive Committee)	482.50
Minutes Printing and Mailing	228.29
Telephone Calls	11.42
Total WNAC Office	9,875.96

Dues 1997/98 (459 @\$10.00 each)

4,590.00

CoLaborer 1,617.86

Emphasis Month Offering 1,862.57

Foreign Student Scholarship 785.56

Rest of The Family Offering 410.87

Provision Closet 329.10

Endowment 150.00

MK Ministry 50.00

YWAC 80.00

Memorial Student Loan 197.86

Foreign Missions 12,213.50

General 505.00

Laura B. Barnard Offering 1,510.88

Missionary Accounts 10,197.62

Home Missions 5,510.47

General 340.00

Lizzie McAdams Offering 1,990.45

Missionary Accounts 3,180.02

FWBBC		1,119.49
General	503.82	
Library	175.00	
Paul Kettelman Offering	440.67	
FWB Family Ministries		2,380.58
Cumberland Youth Camp		371.88
Total Disbursements		<u>\$35,471.95</u>
Balance as of 11/6/98		<u>\$1,335.19</u>

- Our project this year was \$1,200 each to Tim Osborn, Family Ministries and the National Office indebtedness. We exceeded the goal for Tim Osborn with \$1,325.78 and Family Ministries with \$1,220.04. The National Office indebtedness received \$946.16. We still need to raise \$253.84 to reach this goal.
- \$352.50 has been received from districts for Dr. Wisehart's retirement.
- \$21,684.24 was reported from districts as non cash gifts or gifts sent direct.

Note: The \$1,325.78 for Tim Osborn is reflected in Home Missions disbursements.

The \$1,220.04 for Family Ministries is reflected in their disbursements.

The \$946.16 for the National Offices indebtedness has not been disbursed. Will disburse when the goal is reached.

Respectfully submitted, Gladys Gragg, Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

West Tennessee - Mary Walkley, chairman

Cumberland - Elizabeth Hodges

Cookeville - Regina Harris

Union - Merle Archer

Union - Carla Fannin

1999 TENNESSEE DELEGATES

To The

WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION

Atlanta, Georgia

July 20, 1999

Cumberland

Laura Thigpen

Barbara Nicholson

Ruthann Hall

Mary Ruth Wisehart

Union

Betty Hall

Roberta Estepp

Arlene Farley

Fay Bernard

Mae Hite

Darla Trimble

West

Rebecca Pugh

Nancy Lewis
Jane Bailey
Edna Dyer
Helen Lusk
Mrs. Kirby

Rebecca Pugh will appoint someone to serve on the WNAC Nominating Committee.

TWAC Nominating Committee Guidelines

General Provisions for the Committee

Members of the nominating committee are elected by the state convention to serve one year. (The nominating committee shall be composed of members who are delegates nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting.)

The president of the Convention will serve as an ex-officio member of the nominating committee. The committee must meet and send a proposed slate of officers to the TWAC president by September 30.

General Considerations for Presenting Names to the Committee

In addition to the qualifications and duties listed in the Constitution for TWAC officers, the nominating committee members should consider the following:

Consider as many different areas of the state as possible in electing officers. Of course it is impossible for every local auxiliary to be represented by a state officer, but sections of the state should be considered. Consider the person's qualifications and participation in Woman's Auxiliary.

As a name is presented to the committee for nomination, a list of qualifications and participation in local, district, and state auxiliary work should be presented.

Particular Considerations for Selecting Officers

The nominating committee should consider the following when approving nominees for the slate of officers.

Any person nominated for a state office should be:

1. Active in local and district auxiliary work.
2. Willing and able to attend district and state conventions, executive committee meetings, and workshops and retreats.
3. Able to communicate effectively.
4. Prepared to plan, evaluate and interpret the TWAC program to others.
5. Poised, able to accept criticism, utilize it and keep on working.
6. Flexible, willing to change, grow and improve.
7. Tolerant, respecting the opinions of others and being aware of the diversity among us.

CONSTITUTION TENNESSEE WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Preamble

Believing that a bond of union and fellowship among Free Will Baptist Women of Tennessee will achieve greater success in all their efforts which are put forth in the various districts throughout the state, through a state organization, thus further combining our auxiliary work with a view to unity of purpose in promoting more effectively the cause of Christ along all lines of Christian Women's endeavors, we do organize and adopt the following constitution for our better government.

