



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 16, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Diefenbach, Faucett, Henricksson, Hutchens, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, Murray, Nash, Rothnem.
Board members absent: Mrs. Watson.
Staff members present: Mmes. Thompson, Williams.

BOARD APPOINTMENT: Mrs. Whiting announced the appointment of Mrs. Earl Colborn, 5309 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis 19, Minn. to the Board of Directors as Constitutional Item Chairman.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Mrs. Colborn to the state Board.
Mover: Rothnem Second: Henricksson Carried.

MINUTES: MOTION: That we dispense with the reading of the Nov. 21 minutes.
Mover: Diefenbach Second: Faucett Carried.

Corrections: page 2, paragraph 3, change date to Dec. 3 and omit the name of Mrs. Johnson in line 1 and change line 2 to read: Mrs. Duff plans to join Mmes. Whiting and Murray, etc.
page 3, paragraph 2 under LEGISLATIVE, sentence 2 change to read: Official statements made by lobbyists are cleared with the President and/or an Executive Committee.
page 3, middle of page: The 1964 Legislative Workshops will stress State Program.
page 4, paragraph 1, Indians in Minnesota, material from the 2/27/63 Discrimination Workshop will be re-run.

MOTION: To accept minutes as corrected. Carried by common consent.

MOTION: That we dispense with the reading of the Dec. 5 minutes.
Mover: Letourneau Second: Rothnem Carried.

Corrections: page 1, under committees - non-Board, sentence 1, change to: This item covers the expenses of bringing together League committees on a state level - all Board committees except organization.
page 2, PUBLIC RELATIONS, line 2, preparing tapes for, etc.
page 3, paragraph 3, PUBLICATIONS, sentence 2, The \$100 discrepancy is not accounted for by give-away publications but by the many mimeographed sheets sent to local Leagues for which no charge is made.
page 5, FIELD SERVICE, sentence 2 add: and sent on to National.
page 6, STATE COUNCIL, change dates to May 20, 21.
page 6, STATE COUNCIL, Hope Washburn Award, change to: Mrs. Janski suggested that all Hope Washburn winners be honored.

MOTION: Adopt the minutes as corrected. Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/63	\$ 5,066.40
Receipts 4/1/63 to 12/31/63	\$23,483.39
Expenditures 4/1/63 to 12/31/63	\$22,232.29
Balance on hand 12/31/63	\$ 6,317.50

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The Board discussed refunds for reservations for Leagues unable to attend the Foreign Aid Conference because of the weather. Some money will be refunded, but there will be no definite policy covering this since each meeting will be judged according to conditions at the time.

REVISION OF AGENDA: We will postpone discussion of the purpose and principles of the League since Mrs. Watson is not present. Mmes. Johnson and Letourneau asked for 5 minutes.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: The local Leagues have received material for budget-making and we must help them with their budgets. Mrs. Whiting congratulated the Board on the job they did on the December Board Memo. We can't let it go there. Mrs. Faucett has already started following up with her Leagues. Between now and annual meetings, we have to do some work getting them to accept their pledges.

There has been a problem on the state level with the Women's Steering Committee on Civil Rights since the LWV does not think this group should be an action group.

Mrs. Whiting wrote to President Johnson in response to the Call for Action on the labelling of imports.

A call was received from Mr. Range of Coon Rapids who heard the KTCA TV program on history and organization of political parties. Mrs. Nash will write in response to his suggestions.

Mrs. Whiting announced that Mrs. Murray will now serve as Legislative Chairman, following Mrs. Duff's resignation. This was approved by the Board.

Mmes. Whiting, Johnson and Murray met with Mr. Herb Johnson and Mr. Robert Forsythe of the GOP.

Coming Meetings: Jan. 30 CMAL
Jan. 21 Talent search for Expanding Leadership in Minn. LWV.
Feb. 7 Water Pollution Control Hearing at Capitol.

Election of 2nd Vice President: Mrs. Murray was nominated and a motion to close nominations was passed. Mrs. Murray was unanimously elected. Mrs. Whiting pointed out that no precedent is being established by electing another Legislative Chairman as 2nd Vice President.

Think about 3 delegates to National Convention to be chosen at the Feb. Board meeting.

The local Leagues are now filling out their Annual Reports for national plus another sheet on membership, publications and discussion techniques. The state Board also sends in an Annual Report. Each member was given her section to fill in and return to Mrs. Whiting.

Nine letters have been received from local Leagues on single-list program question. Of these, six approved (Minnetonka, Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, Golden Valley, White Bear and Deephaven), and three disapproved (Anoka, Bloomington and Buffalo). Mrs. Whiting will report this in Board Memo and will urge other local Leagues to send letters stating their decisions.

Now that the Board is well organized, be sure to recruit and use committee members wisely and look ahead to future leadership.

Mrs. Whiting reported on the long-range program planning meeting Jan. 7 with Mmes. Janski, Johnson, Murray, Nash and Watson. At that time, names were suggested for

the Governor's Committees on Constitutional Revision and Reorganization. Problems outlined were: priorities, program promotion and public relations, party caucuses, legislative activity, lobbying, use of the Voter and calendar planning.

MOTION: To follow legislation on entire state program and give priority to promotion of our position on party designation and to the election law relating to new state residents voting for president and vice president.

Mover: Diefenbach

Second: Rothnem

Carried.

Program promotion and public relations are primarily descriptive terms for budgetary purposes. Program promotion applies to general functioning of League program outside the League, and public relations is activity other than program promotion outside the League.

Party caucuses: Republican Feb. 3 - 10
DFL Mar. 3

There has been some action to broaden coverage of the housing bill - to hold up the sale of property under question until an investigation is made.

Board committees should be used to pull together a proper consensus. It should not be just the chairman.

Board Memo will be the campaign vehicle for getting information to the local Boards on program priority and action. Six workshops for Council were suggested. They are Indians, Constitution, Voters Service, Speakers Bureau, Working with Other Organizations, and use of Mass Media. How to talk to legislators and the use of visual aids were also suggested.

People are being recruited to lobby in these areas: party designation, president and vice president election law, discrimination, lobby regulation, conflict of interest, home rule, Indians and reapportionment.

Mrs. Murray reported on meetings with Messrs. Farr and Forsythe concerning party designation. Information will be given to county chairmen with the help of the Republican party. Indications are that party designation has a chance to pass in the next legislative session.

STATE CRS: Mrs. Johnson asked for more discussion on the material for the State Continuing Responsibilities. She suggested instead of separate issues a Voter type publication to up-date the CRS.

MOTION: To print a special issue, 6 pages, of the Voter to up-date all members on the CRS.

Mover: Faucett

Second: Rothnem

Carried.

The recommendation was made to order 8,000.

MOTION: To order 500 copies of "Digest of Minnesota Election Laws."

Mover: Johnson

Second: Diefenbach

Carried.

FIELD SERVICE: The Consultants List has been revised and will be sent out soon. Consultants were urged to find out the thinking of the local Leagues. The consultant program is meant to be an educational process for both state Board members and the local Leagues. Consultant duties will be listed for future reference. Please read the local minutes and bulletins. The four Leagues in Minnesota who need help the most will be helped immediately. Consultants can help get the adopt a League program going again.

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Off-Board Organization Committee: Mmes. Darryl Walker, William Olson and Herbert Wright.

Mrs. Rothnem suggested a leadership workshop early in June which would train the new local League Boards.

MOTION: To hold three Board training workshops on June 9, 10, 11.

Mover: Rothnem

Second: Letourneau

Carried.

St. Anthony is having difficulty with a member who, using the League name, is speaking in opposition to positions reached by the St. Anthony League. Mmes. Rothnem and Johnson will attend a meeting with the St. Anthony Board and the member in question, at her request.

STATE COUNCIL: Mrs. Janski announced that Mrs. Phillips will speak at the Hope Washburn Award Banquet. A speaker on Indians is tentatively planned for the luncheon on May 21. Instead of state Board members reporting on the National Convention, local League delegates may do this. From the workshops in the afternoon, the Board hopes to get direction for carrying out program. If the National Program structure is changed, we will need much direction. Recorders of the sessions will report on the last morning to summarize general points of agreement. Continue to give your ideas to Mrs. Janski.

TACONITE: Dr. Eugene Pfleider, Professor of Mineral Engineering at the U. of M., and Mr. D. D. Wozniak, State Legislator, commended the League on the Taconite Amendment material. Our book is being used by the Citizens Committee for the Taconite Amendment. Passage of this amendment would be a symbol of improved climate for industry in Minnesota. The League has proved that it can be of valuable help in passing amendments and supporters of this amendment also want our help. Board members should make no predictions or comments at this time. We have no constitutional position on CA or CR to prevent the study of the restriction of legislative power in the Constitution.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues wonder about presenting two radio programs on the Taconite Amendment, pro and con, in their regular KUOM schedule. Mrs. Colborn will inform them that if they cannot find a better use for the time, they may present these programs on the Taconite Amendment.

PUBLICATIONS: 500 copies of "The State You're In" have been given to the document section of the State Capitol.

A new state publications catalog is ready for publication.

MOTION: To print 2,000 publication catalogs.

Mover: Diefenbach

Second: Janski

Carried.

MOTION: To order 2,000 copies of "Proposed Amendments to the Minnesota Constitution 1964".

Mover: Diefenbach

Second: Colborn

Carried.

MOTION: To order 500 copies of "Capitol Letter on Indian Affairs".

Mover: Diefenbach

Second: Johnson

Carried.

Purchase of a tape recorder has been approved, and the Board discussed type, size, price, etc. Mrs. Johnson will find out about buying a small one at discount.

The talent hunt day for expanding leadership will be Jan. 21 at 10:30. The Board members attending will explain needs for help and will informally find out the interests of volunteers. An interest questionnaire will be used. We may be able

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to get extra office help during the legislative session and help with arrangements and displays for State Council.

VOTER: Deadline for March-April issue will be before March 1. It will include the State Council Program and a push for party designation and the election law for president and vice president.

The Hope Washburn Award information will be included in the Board Memo.

FINANCE: *Consultants, contact Leagues for budget-making. Give suggestions for publications, expense account for officers, committees, accruals. Use the December Board Memo for resource material.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: Evaluation of reports of consensus on United Nations and Foreign Economic Policy will be printed in the Voter.

The Board discussed when to have another discussion meeting on Foreign Aid.

MOTION: That we hold in abeyance any decision on a second Foreign Aid meeting until the February Board meeting.

Mover: Letourneau

Second: Lundquist

Carried.

There was no decision on using the Congressional Roll Call at this time.

The next meeting of the state Board will be February 20, 1964.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
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February 20, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:00 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Diefenbach, Faucett, Henricksson, Hutchens, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, McCoy, Murray, Nash, Rothnem, Watson.

National Board member present: Miss Stuhler.

Staff members present: Mmes. Thompson, Williams.

BOARD APPOINTMENT: Mrs. Whiting announced the appointment of Mrs. Charles McCoy, Granite Falls, Minnesota, to the Board of Directors as Voters Service Chairman.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Mrs. McCoy to the state Board.

Mover: Nash

Second: Rothnem

Carried.

MINUTES: MOTION: That we dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mover: Hutchens

Second: Murray

Carried.

Corrections: page 3, change paragraph 3 beginning Program Promotion to read: Public Relations includes the usual public relations functions of a "combination of human relations and publicity" as well as program promotion. For budgetary purposes, program promotion applies to general functioning of League program outside the League and public relations is activity other than program promotion outside the League.

page 4, Heading: Taconite, delete sentence beginning with Passage and ending with Minnesota. Revise last sentence to read: We have no constitutional position on CA or CR to oppose restricting the legislature's power of taxation.

MOTION: To adopt the minutes as corrected. Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/63	\$ 5,066.40
Receipts 4/1/63 to 1/31/64	\$26,959.33
Expenditures 4/1/63 to 1/31/64	\$24,957.76
Balance on hand 1/31/64	\$ 7,067.97

Mrs. Faucett announced that the direct contributions from Mmes. Duff, Headley, Congdon and Meighan have been received, and our national pledge is paid in full.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Representatives from the Hibbing League have asked to talk to the state Board at 11:00 a.m. to propose an every member question and answer sheet on the taconite amendment. Mrs. Letourneau was allowed time for National program discussion.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Williams.

MOTION: To accept Mrs. Williams' resignation with regret.

Mover: Janski

Second: Faucett

Carried.

The office management committee will consider a replacement for Mrs. Williams.

The Jan. 21 Talent Hunt was poorly attended, but the Board members and guests had a good time! An interest inventory sheet has been printed. The Secretary will arrange a filing system for this information which will be kept in the state office.

WATER POLLUTION Mmes. Whiting, Mann and Storlie attended this meeting at the Capitol.
CONFERENCE: We will receive verbatim and summary reports. Time for Action on
Water Research Centers will be handled by Mrs. Grady Mann.

