



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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We, the undersigned, for the purpose of organizing a corporation under and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7892-7900, inclusive of Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927 and all acts supplemental thereto and amendatory thereof, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

Section a. The name of the corporation shall be MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Section b. The general purpose of the corporation shall be the education of women in matters of government.

Section b. line 1 Strike everything after the word "be" and substitute the words "to promote the education and participation of citizens in matters of government."

Section c. The plan of operation of the corporation shall be the promotion of such education principally by and under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Section c. line 2 Strike the words after the word "education" and before the word "under" and substitute the words "and participation."

Section d. The location of the corporation shall be in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota

ARTICLE II

Section a. Membership in the corporation and membership in local leagues shall be limited to women who are residents of the State of Minnesota and over twenty (20) years of age.

Membership in a local league shall constitute membership in this corporation.

A member of the corporation who is not a member of a local league shall be known as a member at large.

Section b. Members at large shall pay dues to the corporation in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time but in no event shall the dues payable by a member at large be less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) in any one year.

Members of a local league shall pay dues to the local league in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined by the governing body of the local league and the local league, as such, shall pay dues to the corporation in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, but in no event shall the dues be less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) in any one year.

Failure of a member at large to pay the dues so determined by the Board of Directors, shall be cause for termination of her membership in the corporation. Failure of a local league to pay the dues prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time shall be cause for termination of the existence of the local league. The termination of the existence of a local league shall operate to terminate a membership in this corporation of all members of the local league.

Section b. line 8 Strike all the paragraph after the first "league" and substitute the following: "but in no event shall the dues be less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) in any one year, and the local league, as such, shall pay dues to the corporation in such amounts and at such times as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors."

### ARTICLE III

Section a. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

Section b. No part of the income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

### ARTICLE IV

Section a. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the first Tuesday of September in each year at the office of the corporation or at such other time and place as the meeting may be duly adjourned

to, and the first annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in September, 1938.

All members are entitled to attend the annual meeting of the corporation but only officers and directors of the corporation, the presidents and delegates from local leagues, and members at large shall be entitled to vote at such meetings.

Section b. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, three Vice-presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other and assistant officers as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section b. line 2 Omit after "President" and before "Vice-presidents" the word "three" and substitute the word "two."

The names and addresses of the officers who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the corporation and until their successors are elected and duly qualified are as follows:

President . . . . .	Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, St. Cloud
First Vice-president . . . . .	Mrs. Helen R. Newhart, Minneapolis
Second Vice-president . . . . .	Mrs. Mabel S. Denny, Minneapolis
Third Vice-president . . . . .	Mrs. Harington Beard, Minneapolis
Secretary . . . . .	Mrs. J. Douglas Winter, Mound
Treasurer . . . . .	Mrs. H. M. Temple, Jr., St. Paul

Section c. Officers of the corporation shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. Their term of office shall be two(2) years. The President and two Vice-presidents shall be elected at the annual meeting held in the odd-numbered years and one Vice-president and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting in the even-numbered years, except that the President and two of the Vice-presidents elected at the annual meeting in 1938 shall hold office for one year only.

Section c. line 3. After the word "and" and before the word "Vice-presidents" strike the word "two" and substitute "one"



Section d. The transactions of the corporation until the first annual meeting of the corporation and thereafter shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, whose number shall be not less than seven (7) nor more than forty (40). Their term of office, except as herein otherwise specified, shall be two years.

Section d. Omit the first 3 lines and substitute "the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) members."

Section 8. The directors shall consist of the officers of the corporation, the chairman of each congressional district in the State, such department chairman as shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in said By-laws, such special advisers as shall be appointed by the officers, and six other members, who shall be known as directors-at-large, as shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. One-half of the directors at large and one-half of the congressional district chairmen shall be elected at the annual meeting held in the odd-numbered years, and one-half thereof shall be elected at the annual meeting in the even-numbered years. In the event of an odd-number of congressional district chairmen, the bare majority thereof shall be elected in the even-numbered years, and the remainder shall be elected in the odd-numbered years.

Section e. Omit after line 1, all of the section through line 11 and substitute "and such special advisers as shall be appointed by the Board and ten(10) other members who shall be known as Directors at large and who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. One-half of the Directors at large shall be elected at the annual meeting held in the odd-numbered years, and one-half shall be elected at the annual meeting in the even-numbered years."

The terms of directors, other than the officers, the congressional district chairmen and the directors at large, shall be for one year.

Section e. line 13 Omit after the word "officers" and before the word "and!"

The names and addresses of all of the directors of the corporation who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the corporation and until their successors are elected and duly qualified, are as follows:

#### Officers

Miss Ruth H Mitchell, St. Cloud  
Mrs. Helen R Newhart, Minneapolis  
Mrs. Mabel S. Denny, Minneapolis  
Mrs. J. Douglas Winter, Mound  
Mrs. H. M. Temple, Jr., St. Paul

#### Directors

Dr. Ruth E. Boynton, Minneapolis  
Mrs. L G Selover, Winona  
Mrs. R H Frost, Wabasha  
Mrs. E. C Stakman, St. Paul  
Mrs. Gordon B New, Rochester  
Mrs. W S Clay, Hutchinson

#### Congressional District Chairmen

Mrs. J G Havens, Austin  
Mrs. B W Musser, Wells  
Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Columbia Heights  
Mrs. Mahlon C Bundy, St. Paul  
Mrs. W. B. Richards, St. Cloud  
Mrs. Harold G. Cant, Minneapolis  
Mrs. E. C. Congdon, Duluth  
Mrs. J. L. Townley, Jr., Fergus Falls

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Mrs. I M Nelson, Gaylord  
Mrs. Thomas Wright, Fergus Falls  
Mrs. H. G. Zavoral, St. Paul  
Mrs. Miles H. McNally, Minneapolis  
Mrs. Charlotte Farrish Luwe, Mankato  
Mrs. F. G. Jewett, Minneapolis

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