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as Tennessee Women Active for Christ.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each district convention together for fellowship, sharing information, transacting business pertaining to the promotion of mission work in general, and encouraging one another in the work of the Lord.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention together with district officers, ten district delegates (duly accredited by the credentials committee), local auxiliaries representing without a district, and local presidents. Two additional delegates from each local auxiliary may be qualified to vote by paying a registration fee of \$1.00 each. Local auxiliaries without districts may have two delegates plus the president.

Section 2: Local Woman's Auxiliaries representing directly to this body shall send ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per member for membership and convention representation fee.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1: The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three (3) field workers (one each from East, Middle and West Tennessee). These shall serve on the state executive committee together with three members elected by the convention as desired. Five of these shall compose a quorum.

Section 2: All officers and duly accredited delegates shall be members in good standing of a Free Will Baptist church and active members of a local woman's auxiliary.

Article V - Meetings

The annual meeting shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous annual meeting or by the executive committee.

Article VI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of members present.

BY-LAWS

Article I - Duties of Officers

Section 1: President - The president shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary, be ex-officio member of all committees, serve as chairman of the executive committee, see that reports are made promptly to the national secretary and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2: Vice President - The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president or by her request and otherwise assist her in the oversight of the work in general.

Section 3: Secretary - The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings, preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office, and make an annual report to the national secretary on a form available from the WNAC office. She shall compile the districts' slates of officers and addresses immediately after the convention. She shall also send a slate of state officers and addresses to the national executive secretary. She shall also serve as historian keeping an historical record and submitting historical information to the national executive secretary annually.

Section 4: Treasurer - The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay out same only when authorized by the convention. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each annual meeting of the convention. She shall also send an annual report to the WNAC executive secretary-treasurer at least ten days before the end of the fiscal year. She shall encourage support of missions through the WNAC Gifts Plan, individual giving and special offerings. The convention year shall terminate and all books of the treasurer be closed October 30.

Section 5: Field Worker - The field worker shall have charge of all field work pertaining to, or necessary to, the promotion of the work of the convention and keep the national program before the district officers.

Article II - Elections

The general officers shall serve a term of two years, shall be nominated by a nominating committee and shall be elected by acclamation, unless there are other nominations. In case of more than one nominee for any particular office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the convention.

Article III - Expenses

An appropriation toward the expenses, postage and stationery for officers may be decided upon by the convention. All field promotional work is subject to the state executive committee, who should approve all work done by state officers in the interest of state work, as well as expense of the same.

Article IV - Committees

Section 1: Executive Committee - The executive committee shall be composed of the five officers and three members elected by the convention. Five of these shall compose a quorum. They shall hold meetings for the transaction of business as often as necessary. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to maintain an oversight of the work at large. They shall act for the convention when necessary. They shall prepare the program for the regular meeting of the convention.

Section 2: Resolutions Committee - A resolutions committee of five members shall be appointed by the president as needed.

Section 3: Nominating Committee - The nominating committee shall be composed of at least one member from each district convention, to be nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting.

Section 4: Credentials Committee - The secretary shall be chairman of the credentials committee, and other members may be appointed by the president.

Section 5: Finance Committee - The finance committee shall be appointed by the president. This committee audits the financial records of the year and reports on same to the convention.

Section 6: Registration Committee - Members as needed may be appointed by the president to serve on this committee. This committee registers those in attendance as the convention may desire.

Article V - Fees and Reports

Section 1: Ten dollars and twenty-five cents (\$10.25) per active member shall be paid yearly to the Tennessee Women Active for Christ for membership and convention representation. An additional one dollar (\$1.00) from each local auxiliary shall be paid for TWAC minutes.

Section 2: Local auxiliaries, in sections of the state where there is no district convention, shall send ten dollars and twenty-five cents (\$10.25) to the Tennessee Women Active for Christ for membership and convention representation.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of each body directly affiliated with the Tennessee Women Active for Christ to send a report to the state secretary by October 30.

Article VI - Gifts

The desired plans for giving in the Woman's Auxiliary are mission offerings following each special season of prayer, *CoLaborer* offerings, gifts to WNAC general fund, the Memorial Student Loan Fund and other gifts designated by the Convention.

Article VII - Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting of the State Auxiliary Convention.