Governor Rolvaag requested that Mrs. Whiting attend a meeting in connection with Crime and Delinquency Prevention Week. She represented the Minnesota League.

A letter from the Roseville League asking about the direction of the Indian study was read and given to Mrs. Watson to answer.

*Annual reports must be in soon. Consultants are to write a card to their Leagues requesting their membership lists and annual reports be in the state office by March 1. Board members are to have their annual reports to Mrs. Whiting by March 15.

Mmes. Whiting, Colborn and Janski made a visit to the Deephaven Board meeting. This was a follow-up to a meeting with Deephaven president which had been the result of her letter stating that the Deephaven League felt that state program material was biased.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES: MOTION: To send Mmes. Whiting and Letourneau to the national convention in Pittsburgh.
Mover: Watson Second: Diefenbach Carried.

MOTION: To cast a unanimous ballot for these two delegates.
Mover: Janski Second: Colborn Carried.

The Board voted by secret ballot for the third delegate. Mrs. Harold Watson was elected.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Diefenbach suggested that You Are the Government might be given to all new members. After discussion, the Board decided to send copies after March 1 to local Leagues to be included in new member kits.

A Sony #125 tape recorder has been purchased and is being used today to record parts of our meeting.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. McCoy had designed three samples of a voters service flyer which were shown to the Board. She estimated that we would have to order 60,000 in order to get them for 1¢ apiece. We would try to sell as many as possible to industrial companies, employees associations, Chambers of Commerce, etc. Mrs. McCoy, with the help of Mrs. Diefenbach, will get more information for us.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Nash has sent 450 packets of amendment material, mainly to press and radio in non-League areas. Approximately \$200 remains in the PR account which could be used to defray part of the expense of printing and distribution of the voters service flyer.

MOTION: To use the PR surplus funds for the voters service flyers.
Mover: Letourneau Second: Watson Carried.

HUMAN RELATIONS Organizations have been asked to set up booths in order to explain
INFORMATION DAY: themselves to students on March 3 from 2:30 to 5:00 at Coffman
Union. Pamphlets and brochures may be given away.

MOTION: To participate in the human relations information day.
Mover: Janski Second: Johnson Carried.

Mmes. Nash and Diefenbach will be in charge.

LOCAL: Mrs. Hutchens attended a pre-program-making session for CMAL at Hamline University on Jan. 30. After a general session, the group broke up for buzz sessions to discuss program-making on the metropolitan level. Mrs. Hutchens felt that this was successful.

HIBBING DELEGATION: Before Mrs. Lionel Birkeland and Mrs. Marion Smith joined the meeting, Mrs. Whiting gave us background information on the relationship between AAUW and LWV members in Hibbing and some history of the government and Leagues on the iron range. Mrs. Whiting was called by Hibbing to request permission to send out supplementary material on the taconite amendment. Mrs. Whiting called Mrs. Colborn and they decided that the representatives should come to the Board meeting today. The representatives from Hibbing praised the publication on taconite but thought they could add knowledge to this complex amendment by a question and answer sheet that they had written. Copies were given to the Board members.

Discussion followed and a policy statement was formulated: If a local League has additional information regarding a state program item that it thinks should reach the entire membership of the League of Women Voters, it may submit this additional material to the state resource committee who will evaluate the material and make recommendations to the state Board for follow-up.

Most of this portion of the state Board meeting is on tape.

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS: The steering committee is made up of representatives of member organizations and acts as a clearing house for information on civil rights. Mrs. Brooks is chairman and Mrs. Gibbs, co-chairman. Following its recent workshop, the group attempted to form a policy on the kinds of action it could take. This question was returned to the policy committee for further study. The steering committee is working to set up leadership training programs for women in deprived neighborhoods.

Mrs. Watson recommended that we inform them that we will cooperate where our goals coincide, but that we not be a member of the steering committee.

MOTION: To observe the situation and remain a member of the steering committee until after the national convention.

Mover: Faucett

Second: Diefenbach

Carried.

FIELD SERVICE: Mrs. Rothnem reported on the adopt a League program. Montevideo is not ready to organize now but is interested after elections in the fall. Winona and Crookston are going ahead with coffee parties, and there is a possibility for Grand Rapids later. Crookston will have its pre-organization meeting March 31. Problem Leagues - Faribault and North St. Paul are having membership coffees; Columbia Heights is doing well; Virginia now has a president.

*Those consultants who have changed Leagues must see that file material gets to the new consultants. Kits for consultants were distributed.

Possible sites for the Leadership Workshop in June were suggested by Mrs. Rothnem. She was directed to decide on the location with her committee.

Mankato's request for recognition was read by Mrs. Janski.

MOTION: That the state Board recommend to the national Board that Mankato be recognized as a local League.

Mover: Janski

Second: Diefenbach

Carried.

STATE CRS: The special issue of the Voter devoted to state continuing responsibilities is ready for the printer.

Mrs. Johnson visited the St. Anthony League, as requested by them, to help solve their problem with one member. The problem has still not been resolved.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: KUOM has recorded 5 minute interviews with leaders in organizations connected with the World Affairs Center. The World Affairs Center would like to duplicate tapes of these interviews and distribute them to radio stations throughout the state.

MOTION: To spend \$15 to \$18 to have Mrs. Whiting's interview taped.
Mover: Letourneau Second: Lundquist Carried.

Board members were asked to write their Congressmen to urge authorization of funds for the International Development Association.

Mrs. Letourneau asked if she should go ahead with plans for a League tour to the United Nations and to Washington, D.C. after the election in the fall and after the UN reconvenes. Discussion followed.

MOTION: To arrange this tour in January after Congress convenes.
Mover: Rothnem Second: Henricksson Carried.

Aid meeting in April - may be combined with Finance Workshop on April 30.

STATE COUNCIL: Plans for the program were reviewed.

MOTION: To ask Walter Mondale, Attorney General, to speak at the luncheon on Thursday, May 21, on law and order as it affects our Indian study. If he is not available, former Governor Andersen will be asked.
Mover: Faucett Second: Watson Carried.

VOTER: The next issue will contain the first of five articles on executive responsibility by Mrs. Colborn, the state Council program, an article on our part in national convention by Mrs. Letourneau and a section on party designation and election laws. The deadline is Feb. 28.

FINANCE: The Finance Workshop at 10:45 on April 30 will be divided into three sections: Budget, Mechanics of Actual Drive and the Finance Advisory Committee. The Metropolitan Finance Committee meeting will precede this at 9:30.

The finance committee will choose the finance chairman to be honored at national convention. Mrs. Faucett needs names of Minneapolis, St. Paul and out-state finance chairmen for panel discussions at the workshop.

PUBLICATIONS: MOTION: Mmes. Diefenbach and R. Jensen are to make any revisions necessary in Indians in Minnesota and decide how many to order after prices and orders are analyzed.
Mover: Watson Second: Nash Carried.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: A new office desk for the executive secretary has been purchased but additional funds are needed to pay for it.

MOTION: To transfer \$46.40 from committees to the new equipment fund.
Mover: Janski Second: Letourneau Carried.

The office management committee will set up criteria for the executive secretary's position.

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West St. Paul has asked that its Burnsville unit be given permission to hold a candidates meeting March 5.

MOTION: To grant West St. Paul permission for a Burnsville candidates meeting.
Mover: Rothnem Second: Watson Carried.

The next meeting will be held on March 19, 1964.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 19, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Diefenbach, Faucett, Henricksson, Hutchens, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, McCoy, Murray, Nash, Watson.

Board member absent: Rothnem.

National Board member present: Miss Barbara Stuhler.

Nominating committee members present: Mmes. Jensen and Berdie.

Staff members present: Mmes. Thompson and Williams.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.

(Lundquist) Mover: Diefenbach Second: Hutchens Carried.

Corrections: page 2, PUBLICATIONS, Sentence 2, change to: to local Leagues to be added to the new member kits.

page 3, LOCAL, add: Mrs. Johnson expressed concern that the CMAL Board seemed to be making a special effort to "push" the importance of CMAL with all League members. Some concern was felt by those state Board members who were present that CMAL is involving many of the most capable members in the Twin City area, thereby creating somewhat of a problem for state program.

page 3, FIELD SERVICE, add: A group of Brooklyn Park women are interested in forming a League and have met with Mrs. Rothnem about organizing one.

page 4, NATIONAL PROGRAM, change: MOTION: To spend \$15 to \$18 as our contribution to have these interviews taped.

page 4, VOTER, sentence 1, change: The next issue will contain the first of five articles on constitutional revision by Mrs. Colborn, the state Council program, an article on our part in national consensus by Mrs. Letourneau

page 4, OFFICE MANAGEMENT, sentence 1, change: A new office desk is needed for the executive secretary. Add: One can be purchased for \$188. \$46.40 is needed in addition to the amount in the new equipment account. Line 5, change: will set up qualifications add: and will work on a job description for the office management committee.

MOTION: To adopt the minutes as corrected.

Mover: Watson Second: Nash Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(Faucett)

Balance on hand 4/1/63	\$ 5,066.40
Receipts 4/1/63 to 3/16/64	\$32,264.98
Expenditures 4/1/63 to 3/16/64	\$30,016.60
Balance on hand 3/16/64	\$ 7,314.78

MOTION: The amount of money necessary to pay for the State CR Voter above amount available from Voter account should come from State Meetings account and New Member Kit account.

Mover: Henricksson Second: Colborn Carried.

It was decided that the cost of Voters Service Flyer over and above what is being taken from the Public Relations account will come out of next year's budget.

Mrs. Whiting asked the Secretary to read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Rothnem.

MOTION: To accept with regret Mrs. Rothnem's resignation from the Board of Directors.
Mover: Watson Second: Diefenbach Carried.

Board members were asked to give suggestions for a new Organization Chairman to the Nominating Committee. This person must be able to travel and be away from home frequently. It would be most convenient to have someone from the metropolitan area. Mrs. Whiting also announced that Mrs. Elton Johnson will be leaving in August to accompany her husband to Washington for a year's stay, and we must be thinking of someone to work with her now and be ready to take over the State CRs when she leaves.

Miss Barbara Stuhler, national Board member, joined our meeting to answer questions pertaining to the second round of national Program suggestions. Many questions were raised about the scope and focus of the equal opportunity item, foreign economic policy re-evaluation, four item current agenda, elimination of loyalty-security, difficulty in calendar planning, the not-recommended item on election laws. This portion of the meeting and the discussion of second round national Program suggestions is on tape in the office.

Miss Stuhler said that there may be a preliminary Time for Action on foreign aid before the April 30 Aid meeting. We thanked her for her help, and she left.

SECOND ROUND NATIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: Mrs. Whiting read our first round suggestions before we discussed those suggested by the national Board.

Equality of Opportunity: some members like it for its timeliness, some felt it should not be called a civil rights item, others wondered if action might already be taken by the government before we would have time to study it. A majority of the state Board was not in favor of this item.

Mrs. Watson and her committee will write to the national Board to comment and make recommendations on focus and scope as they re-evaluate this item.

MOTION: To substitute Election Laws for the Equal Opportunity item and go along with the other three national Current Agenda items.

Mover: Janski Second: Lundquist Carried.

Reasons for proposing Election Laws were: close to home, clear cut, easy to understand, etc., with the possibility of study of standardization, voter registration, campaign practices, uniform codes and electoral college.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mmes. Diefenbach, Colborn, Nash and Janski asked for additional time. Mmes. Hutchens and McCoy requested less time than planned.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mmes. Murray and Whiting went to Virginia to visit the League (Whiting) there and discuss the Taconite Amendment. The Virginia League has done an excellent job with the amendment issue.

Mrs. Whiting had received replies to her letters on the Water Research Act from several Congressmen, thank you's from three Congressmen for the material we sent them on the Proposed Amendments, a follow-up letter from Mrs. Hedtke from Hibbing regarding our last meeting, and from Rochester asking how to make a bid for a State Convention or Council. The Board could consider Rochester for the 1966 Council. It was decided to ask the delegates to the 1964 Council if they would like to meet in Rochester in 1966. This question would appear on the evaluation sheet to be filled out by delegates after Council.

An activities report of the Minnesota World Affairs Center was passed around.

Mmes. Letourneau and Whiting have been invited to attend a regional Foreign Policy Conference sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Milwaukee and the LWV of Wisconsin on March 21.

MOTION: To send Mmes. Letourneau and Whiting to the conference in Milwaukee; the expenses for one to come from the Committees account and the other from the Special Meetings account.

Mover: Faucett

Second: Johnson

Carried.

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves has written an addition to our state League history.

Mmes. Whiting, Janski, Diefenbach and Johnson will act as a steering committee to develop plans for the Leadership Workshops in June. They will meet April 7.

Board members were asked to finish filling out Annual Reports soon and send to Mrs. Whiting by special delivery.

