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Mrs. Colvis announced board members who would work together as co-chairmen in the matter of bringing items before the board and attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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He made five points on the credit side. 1. It will bring a unified trial court system; a great simplification over the present system of courts which is unnecessarily complex and expensive. 2. It will abolish the fee system and "cuspidor justice". Now the JPs and magistrates operate without supervision and are paid fees from cases they try. The plaintiff brings the JP the business, the loser pays the fee in civil cases. This system is a denial of due process. 3. It will improve the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. 4. It will simplify the taking of appeals. and 5. There will be central administration.

The objections to the amendment are 1. Any change encounters opposition. The article will be jeopardized more by indifference than opposition. 2. Some people will lose their business, the JPs eventually and some judges. 3. The idealists wanted this to be perfect and are disappointed because it does not have a plan for selection and tenure of judges and it violates the traditional separation of powers.

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 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 AS OF 9/4/58

Cash on Hand as of April 1, 1958		\$1,472.38
Dues	\$470.00	
Member Contributions	<u>13.50</u>	
Total Receipts	\$483.50	<u>483.50</u>
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		1,955.88

Expenditures

Equipment & Supplies	13.31	
Postage (Not Bulletin)	25.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	1.25	
President's Expense	50.00	
Convention Expense	175.00	
Meeting Expense	13.03	
State & National Publications		
Expenditures	6.05	
Receipts	<u>- 4.35</u>	1.70
Local Publications	7.20	
Bulletin	42.95	
Action		
State & National Pledge	<u>300.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>629.44</u>
NET CASH ON HAND		1,326.44
LESS RESERVE FOR BOOKLET		<u>1,000.00</u>
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