Mrs. Whiting does not feel that the Board Memo is being read and used properly in some Leagues. She suggested that we enclose a sheet of questions in the middle of the next Memo to see how many answers we get. The Board Memo is an expensive item and may have to be curtailed when we adopt the budget at Council.

CALENDAR PLANNING: Next Board meeting April 16
(Mrs. Janski will write the April Board Memo)
National Convention April 20 - 24
Finance Workshop April 30
Foreign Aid Meeting April 30
May Board meeting May 14
State Council May 20 - 21
CMAL Convention June 4
Leadership workshops June 9, 10, 11
June Board meeting June 18
August Board meeting August 20

Practice for Council workshops will be scheduled by Mrs. Janski. Leaders must have outline of plans ready in April.

Preliminary discussion for Outlook for Work at April Board meeting and deadline for material will be May Board meeting.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: Dr. Walter Judd has been asked to speak at the Aid meeting luncheon on foreign aid and East-West trade. Mr. Burton Joseph will be asked to speak in the morning to tell of the negotiations for selling wheat to the Soviet Union. Several League members will give the pros and cons of East-West trade. The meeting will be held at the Twin City Motor Lodge at 10:00 a.m. on April 30. Specific information will be included in the Board Memo or in a special mailing.

The Foreign Policy Chairman from Wisconsin had written a most helpful letter to Mrs. Letourneau about their tour to the United Nations.

What to do with Congressional Roll Calls was discussed. No plans were made for using them. Mrs. McCoy suggested that we find out how many libraries in the state have the Congressional Record.

The World Affairs Center tapes have been made.

Mrs. Letourneau has been invited to attend a workshop on The United States and Latin America sponsored by the Minnesota-Dakota American Assembly in Fargo-Moorhead June 3 - 6.

MOTION: To pay Mrs. Letourneau's expenses for this workshop, charged to Special Meet.
Mover: Janski Second: Johnson Carried.

FINANCE: *Consultants, please write your local Leagues if they have indicated they (Faucett) do not plan to meet their suggested pledge. Many do not feel obligated to raise their pledges, even though some Leagues have money in savings accounts. They should be reminded that they cannot exist without state and national services, and they should realize that they are getting their money's worth from the money they send to state and national. Please advise Mrs. Faucett of their response. Also encourage attendance at Finance workshop on April 30 from 10:30 to 3:00 at Coffman Union. The day will include a budget skit, honoring the winner of the Finance Chairman contest, finance advisory committee panel, mechanics of a finance drive and a discussion of training of finance drive workers, etc. Mrs. Faucett added that a kit will be prepared for the workshop.

LEGISLATIVE: Governor's Commission - lack of: The Governor has not appointed the (Murray) commissions the LWV had suggested. Instead, he thinks a group to educate voters on poor executive organization might be better. This committee would not propose legislation.

Mrs. Stanley Kane asked Mr. Jim Rice, the Governor's assistant, about the Constitutional Revision Commission. He said he was going to appoint it, but has not as yet. Mrs. Kane was originally much in favor of such a commission but wonders now if this is necessary. After discussion, the Board recommended that we not pursue right now the formation of this commission.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: The Minneapolis League asked for a yes or no stand on the (Colborn) Taconite Amendment. Their Board eliminated the 'take no stand' because "it was the easy way out".

The state Board has assumed that local Leagues would use the consensus questions as prepared by the state Board. Mrs. Whiting has written Minneapolis to discuss changes like this. State Board members were asked to consider this problem for a possible policy decision at our next Board meeting.

INDIAN CONSENSUS: 40 Leagues have reported. Mound substituted some of their own (Watson) consensus questions. Mrs. Watson made the following report:

	Leagues	Units	Members
For state financing of Indian welfare	24 1/3	58	42
For local " " " "	2/3	1	20
For state welfare standards for Indians	18	33	22
For local " " " "	4	1	0

Ten Leagues further commented that they wanted some state standards with local agency administration. Feeling was to keep the welfare close to recipients.

32 Leagues supported remedial programs of vocational training and retraining, counseling for urban living, adult educational programs. Some Leagues felt that better use could be made of existing vocational training programs if Indians were counseled and advised of opportunities.

A lively discussion followed on whether the local Leagues were advocating these reforms and benefits for all welfare recipients or for Indians only. We do not now have uniform state standards for welfare, and some Board members felt that since we have not been studying the whole welfare system, we could not be in a position to advocate state standards and reforms for recipients other than Indians.

Eleven Leagues wished to abolish the residence requirements for welfare. Nine Leagues wanted administration costs to be included in over-all costs.

It was decided that we need to clarify these questions. A summary of the situation will be sent to local Leagues, and the decision can be made by the delegates at State Council.

LOCAL AGENDA: Mrs. Hutchens listed some of the local League problems with current (Hutchens) agenda and continuing responsibilities. Her committee will meet on March 31.

CMAL: The executive committee asked that the state Board consultants of metropolitan Leagues report to them. Mrs. Hutchens will suggest that the executive committee use the CMAL representatives in the local metropolitan Leagues when it needs to get information from these Leagues. Mrs. Hutchens will be liaison between state Board and CMAL executive committee only.

There is strong county interest now among Leagues in CMAL.

VOTER: The May-June Voter will be published before the second week in June (Henricksson) and will contain the report of State Council and consensus on both state items. Mrs. Henricksson asked if we should again plan a Lively Issues Voter. The Board recommended to publish one in the fall, and the editor be responsible for naming her own committee.

STATE COUNCIL: Mrs. Janski announced that the cost of the luncheon would be \$2.75 (Janski) and dinner \$3.75. She suggested a total package deal for the two days of \$10.

MOTION: To set total package deal for State Council at \$10.

1st day registration - \$2, without dinner

2nd day registration - \$4, including luncheon.

Mover: Janski

Second: Diefenbach

Carried.

Possible exhibits - local bulletins and membership ideas. The workbook cover will be printed on spring pink. The workbook will contain a list of local Leagues and advance registration of delegates, also information on amendments and possibly additional copies of Indian mailing. An evaluation sheet will be included with questions of 1966 Council site on it.

Board members are to have material ready by April Board meeting. Registration forms will be sent to local Leagues with current Board Memo with follow-up in next Board Memo.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Miss Beverly Kees did a story on the Minneapolis delegates to the (Nash) National Convention. Mrs. Nash has a press release for the Minneapolis Star on the Convention Program with an explanation on how the League selects Program.

Mr. Nash, while talking with a U.S. Public Health official in Washington recently, found that the LWV has an excellent reputation in the field of water.

FIELD SERVICE: Mrs. Janski reported on the progress of the provisional League in St. Peter which has requested recognition. Bloomington has done an excellent job as the adopting League. St. Peter has 53 members and has completed a very successful finance drive. (\$412.50) They feel prestige in the community. Their local survey is nearly completed. They have increased their budget for the coming year.

MOTION: The state Board recommends to the national Board that St. Peter be recognized as a local League.

Mover: Janski

Second: Hutchens

Carried.

Brooklyn Park will have its organization meeting April 1. Mrs. Diefenbach will handle the meeting. State program chairmen will be called on to help. Brooklyn

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Center has been asked to be the adopting League.

Winona will have its pre-organization meeting April 25. Rochester and Mary Faucett will take care of this.

Crookston will hold its pre-organization meeting on March 31. Moorhead will handle this meeting.

Faribault still needs more assistance in order to stay alive.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Diefenbach asked if we should sell or give away any publications (Diefenbach) at National Convention. It was decided to sell our voters service flyer, CR Voter, amendment and Indian publications, and Digest of Minn. Election Laws.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Mrs. Colborn stated that we need new consensus on reapportionment. Our old stand contains an area factor in one house. There is a national trend away from this. It was a compromise feature and no longer needed. We are waiting for a Supreme Court decision on six reapportionment cases which could affect our position. Board members are to be prepared to give direction on this at the April Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

REPORT OF QUESTIONS ASKED MISS STUHLER
NATIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS MARCH 1964

WATSON asked about the equal opportunity item. She felt that the League should concentrate on equal protection under the law; she felt that studying only education and employment opportunities does not go far enough.

Stuhler said this is not a civil rights issue but is a part of it. This attacks a broader problem since this was the theme running through many suggestions in the first round. With this broader program, we are dealing with all citizens, not merely minority groups. The National Board considered what would happen to the Civil Rights Bill in Congress. This is also closely related to President Johnson's War on Poverty.

WATSON--If we want to concentrate on poverty, let's leave out civil rights.

JOHNSON felt that different states would study different areas in such a broad study or "umbrella" item.

STUHLER answered that any national item can be studied in various ways in addition to the obvious consensus questions given by the national bd; the Convention would direct the focus of the item. So far, the national board has just listed possibilities.

WHITING - foreign economic policy - there is a definite feeling in the Minnesota local leagues for re-evaluation of our stand on foreign aid. Many are reluctant to answer calls for action, etc.

STUHLER- the Convention would have to direct this.

LETOURNEAU was originally in favor of 4 CA's on a trial basis. When the annual reports came in, she was appalled at the adverse comments on foreign economic policy. Leaguers want to give intelligent answers and many feel they don't understand National Program and feel inadequate. Now Mrs. Letourneau feels as though the 4 item program defeats the purpose of educating thoroughly.

STUHLER--this agenda was a response to needs of local leagues. These are complex issues and there is a continuous struggle to keep informed.

FAUCETT-- this feeling of inadequacy spills into finance too. A strong league financially is usually strong in program.

STUHLER--some women are not interested in foreign or national item and concentrate on other League program. When the program is adopted at Convention, the national board will publish an "Up-Date" report of all national program developments. The national board responds to many kinds of pressure to re-evaluate.

HUTCHENSA single list program without a by-laws change is being tried in several LOCAL leagues. She is concerned that their agendas will get so long that it will be difficult to carry out the program.

WHITING-- passed around a memo from Highland Park, Illinois, opposing the dropping of the loyalty-security CR.

DIEFENBACH felt that with this longer program, the local leagues would have greater difficulty with calendar planning.

STUHLER--some issues would not require a meeting. This would place more responsibility on the Boards. It would also open the way to give more members the opportunity to act. The Boards must judge the sense of the members and cannot go back to the member every time questions come up.

HENRICKSSON asked about the number and scope of suggestions for the item election laws. Miss Stuhler did not know what the areas were.

STUHLER said that there may be a preliminary time for action on Foreign Aid before the April 30 AID meeting in Minneapolis.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Special Board Meeting, April 10, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 1:15 p.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Diefenbach, Faucett, Henricksson, Hutchens, Janski, Letourneau, Lundquist, McCoy, Nash.
Board members absent: Mmes. Johnson, Murray, Watson.
Visitors present: Mmes. Jerome Gray and Lewis Gordon, Minneapolis
Mrs. Robert Dworsky, St. Paul

Mrs. Whiting explained that this was a special meeting called to make a decision on whether to support, take no stand, or oppose the ballot amendments in November. A newspaper reporter had obtained information from Minneapolis and St. Paul. Therefore, she felt it necessary to call a special meeting so that our decision could be announced before this misleading story was printed.

She introduced Mrs. Earl Colborn, Constitutional Item Chairman, who gave a report of her committee's evaluation of the local League consensus reports on the taconite amendment:

<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>NO STAND</u>	<u>OPPOSED</u>
32 Leagues (2041 members)	12 Leagues (2501 members)	1 League (38 members)
102 Units	35 Units	17 Units
960 Members	434 Members	409 Members

Mrs. Colborn and her committee felt that the consensus reports were of very good quality. Nearly all the Leagues explained in detail why they supported, rejected or could not come to a decision because of a split vote. She read several examples of these explanations. Because the LWV has long had a position against putting tax legislation into the Constitution, many who personally favored the amendment wanted the League to do only Voters Service. Others did not think that this amendment IMPROVED the Constitution, but felt that the personal and economic good that might come if this amendment passed outweighed this constitutional consideration at this time. Many members were concerned with the effect our position might have on the future growth and prestige of the League. Mrs. Whiting cautioned us to consider this problem as a completely separate issue to be voted on its own merits. Mrs. Colborn estimated the local League support for the taconite amendment was 67%.

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support Amendment I.
Mover: Henricksson Second: Faucett Carried.

Before the vote was taken, the Board members and guests gave their own views and those of their local Leagues on this question. Ways of taking action were also discussed.

The following statement was prepared for press release:

Following intensive study of the complex problems surrounding the Taconite Amendment, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support passage of this amendment. The possible economic benefits to the depressed areas of northeastern Minnesota and ultimately to the state as a whole were primary reasons for the decision to support the amendment. These factors outweighed constitutional considerations.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota strongly supports Amendment #2. This amendment would make several long-overdue improvements in the Constitution.

We will work actively for the passage of both of these amendments.

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Mrs. Colborn and her committee also evaluated the consensus on Amendment #2 and found strong support for removing obsolete provisions from the Constitution.

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support Amendment #2.

Mover: Colborn

Second: Hutchens

Carried.

Mrs. Letourneau was called to relay a request of the South Grove unit of the West St. Paul League for an informational meeting before a very recently announced 1.4 million school bond issue is voted on. The school board has not made definite plans for land purchase or buildings and it would be impossible to present both sides of this question with so little information available.

MOTION: To oppose granting the request of the South Grove unit of the West St. Paul League for a public meeting.

Mover: McCoy

Second: Diefenbach

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
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April 16, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 10:00 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Faucett, Henricksson, Hutchens, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, McCoy, Murray, Nash.
Board members absent: Mmes. Diefenbach, Watson.
Staff members present: Mmes. Thompson, Williams.

MINUTES: March 19 MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.
(Lundquist) Mover: Colborn Second: Hutchens Carried.

Corrections: page 1, correction #2, LOCAL, change sentence 2 to read:
Some concern was felt by those state Board members who were present that CMAL activity is involving so many of the members in the Twin City area, thereby creating some problem for state program coverage.
page 6, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION, delete: It was a compromise feature and no longer needed.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

April 10: The Secretary read the minutes of the special Board meeting.

Corrections: page 1, paragraph 1, delete: misleading, in the last sentence.
page 1, paragraph 3, sentence 4, change to: Because past League activity has involved improving the constitution, many who personally favored the amendment wanted the League to do only Voters Service.
page 1, paragraph 3, sentence 8, change to: Mrs. Colborn estimated that 65%, plus or minus 5%, of League members supported the taconite amendment.
page 2, paragraph 2, change: 'Letourneau to Henricksson.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/63	\$ 5,066.40
(Faucett)	Receipts 4/1/63 to 3/31/64	\$33,300.75
	Expenditures 4/1/63 to 3/31/64	\$32,173.33
	Balance on hand 3/31/64 (temporary)	\$ 6,193.82

MOTION: To pay Mrs. Williams a month's paid vacation plus salary taxes from the 1963-64 budget.

Mover: Faucett Second: Janski Carried.

Buying extra microphones and a mixer for our tape recorder was discussed. It was generally agreed that the battery powered mixer might prove unsatisfactory.

MOTION: To purchase additional equipment to include a mixer from the 1963-64 budget and two microphones under the 1964-65 budget.

Mover: Janski Second: Henricksson Carried.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mmes. Hutchens, McCoy and Letourneau requested time. Mrs. Faucett asked for time earlier in the day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Whiting thanked the Board members who came to the special (Whiting) meeting April 10.

The President reviewed the memo sent to the local Leagues on the Indian consensus. Their decisions will be reported at State Council.

Mrs. Whiting passed around letters she had received from Mr. Val Bjornson, State Treasurer, and Mr. George Peterson from the Minneapolis Star.

The state League office will be moved to two rooms on the third floor soon.

Board members were asked to give suggestions for state organization chairman to the nominating committee which is meeting tomorrow.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Mrs. Henricksson to replace Mrs. Rothnem on the state nominating committee.

Mover: Johnson

Second: McCoy

Carried.

Mrs. Whiting has visited the New Ulm and Austin Leagues to help with their problems. She also talked with the first president of the Faribault League who is still very much interested in it and hopes that their difficulties can be resolved.

Mrs. Lundquist read a letter Mrs. Whiting had received from the Rochester League. They do not care to host the 1966 State Council but would rather try to obtain the 1967 State Convention for Rochester.

Annual reports are on file in the office and should be returned if you have used them.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS: The committee for the Leadership Workshops, composed of Mmes. Diefenbach, Johnson and Janski plus Mrs. Whiting, met to make plans. The dates are June 9, 10, 11, and the place is Aldersgate Church. Coffee and registration at 9:30 with workshop running from 10:00 to 2:30. Theme - Hey, why don't we

10:00 - 10:10 -- General session, introductions, purpose and general outline of meeting - Whiting

10:10 - 10:20 -- The member - who she is and why she joined - Henricksson

10:20 - 11:00 -- The member and the League - philosophical approach

Board planning and discussion - Diefenbach

Consensus and position - Colborn

Action - Murray

Voters service - McCoy

11:00 - 11:15 -- The member and her money's worth - Faucett

11:15 - 12:00 -- Small workshops

12:00 - 1:00 -- Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 -- Small workshops

1:45 - 2:30 -- General session. Panel to answer questions. Janski, moderator, Hutchens, Johnson and Nash

We will inform the new Board members of their total Board responsibility as it relates to the members and launch the Outlook for Work.

Mrs. Henricksson will prepare a special flyer for local League Boards about the workshops before State Council.

Travel expenses were discussed.

MOTION: To subsidize local Leagues who live outside a 100-mile radius of Minneapolis at 5¢ per mile per car.

Mover: Janski

Second: Letourneau

Carried.

The Board also approved giving special subsidy where it is needed. * Consultants

will urge their Leagues to attend.

Outlines for the workshops must be prepared for May 14 Board meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: The Special Committee that has been trying to set up a leadership training seminar met April 7. They have been turned down several times and were discouraged. Mrs. Bishop feels the action section should be deleted. The committee feels this leaves the project without purpose. Mrs. Bishop will not be at National Convention, but Mrs. Whiting will talk to Mrs. Gunderson.

Information for the next Board Memo must be in the office Monday morning, April 20. Mrs. Janski will write the April Memo.

A briefing session for the delegates from Minnesota to the National Convention will be held Monday morning, April 20, at the Pittsburgh Hilton.

EVALUATION OF AMENDMENT CONSENSUS: Amendment I -- This item was difficult to evaluate because of technical problems. Mrs. Colborn gave each Board member a fact sheet to explain our position as it relates to the constitution, conservation and taxes.

A letter from Mrs. Mizuno of White Bear expressed her feeling against the taconite amendment. She felt that there was not substantial agreement.

Mrs. Colborn has had both pro and con calls since our decision was announced. A follow-up on what this means for Leagues who do not agree with the support position for Amendment I will be printed in the Board Memo. These Leagues should also read about the minority opinion in the local League Handbook. If they are expected to act and do not act, these Leagues must let the state Board know why.

Program promotion: Mrs. Colborn proposed to send each League a sample packet from the Citizen's Committee for the Taconite Amendment. In the fall, we might have an outline for the local Leagues to review both the constitutional amendments. Speakers bureau coverage for amendment I is not recommended since the Citizen's Committee has a speakers bureau.

Amendment II promotion can be handled through the local Leagues.

Our supply of the Amendment publication is gone again.

MOTION: To print an additional 3000 copies of "Proposed Amendments to the Minnesota Constitution 1964."

Mover: Colborn

Second: Johnson

Carried.

ORGANIZATION: Brooklyn Park is approaching the 40 member goal and should be recognized soon as a provisional League. Mrs. Janski will conduct Board training for them. She is going to Crookston for an organization meeting and Board training. Mmes. Spoo and Faucett from Rochester will go to Winona for an organization meeting.

FINANCE: Mrs. Faucett announced that quite a few Leagues do not intend to meet their (Faucett) suggested pledge. * Consultants are asked to write their Leagues if they have not already done so.

The Minneapolis LWV intends to bring the question of tax deductibility to the floor of the National Convention. They hope to gain support for a proposal to have national attempt to gain tax relief through legislation. This action has not been sanctioned by the Minnesota State Board.

Mrs. Faucett reported on plans for the Finance Workshop, April 30. She would especially like to have International Falls attend and would urge Crookston, Winona and Brooklyn Park to make reservations by April 24.

MOTION: To subsidize mileage and hotel expense for one person from International Falls to attend the Finance Workshop.

Mover: Faucett

Second: Hutchens

Carried.

STATE COUNCIL: Plans are progressing. Mrs. Murray will ask Mrs. Watson if she (Janski) wants a work sheet included in the Council Workbook. Statistics will be included. Mmes. Faucett, Colborn, Johnson and Diefenbach will have sheets in the workbook. Page on procedures must be included.

The second morning session will include adoption of the budget, report on the round robin workshops by the recorders followed by discussion of national program and program structure. We will wind up with the Look Ahead to State Convention.

Mmes. Dettman of Duluth, Gipple of White Bear, Brandwein of St. Louis Park and Adams of Rochester have been asked to report on the National Convention.

A map showing the location of all the local Leagues in Minnesota is being made for State Council.

OUTLOOK FOR WORK: Material must be prepared by May 14. This is our opportunity to evaluate the past year's work and project into the future.

The state budget will have to be cut and members will have to think about how to accomplish this. The possibility of combining Board Memo and Outlook for Work with a calendar was discussed, and the Board decided to do this. Therefore, there will be no Board Memo following the May 14 state Board meeting. Instead, the combined edition will be distributed at the June Leadership Workshops.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. McCoy will have a questionnaire for state legislators ready by May 14.

VOTER: Next issue will contain report of State Council and consensus on (Henricksson) state items. Also important sidelights of the National Convention. Deadline - May 5.

Local bulletins will be on display at State Council. Problems will be discussed at Workshop. Mrs. Henricksson proposed that one local bulletin editor and her publication be recognized each month in the Board Memo for doing a good job in some particular field of bulletin editing. The Board thought this was an excellent idea.

DIRECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ITEM FOR NEXT YEAR (Colborn): Mrs. Colborn had prepared and sent a list of possibilities to the Board. We lack criteria to judge what improves the constitution and what does not.

How do we get this criteria? We could do a study to find out the technical criteria, although this might bind us in the future. Study of the judiciary or reapportionment are possibilities. A restudy of reapportionment would be reasonable because criteria could be set up. Emphasis would be on an area factor which is not now in the constitution. We could begin with a review of our previous study and positions, and then re-affirm or change our old positions. This study would call for a basic publication. Mrs. Letourneau preferred to examine the finance article, but most Board members preferred restudy of reapportionment.

LOCAL AGENDA: Mrs. Hutchens would like to attend a community planning meeting in Duluth, April 24 and 25.

MOTION: To pay expenses of \$30 to \$35 to send Mrs. Hutchens to Duluth.

Mover: Letourneau

Second: Nash

Carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The AAA asked Mrs. Nash to attend a meeting on billboard control. (Nash) She explained that the League could not take action as a group but that individual members could act.

Mr. Lee Vogel of KSTP radio recently received a Minneapolis bulletin. He called Mrs. Gray to ask some questions. She was disturbed by his questions and told him so. Since then, Mr. Vogel has talked with Mrs. Watson who helped to smooth things over. Mrs. Nash discussed the possibility of KSTP support for our proposed seminar (Special Committee project) with him. He said he would see the information got into the proper hands.

At the press conference following our special Board meeting April 10, three reporters were able to come and three newspapers got the press release by telephone.

AID MEETING: The meeting planned for April 30 has been postponed indefinitely because Mrs. Letourneau has been unable to engage the speaker she wanted. This could still be planned during the first two weeks in May if Dr. Judd is able to come. A program may be planned in cooperation with the World Affairs Center.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Janski announced that Mrs. Margaret Cregar has been hired (Janski) at a salary of \$3600, beginning May 1, 1964.

MOTION: To approve the hiring of Mrs. Cregar as executive secretary.
Mover: Janski Second: Faucett Carried.

Mrs. Williams will work on an hourly basis while training the new secretary and preparing for Council and Workshops.
A small amount of smaller size stationery will be ordered in addition to the regular size paper.

STATEMENT OF POLICY: The local Leagues shall use the consensus report forms when provided by the state without alteration.

Mrs. Whiting suggested that we elect an alternate to the National Convention in the event that one of the delegates can not go.

MOTION: Mrs. Nash be the alternate delegate to the National Convention.
Mover: Hutchens Second: Lundquist Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 14, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Diefenbach, Faucett, Henricksson, Hutchens, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, McCoy, Murray, Nash, Watson.

Staff members present: Mmes. Creger, Thompson.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.

(Lundquist) Mover: Colborn Second: Diefenbach Carried.

Corrections: page 2, paragraph 3 under PRESIDENT'S REPORT, change: Mr. George Peterson to Mr. Robert W. Smith.

page 5, paragraph 3, PUBLIC RELATIONS, change to: At the press conference following our special Board meeting April 10, two reporters and one TV cameraman were able to come. Two newspapers and one wire service got the release over the phone. It was covered by six of the nine groups invited.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/63	\$ 5,066.40
(Faucett)	Receipts 4/1/63 to 3/31/64	\$33,300.75
	Expenditures 4/1/63 to 3/31/64	\$32,578.56
	Balance on hand 3/31/64 (final)	\$ 5,788.59
	Balance on hand 4/1/64	\$ 5,788.59
	Receipts 4/1/64 to 4/30/64	\$ 681.37
	Expenditures 4/1/64 to 4/30/64	\$ 2,136.98
	Balance on hand 4/30/64	\$ 4,332.98

MOTION: To authorize the office management committee to invest any surplus funds in the checking account in short term investments in the amount that they see fit.

Mover: Faucett Second: Diefenbach Carried.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mmes. Henricksson and Johnson asked for time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Whiting was proud of the Minnesota delegation at the (Whiting) National Convention. She felt that the briefing session was successful, but that a preliminary briefing session would be helpful before Convention. The state Board members do not go to lead or to tell other delegates what to do because all delegates go uncommitted, but some of the delegates seemed to be looking to the state Board for direction. Mmes. Letourneau, Watson and Whiting entertained the other Minnesota delegates at a coffee in their room.

Mrs. Whiting attended Mankato's Annual Meeting. She is enthusiastic about their future and expects them to have an outstanding League. She also attended the Board training meeting at Winona.

Since we are cooperating with the Taconite Committee, we must keep well informed of their activities and must approve any literature that the committee puts out. Mrs. Colborn will serve on the advisory committee of this group.

Mrs. Whiting has had more odd correspondence from Mr. E. T. Barrett primarily in connection with the taconite amendment.

Neither Mrs. Whiting or Mrs. Watson was able to attend the meeting of the Women's Committee on Civil Rights. Its progress is related to our new National Item I on Human Resources.

CMAL Annual Convention is June 4. Mrs. Creger will make reservations for all state Board members who can attend.

Two publications were passed around: State Council Agenda from Ohio and an excellent publication on Local Agenda from Indiana.

Each Board committee chairman was reminded to make a yearly report of her activities for the use of other members and her successor.

The LWV received an invitation to attend the 19th Annual Conference on Citizenship from Mr. O'Donnell, assistant to Governor Rolvaag. The program pertains to the citizens' responsibility in government and we will respond in some way.

Board members are reminded to send their calendars to the office.

The Secretary was asked to read letters from Mmes. Didier of Rochester, Mosier of Minneapolis, Jensen of Minneapolis and Unit 55 of Minneapolis protesting the state Board's announced stand on the taconite amendment. Mmes. Colborn and Whiting are replying to these letters and will point out that the State Convention insisted on this study last year even though it was not recommended by the state Board. The letters will also clarify other points, and this will also be done at State Council in preparation for thinking about good program items for next year's Convention. Let's not talk "principles" because we have no basic principles as background for the taconite amendment. Voters service will be done by some Leagues.

ORGANIZATION: International Falls - would like to have a candidates meeting in (Janski) fall. We expect to receive a request from them to do so.
Spring Lake Park - visited by Mmes. Nash and Thompson. No prospect of a League at this time. They showed very little interest in forming a unit of the Fridley League.

Mahtomedi - asked for a change of name.

MOTION: To approve a request of change of name of LWV of Mahtomedi to the LWV of the Mahtomedi Area.

Mover: Janski Second: Watson Carried.

Three requests for provisional status from Leagues who were started under the adopt a League program:

I. Winona - advised by Mmes. Spoo and Faucett of Rochester. 58 members, \$635 budget, adopted standard bylaws.

MOTION: The state Board recommends to the national Board that Winona be recognized as a provisional League.

Mover: Janski Second: Faucett Carried.

II. Brooklyn Park - advised by Brooklyn Center, Mrs. Lawrence Prycr. 41 members, \$545 budget, adopted standard bylaws.

MOTION: The state Board recommends to the national Board that Brooklyn Park be recognized as a provisional League.

Mover: Janski Second: Nash Carried.

III. Crookston - advised by Moorhead, Mrs. Gustav Dinga. 50 members which includes several members from Fertile, \$570 budget, adopted standard bylaws.

MOTION: The state Board recommends to the national Board that Crookston be recognized as a provisional League.

Mover: Janski Second: Lundquist Carried.

FINANCE WORKSHOP REPORT: Mrs. Faucett presided at the Metropolitan Finance Committee meeting. Thirteen out of 30 Leagues were represented. Instructions for metropolitan area finance chairmen will be sent out with the Finance Committee meeting minutes. It was suggested that these metropolitan finance chairmen could meet in conjunction with a CMAL meeting.

Eleven evaluations were handed in and these delegates felt that the workshop was worthwhile. 23 Leagues were represented; 41 people in all. It would have been good to have more time for group discussion. It was a successful workshop.

If Leagues want help with finance drives or with special projects, they should come to Mrs. Faucett.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: This committee had sent to all Board members a copy of Personnel Policies and Practices which was reviewed. After discussion the following changes were made:

MOTION: To delete first sentence under hours of work.

Mover: Hutchens Second: Johnson Carried.

MOTION: Staff time off for personal emergencies to be at the discretion of the office management committee or the Board.

Mover: Diefenbach Second: Nash Carried.

MOTION: To approve Personnel Policies and Practices as amended. This new policy supercedes any previous policy.

Mover: Watson Second: McCoy Carried.

Staff Job Descriptions were also distributed in the mail to Board members by the office management committee. Mrs. Creger will compile an office manual.

The state office will be moved to its new rooms on the third floor after the leadership workshops.

VOTERS SERVICE: The LWV of Wayzata wishes to hold a candidates meeting for Orono School District #278.

MOTION: To grant permission to Wayzata to hold said candidates meeting.

Mover: McCoy Second: Murray Carried.

Copies of the proposed legislative candidates questionnaire had been circulated by mail.

MOTION: To adopt the Candidates Questionnaire for State Legislators.

Mover: McCoy Second: Hutchens Carried.

The format was discussed and it was decided that the questionnaire will be two pages. It will be mailed the day filings close to be returned July 28.

VOTER: Mrs. Henricksson reported that discontinuing the punched holes for ring notebooks in the Voter would save \$70 a year. We will try this and see if anyone complains.

The July-August issue will contain two pages with articles by Mmes. Colborn and Watson.

The "Lively Issues" Voter was discussed - deadline August 1. Mrs. Murray suggested that selected local Leagues be asked to write separate articles on each of several lively issues to be edited by Mrs. Henricksson. It was decided to try this and the responsibility is Mrs. Henricksson's.

In 1965 there will be two Voters in March and April instead of a combined issue.

COUNCIL: This gives us our biggest opportunity for person to person contact within (Janski) the League, and we should make the most of this chance to become better acquainted with our consultant Leagues during lunch and dinner.

The time-table was reviewed and details worked out. The budget committee will meet at noon of the first day in Mrs. Faucett's room.

Fifteen minute recorders' reports should include time for questions and answers. Mrs. Whiting will explain the program structure experiment for one year on the local level to prepare them for next year's Convention. She will stress focus of emphasis on national program. For our Look Ahead, we will look back to see what problems are emerging for future program items. There are many challenging problems for League action.

The Thursday morning session will be taped.

Evaluation sheets are not in the Council workbook. A questionnaire will be given to registrants.

TACONITE - someone may ask at Council for reconsideration. This can be discussed in the workshops.

WATER: In order to up-date our members on the national Water item, Lois Mann feels that we should have a new state publication on Water. We will ask for interested volunteers at Council. Mrs. Mann does not wish to serve as off-Board chairman for the water item.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS: Mrs. Thompson may ask for hostesses to help her with registration and other chores. Plans and outlines were reviewed. Workshops can use problem-solving, spot reaction and dialogue techniques to bring out solutions. Ways of handling local problems in various size Leagues will be discussed.

Mrs. Whiting reminded the workshop leaders to have an abundance of material and be flexible and at the same time firm.

Mrs. Hutchens asked if CMAL should be brought into a special workshop session. After discussion it was decided that CMAL would be mentioned only as it relates to local agenda generally.

STATE CRS: Mrs. Johnson related the progress of the question and answer sheets on (Johnson) party designation and new resident voting for President and Vice President. She asked for approval to go ahead after they are read by Mrs. Murray. Mmes. Kane and Guthrie will be asked to act as outside readers of the party designation portion and Douglas Head and Sen. Grittner for election law portion. Mmes. Johnson and Diefenbach will decide on the number to order.

MOTION: To grant approval to Mrs. Johnson to mimeograph the question and answer sheets when they are ready.

Mover: Murray

Second: Colborn

Carried.

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OUTLOOK FOR WORK: Individual sections must be given to Mrs. Whiting immediately.

Mrs. Faucett questioned the desirability of continuing Budget Building Day in its present form. She is to include an approximate time for it in the Outlook. Format can be decided on later.

Mrs. Murray discussed the timing of legislative workshops. The second and third weeks of November were decided on. They will be area workshops with possibly the core cities and suburban areas kept separate. Reapportionment will be tied in if it appears feasible. The local Leagues would be into the reapportionment study by then.

Legislative observers program must be early in the session - January and February.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT -- STATE COUNCIL 1964

Yes, it does make a difference that there is a League of Women Voters. The publication last September of this prestige type brochure about us has helped us tell the League story--though we've known for many years--since the organization of that first League in Minneapolis in 1920, that the League of Women Voters makes a difference in Minnesota.

Instead of making this a general report on some of the ways it makes a difference, I would like to speak specifically about the idealism and the realism in the League. To some these may seem like strange Bedfellows - for they would define idealism as that which is opposed to realism. The idealism I am speaking of, which I think exists in the League, is the quest of the ideal or the habit of forming ideals and striving after their realization. Realism is usually defined as preoccupation with fact or reality and rejection of the impractical and visionary. I think we need some idealism and some realism to have it make a difference that there is a League of Women Voters.

Let us take a look at ourselves--the idealist sees us as a representative group--that is, representing a cross section of the female population of our state. The realist says this is impossible because there are certain groups who just are not interested in the League of Women Voters. It is the realist who thinks you should not budget for any more members next year because you always lose some and about all you can expect is to replace those you lose.

When I first started working in Organization, we set a goal of 60 Leagues in 1960. We almost made it, but just about the time we thought we might, we would lose a League. But we kept setting goals, 62 in 1962, 63 in '63--by the time 64 rolled around we had 61 local Leagues--could we continue to set such goals? Could we continue to be visionary? Of course we could and it was a day for celebration when we received the memo at National Convention last month that "we'll have our 64 in '64!"

It is particularly exciting to have these Leagues outstate like International Falls, Winona, and Crookston, as well as in the few new communities like Brooklyn Park--all operating under our adopt a League plan. This plan was originally just an ideal that through your understanding and cooperation has become a reality.

But let's go back to who we are--we are all these new members in the new Leagues but what about those new members who have not become a part of our well established Leagues? As your president I have had the opportunity to represent you at many and various meetings and I am truly appalled at the number of women who have commented that they think they would like to be a member of the League of Women Voters. Of course I follow this up but why haven't we found these women before this. Perhaps we are too quick to decide the League is for us but is not for someone else. Remember the League will probably always be some things to all members, all things to some members. Do your recruiting on that basis. I believe it is idealistic and I also believe it to be realistic to suggest to you that the total membership of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota could be 6500 in '65! This won't just happen--it means real effort on the part of each and everyone of us. It means doing a good job of telling why it makes a difference. It also means satisfying the members we have.

One way to accomplish this is by continuing to work on the good patterns of discussion that we see developing in more and more of our Leagues. This is necessary to give our members a satisfying experience within their discussion units. It is going to mean more realistic planning of the long range type and better coordination between your Board members. In order to participate in discussion all members must have their publications--in order to have their publications, they must be ordered and distributed to them before the meeting. I can hear some of you now muttering about getting them sooner from the state or national level. This is just like the local League president who tells us our Board Memos are too late for her Board--we should have our state Board meeting a week earlier! Our state Board includes representation from throughout the state, our responsibility is to serve as an agent for 64 local Leagues representing over 5600 members. We set out meeting dates and our publication and mailing dates to fit into the majority of the local League schedules. You can best serve your Board and your membership then by adjusting to the schedule which best serves the majority.

Needless to say it is a disappointment to see the reluctance on the part of our local Leagues in Minnesota to meet the financial needs on the state and national level. True, there may be some idealism as far as the state budget is concerned--idealism in thinking that the members in our local Leagues do believe that it makes a difference that there is a League of Women Voters of Minnesota and of the United States. Because it does, they want to pledge the financial support that is needed to make this a more effective adult voluntary association working to help prepare individuals to assume citizenship responsibility in our free society. How many of you, who stood up here this morning and pledged less than the suggest amount, left this decision to your members? That is, how many of you suggested to your members the full amount--or even more--and had your members say "No--we don't want to support our work at the state and national level to that extent--we want to be just a 'local' organization?" We need to listen more to our members. Maybe it's the idealist but I believe it is also the realist in the League who recognizes that "the leader does not say 'get going!' Instead she says, 'let's go!' and leads the way. She does not walk behind with a whip; she is out in front with a banner."

We have heard our critics say we budget "what the traffic will bear." Our goals are for growth--growth in members, growth in citizen concern for government, growth in League effectiveness in promoting citizen participation in government, and successful support of League positions. If this is budgeting for "what the traffic will bear" we are guilty--but what kind of realism is it that says the bank balances of the local Leagues in Minnesota should increase by \$2500 to \$3000 a year to where they are now almost \$43,000. Our contributors give this money to us to be put to work for them on all levels of government--they are being idealistic in their giving--we must be realistic in our responsibilities.

I have talked about membership--the idealist dreams of more members and the realist knows we need more--the same is true of financial support, so let's all stop talking about what we could or might do and go to work to show results.

Now we come to what is to all of us the real function of the League--our Program, whether you regard our Program as an exercise and a demonstration of citizen responsibility or you are more concerned with actually taking action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest, you are coming to grips with the fundamental issues of our governmental process.

It is about here that we begin to have real division between the idealist and the realist. I see no need for any division in our ranks. I see rather a need for more appreciation and understanding for each other's point of view and a united effort to carry out our League purpose.

Our idealist helps lead us into Program fields of real importance, worthy of our efforts. Program fields where we are not just saying "me too"--where we are out in front leading the way to more abundant living for all and the improvement of civilization. We don't always listen to this idealist--take for example our constitutional item. The item as we adopted it reads: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the constitution of the state of Minnesota." There were those promoting this item who were looking ahead to further study and re-evaluation of our position on reapportionment and perhaps to further study of the constitution, as a document, with the hope of establishing some kind of criteria for constitutional revision by amendment. There were some, and they appeared to be the majority, who wished first to study and reach some decisions on the two ballot issues--the taconite amendment and the amendment on the obsolete provisions.

Your state Board had to take the approach, realistic or not, but subscribed to by the majority of the members, of providing resource material on the two amendments. I guess the taconite amendment is much like daylight saving time for our members seemed eager to become involved. We sold more copies of "Proposed Amendments to the Minnesota Constitution 1964," more members actually participated in unit discussions and we received more complete consensus reports from more Leagues than ever before and it would seem we are hearing louder cries from our minority than ever before. This is good, for we do have a democratic organization where the minority should be heard but we follow the decisions of the majority.

There are those among us who are unwilling to accept our position on this amendment. Fortunately there are two sides to all issues and no one loses her right to think independently when she joins the League. We do assume, however, that her belief in the League--in its purpose, policies, and principles--promotes a real sense of loyalty so that she does not work in any way to undermine what we have all worked so long and hard to build up.

We do need to take a realistic look at what is happening as we continue under this constitution item to consider ballot issues. Before this Council adjourns you will have an opportunity to discuss this further and to start thinking ahead to a year from now when we select state Program for the ensuing two years.

And there is much to be done in support of our present Program! We have a position in support of party designation. We have a position in support of election law revision to provide a vote for president and vice president for new residents in our state. Some would say it was pure idealism to think we can have either one of these from the 1965 Legislature. Let us not be paralyzed by such statements or the complexities of the legislative system -- let us act.

Right here is where we really bog down--our idealism tells us that we are an action organization. Even the courts tell us this when we seek tax-deductibility. The handbooks tell us we study, reach decisions and then act. Is this a reality in your League? These same handbooks tell us that we have two kinds of action--one of a general nature and one of a more specific nature. Ideally to be effective in either kind of action it is important for us to understand the political process. Realistically -- how effective are your members? Do they understand these processes and furthermore feel secure in their knowledge and understanding of the issues?

It is our ideal to have our members become involved in developing public support for the League position. This does not mean just you, our leaders, for the role of the member in action is a vital one. Starting with each League family, then neighbors and friends is the realistic way of spreading interest in a League issue. Most of our members also are members of other groups--civic, church, social and many should be active members of political parties. Ideally these connections are another means by which each member can help the League message reach still more citizens. Your efforts should be directed toward making the member understand the importance and significance of her influence in the political arena.

Oh, if this were only reality--for if it were we would have no trouble securing party designation or all the other League issues we consider of real importance, worthy of our efforts. It can be reality if we truly believe in action and the importance of rallying support of citizens for the League point of view. If each of you is willing to lead the way in your community and to show your members how to go into the community to work with your leaders and your public at large to inform them on issues and enlist their support. Involve your members in approaching your elected representatives, other public officials and the political parties. This is the kind of action that should be going on all the time to create the climate in which the changes we advocate can be effected.

We elect our officials to represent us--they cannot do a good job in a vacuum. They want to know how we feel and they will respond to expressions of public opinion. Apathy and ignorance about governmental problems, particularly at the state level, are common. It will make a difference that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is composed of well-informed members, who care enough about the issues to share their information with their fellow citizens and to keep the legislature aware of their beliefs. This may sound like an ideal--we must make it a reality.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
SIXTH BIENNIAL COUNCIL MEETING
May 20 and 21, 1964
Capp-Towers Motor Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

Wednesday, First Session

The Sixth Biennial Council Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, May 20, 1964 in the Lower Arcade Ballroom of the Capp-Towers Motor Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota by the President, Mrs. William Whiting. The theme of the Council Meeting was "It Makes a Difference That There Is a League of Women Voters".

A welcome was given in many languages by Mrs. Donald Rittenhouse, president of the hostess League, Robbinsdale. She thanked her members for their hard work in making the arrangements.

Mrs. Whiting explained the triangular structure of the League and the role of service that the state Board plays to influence the success of local and national Leagues. She introduced the state Board members who introduced their committees as follows: Mmes. Janski, membership; Murray, legislative; Lundquist, national CRs (off-Board chairman of water - Mrs. Grady Mann); Colborn, constitutional revision; Diefenbach, publications; Henricksson, Voter editor who called attention to the display of local League bulletins; Hutchens, local agenda; Johnson, state CRs; Letourneau, national Program who gave a special thank you to Miss Barbara Stuhler; Nash, public relations; Watson, Indian item; McCoy, voters service; Faucett, finance. Staff members, Mmes. Creger and Thompson, were introduced with a special thank you to Mrs. Williams. The nominating/was introduced: Mmes. Jensen, Pooley and Berdie. committee

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Whiting called the roll beginning with the first League organized: 1920 - Minneapolis; 1921 - Duluth, St. Paul; 1924 - Columbia Heights, Granite Falls, St. Cloud, South St. Paul; 1929 - Bemidji; 1930 - Fergus Falls, Hibbing, Hutchinson; 1931 - Austin; 1934 - Red Wing, Rochester; 1936 - Battle Lake, New Ulm; 1938 - Anoka, Jackson, Owatonna; 1939 - New Richland; 1940 - Worthington; 1941 - Cass Lake; 1946 - Excelsior; 1947 - Golden Valley, Mahtomedi, St. Croix Valley; 1948 - Buffalo, Westonka (formerly Mound); 1950 - Brainerd; 1951 - Alexandria, North St. Paul; 1952 - Arden Hills, Deephaven, Wells; 1953 - Edina, Richfield, Wayzata; 1954 - Falcon Heights, Roseville, St. Louis Park; 1955 - Bloomington, White Bear Lake; 1956 - Moorhead; 1957 - Virginia, West St. Paul; 1958 - Crystal, Minnetonka Village, Robbinsdale, St. Anthony Village; 1959 - Brooklyn Center; 1960 - Maplewood, Shoreview, Silver Bay; 1961 - Albert Lea, Faribault, Fridley; 1962 - Willmar; 1963 - Chisholm; 1964 - Mankato, St. Peter; Provisional - International Falls, Crookston, Brooklyn Park, Winona.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Faucett gave the report of the treasurer and budget analysis. The books have been examined by an auditor and found to be correct.

MOTION: To accept the report of the auditor.

Mover: Faucett

Second: Powers, Willmar

Carried.

BUDGET

Total Proposed Budget - \$32,860.

The chairman of the budget committee, Mrs. David Vail of White Bear Lake, introduced the budget committee: Mmes. Haukebo of Moorhead, Kimble of Maplewood, Reed of Westonka, Robbins of Austin and state Board members, Mrs. Robert Faucett. Mrs. Vail

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explained the budget. Mrs. Faucett called the roll of Leagues for pledges which totalled, with gifts, \$31,960, \$405 less than budgeted. Suggestions were given for revision of the budget. Mrs. Whiting announced the members of the budget adjustment: Mmes. Rozycki of Roseville, Wash of Edina, Konsella of Red Wing, Chesley of Brainerd, Gadola of Wells. They were to meet with the state budget committee at noon.

LOCAL LEAGUE	SUGGESTED PLEDGE	PLEDGED	GIFT
Albert Lea	\$240	\$200	
Alexandria	290	245	
Anoka	400	400	
Arden Hills	275	275	
Austin	715	715	
Battle Lake	85	85	
Bemidji	330	320	
Bloomington	630	630	
Brainerd	200	175	
Brooklyn Center	405	405	
Brooklyn Park (Prov.)		125	
Buffalo	110	95	\$ 5
Cass Lake	95	85	
Chisholm	185	175	
Columbia Heights	155	155	
Crookston (Prov.)		125	
Crystal	290	275	10
Deephaven	345	300	
Duluth	1680	1650	
Edina	1445	1445	
Excelsior	260	260	30
Falcon Heights	260	260	
Faribault	230	150	
Fergus Falls	270	270	
Fridley	325	325	
Golden Valley	550	550	
Granite Falls	170	170	
Hibbing	410	375	
Hutchinson	115	100	
International Falls	100	100	
Jackson	100	90	
Mahtomedi	375	375	
Mankato	200	200	
Maplewood	400	400	
Minneapolis	6775	6775	
Minnetonka	580	580	
Moorhead	280	280	
New Richland	95	80	
New Ulm	165	165	
North St. Paul	255	235	
Owatonna	355	355	
Red Wing	355	280	
Richfield	610	565	45
Robbinsdale	305	305	
Rochester	1475	1475	
Roseville	970	970	
St. Anthony	255	225	25
St. Cloud	435	435	
St. Croix Valley	335	335	

LOCAL LEAGUE	SUGGESTED PLEDGE	PLEDGED	GIFT
St. Louis Park	\$880	\$850	
St. Paul	3130	2900	
St. Peter	175	175	
Shoreview	200	200	
Silver Bay	225	225	
South St. Paul	435	400	
Virginia	230	210	
Wayzata	425	425	
Wells	110	95	
Westonka	295	275	
West St. Paul	400	400	
White Bear Lake	555	555	
Willmar	265	265	
Winona (Prov.)		125	
Worthington	130	130	

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mrs. Whiting introduced Mrs. Reynold Jensen, chairman of the nominating committee, who introduced Miss Hope Washburn of Santa Rosa, California. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, a former state and national Board member from Rochester, Minnesota, and Mrs. Robert Phillips, past president of the League of Women Voters of the U.S., from St. Charles, Illinois, were also introduced by Mrs. Whiting.

NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

Mmes. Dettman of Duluth, John Adams of Rochester and Donald Gipple of White Bear Lake gave their interesting and entertaining accounts of the 26th National Convention in Pittsburgh in April.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Whiting spoke to the Council on "Idealism and Realism" in the League of Women Voters. She explained that we must have ideals toward which to strive, but we must be realistic in order to reach our goals. We have reached our goal of 64 Leagues in '64 and with concerted effort in membership we could reach 6500 members in 1965! We must continue to improve our discussion units, planning, coordination, use of publications and scheduling. For growth we must use the money given by idealistic contributors for realistic action. We must inform our fellow citizens in order to enlist their support for the issues we support, and we must let our officials know how we feel to keep our legislators aware of our beliefs. We must make this ideal a reality. Copies of Mrs. Whiting's speech had been printed and were made available to the delegates and visitors.

Following announcements, the first session was adjourned.

Wednesday, Second Session

The second session consisted of two series of round robin workshops from 1:45 to 4:30 p.m. as follows:

Group A INDIANS: Leader - Mrs. Harold Watson. Recorder - Mrs. John Henricksson
 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Leader - Mrs. Earl Colborn. Recorder - Mrs. A. H. Seymour.
 VOTERS SERVICE: Leader - Mrs. Charles McCoy. Recorder - Mrs. John Lundquist.

Group B SPEAKERS BUREAU: Leader - Mrs. E. J. Diefenbach.
WORKING WITH LEGISLATORS:- Leaders - Mmes. L. G. Murray, Elton Johnson.
WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: Leader - Mrs. Robert Faucett.

Wednesday Dinner Meeting

The dinner was preceded by a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hall of Satellites on the 14th floor.

Mrs. L. G. Murray, second vice president, presided at the dinner meeting in the Hall of Flags. She introduced Mrs. O. J. Janski who introduced all of the former Hope Washburn Award winners present at the head table: Miss Hope Washburn, Mmes. Malcolm Hargraves, Reynold Jensen, Stanley Kane, Kenneth Sigford, Frederick Winston and Miss Barbara Stuhler. Mrs. Janski, 1963 recipient of the Award for distinguished service to the League, presented the 1964 winner, Mrs. O. H. Anderson of Mahtomedi, who has done outstanding work for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and the U.S.

Miss Barbara Stuhler, former national Board member, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Robert Phillips, 1958-64 president of the LWV of the U.S., who spoke on the subject, "It Makes A Difference - There Is A League of Women Voters."

Thursday, Third Session

The third session of the Council was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 1964 by the president, Mrs. William Whiting, in the Lower Arcade Ballroom.

Mrs. David Vail, budget committee chairman, announced the changes which would balance the budget. The following cuts were made: public relations - \$100; program promotion - \$100; lobby expense - \$160; the Voter - \$70. \$25 was added to national publications. The total Budget was \$32,455.

MOTION: To adopt the budget as revised.

Mover: Mrs. G. K. Haukebo, Moorhead Second: Mrs. Marshall Way, Anoka
Carried.

Recorders of the workshops gave their reports.

Constitutional Revision - Mrs. A. H. Seymour: The reasons for choosing the item at the 1963 Convention were given. Our old stands were reviewed. It was announced that the state Board recommended a study of reapportionment under this item for the coming year. Problems that might be encountered in a study of other areas of the constitution were discussed. Mrs. Stanley Kane of Golden Valley spoke on reapportionment. The last portion of the workshop was devoted to a discussion of ways to promote the amendments.

Voters Service - Mrs. John Lundquist: The emphasis in this workshop was on non-voters and why they do not vote. Information from the Report of the Commission on Registration and Voting was used extensively. A discussion followed about how to encourage registration among young people, invalids, etc. as well as the public in general.

Indians - Mrs. John Henricksson: Mrs. Watson explained the dilemma that resulted from the local League consensus. Our present policy was stated (May 1963 position). Local Leagues were asked for their reactions to the consensus. After some discussion about this, the statement that had been drawn up as a result of the recent consensus was read. The majority approved the statement. In 1964-65 we will study economic development and the administration of justice. Mrs. Audrey Parish spoke on law enforcement.

Mrs. Whiting continued the session with a Look Ahead in the areas of state program, voters service, program structure, national program and the 1965 State Convention.

Mrs. Letourneau spoke on the national Program. State Program was discussed by a panel made up of Mmes. Colborn, Murray, Watson and Johnson. Mrs. Whiting directed the local Leagues to discuss the information they had received during this session in order to work effectively and to make intelligent decisions.

Parts of this session were recorded.

Delegates were reminded of the important leadership training workshops for all Board members to be held on June 9, 10, 11.

Thursday Luncheon Meeting

Mrs. O. J. Janski, first vice president, presided at the meeting following the luncheon. She introduced Mrs. Harold Watson who introduced the speaker, Mr. Walter Mondale, Attorney General of Minnesota. His topic was "Problems of Law Enforcement in Minnesota". He called attention to the crisis in law enforcement where a great many crimes remain unsolved. Since law enforcement is primarily a local problem, ways must be found to help the local officials to do a more effective job.

Mrs. Albert Schultz, Robbinsdale Council chairman, gave the credentials report as follows:

State Board Members	14	Leagues represented	55
State Staff Members	3	Provisional Leagues	4
Convention Workers	30	Not represented	5
Delegates	107	(Albert Lea, Cass Lake, Chisholm,	
Observers	<u>128</u>	Jackson, New Richland)	
Total Attendance	282	Number attending dinner	188
		Number attending lunch	190

Members of the credentials committee: Mmes. Twitchell, Sandgren, McGeorge, Bentz.
The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
June 18, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Diefenbach, Faucett, Henricksson, Hutchens, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, Murray, Nash, Watson.
Board members absent: Mrs. McCoy.
Staff members present: Mmes. Creger, Thompson.

MINUTES: May 14 MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.
(Lundquist) Mover: Nash Second: Murray Carried.

Corrections: page 2, paragraph 7, sentence 1: change Unit 55 to Unit 31.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

May 20 & 21 - State Council: The minutes were read by the Secretary.

Corrections: page 1, paragraph 3, add: Faucett, Finance.
page 2, paragraphs 1 and 6: a list of all local Leagues with their suggested pledges, actual pledge and gifts will be attached to the minutes; also a summary of the workshops in the afternoon.
page 3, paragraph 2, change to: "It Makes a Difference That You Are a Member of the League of Women Voters".
page 3, paragraph 11, delete: Rural.
page 3, paragraph 12, change: credentials committee to Council committee.

MOTION: To accept the minutes as corrected.
Carried by common consent.

TRASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/64	\$5,788.59
(Faucett)	Receipts 4/1/64 to 5/31/64	\$2,268.57
	Expenditures 4/1/64 to 5/31/64	\$4,847.10
	Balance on hand 5/31/64	\$3,210.06
	Balance on hand 6/15/64	\$3,893.56

The Board agreed to charge the cost of the "How To" publication on local program from the LWV of Indiana which was given to all Board members to the National Publications account.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mrs. Nash asked for time.

PRISIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Whiting gave the Board a big thank you for the excellent work done at Council and the leadership workshops.
(Whiting)

Mrs. Whiting was a guest at the Minneapolis Annual Meeting. Too few members attended such an important meeting. We must encourage more members to take part. Possibly Minneapolis could use delegates from the units to make the decisions at the Annual Meeting. Minneapolis changed to the single list program. The panel in the afternoon was taped. Representatives from the DFL and Republican parties talked about political effectiveness and party procedure. This was very interesting and could be used in Voters Service and Membership.

Mrs. Faucett added that we should have more interchange of ideas between Leagues such as that of the budget revision committee during Council. In this way the Leagues could help each other solve problems without intervention from the state Board.

Mrs. Whiting attended the Women's Civil Rights Committee meeting. Reports from its leadership training workshops were in. They were fairly successful. Names of interested women will be given to the Minneapolis and possibly St. Paul Leagues. This group is going in the direction in which we can go along with them. Material is being gathered on equality of employment in Minnesota.

The appointment of Mrs. Charles^{Johnson} to replace Mrs. Elton Johnson was announced.

MOTION: To accept the appointment of Mrs. Charles Johnson as chairman of all state CRs except discrimination which will be handled by Mrs. Watson.
Mover: Watson Second: Diefenbach Carried.

Mrs. Letourneau will be chairman of the new national item, foreign policy and the UN. The nominating committee is looking for an additional Board member to handle water and the national CRs.

The President is pleased with the Outlook for Work Board Memo and portfolio chairmen were reminded to keep their local League counterparts up to date in succeeding issues. She also reminded the Board to keep personal calendars current so that the office and others know our plans and locations. We must keep broadening our own horizons to see the overall League picture and take a long look to see if we are doing things the right way. We must be concerned with helping the Leagues with the follow-through on the program experiment.

Mrs. Whiting has been asked to speak at a meeting on environmental health.

STATE COUNCIL: Mrs. Janski as the state Board chairman of Council gave a summary (Janski) of the 50 evaluation sheets turned in. All favored the metropolitan area for Council, but some favored a Convention out-state occasionally. The complete report will be placed on file.

Mrs. Whiting gave a special and personal thank you to Mrs. Janski and reminded Board members that they should get complete reports or outlines on all Council speeches and workshops into the office, and Mrs. Thompson will see that the Council file is complete.

INDIANS: Mrs. Watson read the statement in the Outlook and discussion followed (Watson) to determine our actual position now. Copies of the 1963 position were passed around and revised.

MOTION: To accept the following revised statement of our Indian position.
(Statement attached)
Mover: Watson Second: Janski Carried.

Mr. Walton of the Human Rights Commission had made some statements about the Indian Affairs Commission which some Board members questioned. Discussion followed on the differences and duties of each of the two groups.

The Minneapolis League has been meeting with the Urban American Indian Committee of Minneapolis and the Twin City Tribal Council. With this background, the League can help them if they ask for our assistance.

It is possible that an Indian Service Center may be founded at the U. of M. Mrs. Watson will write to President Wilson.

CONSTITUTION: Our strictness on consensus deadlines was discussed. Some Board (Colborn) members feel we are unnecessarily strict - that there are times when we need to know about and include a consensus that is late but that has arrived before the committee meets to evaluate them. It was decided

this could be left to the discretion of the committee involved. It will be discussed again in September or October.

Mrs. Colborn has evaluated taconite material. Hibbing has asked and been given permission to use the name of the LWV of Minnesota on a packet of promotional material on taconite they are distributing. St. Paul and Richfield are doing Voters Service an Amendment I and Minneapolis and White Bear are supporting it.

We must all work to promote Amendment II. Some information must be sent to local Leagues before the election.

There was discussion on the recent Supreme Court ruling to consider population only when reapportioning legislatures. The local Leagues will get a pamphlet and bulletin from the National Municipal League. There are three disunion amendments. We can act against the second one dealing with reapportionment. The first would establish courts of states above the Supreme Court of the U.S., and the third provides for an easier amending process for the federal Constitution. In reapportioning, we must decide how equal is equal? What should be the deviation from the average - the 10% recommended by some? How is this to be enforced? Should reapportionment be removed from legislatures entirely; how often is it to be done; and will this lead to a unicameral legislature? A case is presently before the Minnesota Supreme Court asking the state to reapportion according to the 1960 census.

Plans now include a basic resource piece on reapportionment and an every member piece.

A regional meeting of the Council of State Governments will be held July 28 - July 31 in Minneapolis.

LEGISLATIVE: We are to read the new Legislative Manual for Young Readers if (Murray) we have not already done so.

Mrs. Murray said that she had bad news for party designation. Many former supporters are becoming disenchanted, and this may force us to change our action.

Under our ethics item, Mrs. Murray will read bills on public disclosure by Reps. Frenzel and Ashbach. There is a possibility of a bill on the post auditor (public examiner). Local Leagues need up-dating on this. She had received letters from the American Legion and VFW who favor easing of restrictions on new residents voting for President and Vice President. She had received letters from the Federated Women's Clubs who are interested in election laws and the AAUW who is not interested in party designation. Other groups showed varying amounts of interest. Board members must keep Mrs. Murray informed of action they hear of.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mmes. Whiting, Colborn and Thompson discussed various aspects of Voters Service in the absence of Mrs. McCoy.

The errors in salary have been corrected in the flyer. Now we must make up for this extra expense by selling more!

Candidates meetings were discussed. Mr. Forsythe has asked that all rules for such meetings be spelled out in the invitation to the candidate. Policies were reviewed, and the following motions made:

MOTION: To inform the local Leagues that candidates are not to send a substitute or a statement to be read if they are unable to come.

Mover: Hutchens

Second: Nash

Carried.

MOTION: If, when planning a candidates meeting, one political group refuses to attend and only one political group will be represented, the meeting should be cancelled.

Mover: Watson

Second: Diefenbach

Carried.

MOTION: If plans have been made and a meeting is held, all invited candidates present should be permitted to speak whether or not their opponents are present.

Mover: Janski

Second: Murray

Carried.

The legislative questionnaires are ready and assignments for interviews made to the local Leagues. This information must be sent to the other Leagues in their districts.

Procedures for Congressional and statewide questionnaires were reviewed by Mrs. Thompson. The deadlines are set. The Minneapolis Tribune Voters Guide was discussed, and we will evaluate this cooperative project at a later date. Mrs. Nash will talk to the Tribune about publishing the replies in other papers, and we are to think about this for possible change before the 1966 election.

Should we allow a provisional League to send out legislative questionnaires if they are the only League in a legislative district?

MOTION: To allow a provisional League to send legislative questionnaires if it is the only League in a district.

Mover: Murray

Second:

It was pointed out by Mrs. Janski that not all provisional Leagues would be well enough informed to do this.

MOTION: To allow the provisional Leagues of Winona and Crookston to send legislative questionnaires.

Mover: Hutchens

Second: Lundquist

Carried.

A question to ask candidates for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner had been sent by Mrs. McCoy, and she requested approval for its use.

MOTION: To approve the proposed question for Railroad and Warehouse candidates.

Mover: Johnson

Second: Faucett

Carried.

The amendment broadsides will be printed on both sides of the paper, and it was decided to send proof copies and order cards to local Leagues to determine how many to order.

FOREIGN POLICY: The Latin American Workshop was an excellent conference with (Letourneau) discussion groups and resulting statement of consensus.

Mrs. Letourneau also attended a World Affairs Center meeting. They gave results of the questionnaires that had been sent to delegates and heads of member organizations. All 28 member organizations have been recorded on tape and these have been sent to 25 radio stations. The Center is planning a series of meetings on world politics, a dinner for gifted students and teachers on the UN and a luncheon for organizations belonging to the World Affairs Center. The meetings would be a series of 8 to begin in January or February.

Mrs. Harry Ettinger will help with the UN tour. We will plan a foreign economic policy meeting on East-West trade in the fall.

VOTER: The May-June issue is at the printers. The July-August Voter (Henricksson) will have articles on consensus, reapportionment and Indians. Copy is due July 1.

International Falls has been recognized for its excellent bulletin, Timber Talk.

Ten Leagues have been contacted to write on one of the Lively Issues. Four have answered. Mrs. Henricksson will contact other Leagues if necessary. Deadline is August 1. Old issues could be combined in an article on single list program experiment.

ORGANIZATION: International Falls has requested permission for a candidates (Janski) meeting.

MOTION: To grant the provisional League of International Falls permission to hold a candidates meeting for legislative candidates and Koochiching County Commissioners.

Mover: Janski Second: Hutchens Carried.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: MOTION: To grant approval for Margaret Greger to sign (Janski) checks for the LWV of Minnesota.

Mover: Janski Second: Lundquist Carried.

Mrs. Janski announced that the office management committee has given the staff July 3 off, and that the summer hours will be 8:30 to 4:00. Mrs. Thompson will take her vacation the first two weeks in August (one with pay). The office will be moved to Rooms 333 and 337 next week.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: President Johnson declared September 13-19 "Women Voter Week". (Nash) We shall ask our governor to make a similar proclamation and use the attendant publicity. We will contact all state level women's organizations. Should we have a special committee made up of good PR people just to work on promotion for this Week? Mrs. Nash was instructed to form such a committee.

Mrs. Letourneau had heard three adverse comments about the League at the Latin American conference. One was that we emphasize getting out the vote more than an informed vote.

The leadership workshops were evaluated briefly. Most comments were very favorable, and the three days seemed worthwhile.

Mrs. Whiting announced the resignations of Mrs. Elton Johnson and Mrs. E.J. Diefenbach. The Secretary was asked to read Mrs. Diefenbach's letter of resignation.

MOTION: To accept with regret the resignations of Mmes. Diefenbach and Johnson from the state Board.

Mover: Murray Second: Faucett Carried.

Next Board meeting will be August 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

INDIAN STUDY CONSENSUS

June 18, 1964

In consideration of our recent discussions at Council and during the leadership workshops regarding the process of taking consensus and arriving at positions, the state Board has revised our old Indian consensus, adopted May 14, 1963, in an attempt to make it purely a policy statement, rather than a statement which outlined specific action in terms of specific pieces of legislation. We then added to our position in the same way in order to incorporate the broadening which came out of this year's discussions. On the basis of this policy, the Board will determine whether a specific piece of legislation will accomplish our goals. Our new position, adopted June 18, is as follows:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that the ultimate goal of all programs for Minnesota Indians should be the self-sufficiency of the Indian population and acceptance into American life, but this acceptance or integration does not imply altering their reservation status or cultural patterns except as the Indians may desire it. It is to be accomplished on their own terms.

Responsibility of the federal government: In keeping with the goal stated above, we can expect an eventual reduction of federal services as self-sufficiency is achieved. Now, however, services must be extended. In view of the stated federal policy of eventual termination and of the mobility of the population, the land status requirement for federal services is unrealistic and should be abandoned. It could be replaced by a need criterion. Now an Indian leaving the reservation is penalized by losing federal services. A Bureau of Indian Affairs policy which states that services will be offered "when these services are not available from other sources" is narrow and ineffective. Programs should be designed not only to relieve individual suffering but to enable all Indians to raise their standards of living. As long as special services for Indians as Indians are needed, the federal government should share the expense.

Responsibility of the state: Indians are citizens of the state, and as such, the state is responsible for them as for all other citizens. This responsibility should be declared and assumed. Beyond this, Indians have unique problems not shared by other citizens. The state has a responsibility, financially and administratively, to contribute to their solution. This includes the development of remedial programs of health education, child care and training for employment. Besides developing programs, the state has a responsibility to make full use of available federal services. If nationally, the financial burden should be shared by all the states, on the state level, the burden should be shared by all the counties. The League of Women Voters believes in the need for an effective state agency which would be acceptable to the Indians themselves, permanent, staffed by professionally qualified people, authorized to act in setting up, carrying out, and coordinating programs, empowered to utilize the services of other existing agencies, and provided with adequate funds.

We favor eventual state administration of services for Indians with the federal government sharing the financial burden, since it is our belief that the state is closer to the problem and has more to gain from its solution.

The state has a responsibility to ease the Indian's transition to urban living through remedial programs of counseling for urban living and vocational training or retraining. A means should be devised to overcome the barrier of residence requirements for welfare services. Equal treatment regardless of race under local welfare programs should be guaranteed and qualifications by the state for federal reimbursement met through the setting and enforcement of state standards and through easing local welfare burdens by state financing of welfare programs for Indians.

In general we believe that legislation should not single out a special national, racial or religious group, that wherever possible legislation should be framed without reference to these factors, unless government services now are being given or withheld on this basis.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 20, 1964

MEETING PLACE: Home of Mrs. Wm. Whiting, Owatonna, Minn., 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Faucett, Henricksson, Hokkanen, Janski, C. Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, McCoy, Murray, Watson.
Board members absent: Mrs. Nash.
Staff members present: Mmes. Creger, Thompson.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the June 18 minutes.
(Lundquist) Mover: Faucett Second: McCoy Carried.

Corrections: page 5, paragraph 2, under VOTER, insert after bulletin: title and headings in "Timber Talk".

MOTION: To accept the minutes as corrected.
Carried by common consent.

APPOINTMENT: Mrs. Whiting announced the appointment of Mrs. L. C. Hokkanen to the Board of Directors.

MOTION: To accept the appointment of Mrs. Hokkanen as chairman of Publications.
Mover: Janski Second: Henricksson Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/64	\$ 5,788.59
(Faucett)	Receipts 4/1/64 to 7/31/64	\$ 6,984.41
	Expenditures 4/1/64 to 7/31/64	\$10,772.15
	Balance on hand 7/31/64	\$ 2,000.85

STATE COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT:	Income	\$1670.75
	Expenditures	\$1574.25
	Balance	\$ 96.50

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mmes. Janski, McCoy and Watson asked for more time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The secretary was asked to read a letter of resignation from (Whiting) Mrs. John Hutchens who is moving to Kansas City.

MOTION: To accept the resignation of Mrs. Hutchens with regret.
Mover: Watson Second: Murray Carried.

Give your ideas for a local agenda chairman to the nominating committee.

Mrs. Whiting met with Mrs. Grady Mann, and a committee is being recruited to work on the Water Item and the national CRs. Mrs. Mann has not released the Water portfolio. She is doing background work.

The national Board asked if we would like to exchange publications with other state Leagues. Mrs. Whiting suggested that an exchange of Program action ideas might be more helpful.

National Bylaws were discussed, and Mrs. Watson suggested a change in the statement of Principles.

MOTION: To authorize Mrs. Whiting to appoint a committee to study national Bylaws, Principles and Preamble.
Mover: Janski Second: Colborn Carried.

Mrs. Whiting replied to the national Times for Action.

Mrs. Whiting had lunch with Barbara Stuhler to express appreciation for the wonderful job she has done representing Minnesota on the national Board. Miss Stuhler is willing to help with short term assignments for the Minnesota League.

Mrs. Whiting asked us to take a mid-term look at ourselves and reminded us to keep TOTAL BOARD RESPONSIBILITY in mind while we are busy with our individual assignments.

Revised consultant and committee assignments were announced. See attached list.

Mrs. John Campbell, national Board Chairman of Human Resources and Women Voters Week, will be in Minnesota the last week of September. Mrs. Janski will write to her suggesting alternative plans for meetings with her on human resources and membership.

STATE COUNCIL - 1966: MOTION: To set the dates May 18 and 19 for the 1966 State Council.

Mover: Murray Second: Lundquist Carried.

MOTION: Arrangements for location will be made by Mmes. Janski and Thompson. Carried by common consent.

STATE CONVENTION - 1965: Mrs. Janski will serve as convention chairman.

MOTION: To ask the LWV of Minneapolis to serve as hostess League.

Mover: McCoy Second: Murray Carried.

The Minneapolis League has scheduled its Indian tour to Bemidji on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Reservations are due in the Minneapolis office by Sept. 8; \$8.75 for bus ticket and \$5.00 for hotel. Meals are a personal responsibility.

Board Memo copy due by Monday in Owatonna.

Mrs. Whiting congratulated our office staff for their excellent work.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Sept. 17 in the state office.

The Minnesota-Dakotas Assembly will hold a conference on the Population Dilemma Sept. 23-26 in Moorhead. Mrs. Letourneau hopes to go.

MOTION: To authorize expenses for two Board members to attend this conference.

Mover: Watson Second: Faucett Carried.

If you have material you wish sent to local Leagues, please send a copy to Mrs. Whiting when you send the material to the office.

WOMEN VOTERS WEEK: Mrs. Henricksson reported for Mrs. Nash that the committee has (Nash) adopted three main plans and will coordinate TV and radio publicity in the metropolitan area. Kits of materials will be sent to women's organizations whose representatives could not attend the luncheon but who indicated an interest in receiving the material. Shirley Johnson has made a flip chart for use during WWV. An outline has been prepared for use with the chart.

* Consultants, encourage your Leagues to stress activity that week.

Allied Florists have suggested giving a chrysanthemum to all voters on election day and are working on financing. They have asked our cooperation.

MOTION: That we do not participate in the Allied Florists plan.
Mover: Watson Second: Murray Carried.

Mrs. Henricksson will inform Allied Florists of our decision.

Mrs. Henricksson will meet with the staff of KTCA-TV, Channel 2, to plan Women Voters Week programs and will suggest Board members for speeches and interviews.

We should use the new "Register and Vote" stamps now and suggest their use to others, too.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Janski explained the differences between blanket and designated bonding with varying amounts of protection and costs.
(Janski)

MOTION: To grant approval to the Office Management Committee for final handling of bonding.
Mover: Watson Second: Johnson Carried.

The new League office is furnished, and the staff is pleased with the change.

Mrs. Janski recommended that we make a change in job descriptions to facilitate secretarial duties.

MOTION: To revise the job description of the executive secretary to include work with the legislative chairman and her committee and delete this from the job description of the organization secretary.
Mover: Janski Second: Colborn Carried.

AMENDMENTS: Mmes. Colborn and Whiting will meet with the Taconite Committee. Mrs. (Colborn) Shemesh would like the names of local League presidents who might form county committees for Taconite, and the Board decided to give her the list of presidents. The committee will make suggestions to local Leagues for promotions. The next Board Memo will begin with a push on the Amendments.

REAPPORTIONMENT: The Board discussed whether or not to include a consensus question (Colborn) on an area factor in one house in view of the Supreme Court decision and the possibility of a change which would make this possible later. This will be decided at the Sept. 17 meeting. Mrs. Murray is a member of the Governor's Commission on Reapportionment which is studying these problems. Maybe this is a good time to push for a Constitutional Convention.

LEGISLATIVE: Progress is good on legislative preparedness, and the Board will be (Murray) kept up to date on progress of legislation at every meeting. Mrs. Murray asked that we send newspaper articles on legislation to her.

Party Designation - Mrs. Homer Mantis will be the LWV lobbyist. Board members reported the amount of interest and feelings of their areas; discussion followed. We will try to get Conservative authors on a PD bill, but the groundwork must be done at home by local Leagues talking to their legislators.

Four Legislative Workshops are being planned:

Nov. 5	Hennepin County
Nov. 10	Brainerd
Nov. 12	Ramsey County
Nov. 17	Mankato

Workshop sessions will include a forecast of legislation related to League Program and what to do at home to keep members and newspapers up-to-date. After lunch reapportionment could be discussed giving very basic information on what to do.

The Federated Womens Clubs are not interested in studying or promoting the new resident voting law. The PTA legislative chairman is interested and will try to promote it at the PTA Convention.

Additional lobbyists have been acquired:

Ethics	Mrs. Jane Emory
New resident law	Mrs. Pat Richdorf
Reapportionment	Mrs. Dorothy Anderson

STATE CRS: Mrs. Johnson reviewed our consensus on election laws which expresses (Johnson) support for registration in communities of 5,000 to 10,000 population and state-wide registration, but it needs clarification to enable us to support a county-wide registration plan.

Mmes. Johnson and Murray attended an election law interim commission meeting. They feel the outlook is not encouraging. They issued a statement prepared by Mrs. Elton Johnson before her resignation. Mrs. Charles Johnson feels we have an inadequate position. County-wide registration is a big issue with the commission. Mrs. Murray will attend the next Commission meeting and will express the interest of the League.

VOTER: The Lively Issues VOTER is being proof-read. Mrs. Whiting's article (Henricksson) will present the possibility of a single list Program on the state level. Another article will feature our two new Board members.

Nov.-Dec. VOTER deadline is Nov. 1 for Dec. 1 publishing.

Be sure to tell Mrs. Henricksson when you want space in the VOTER.

Brooklyn Park will be recognized for its first bulletin.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: Mrs. Letourneau attended the session on poverty of the Government (Letourneau) in Politics course.

She is planning a state publication on poverty in Minnesota - a comparative piece. At the request of national, we will wait till later to publish it.

A seven day tour of Washington D.C. and the United Nations will cost approximately \$200.

The next Board Memo will reiterate national Program items and the responsibility of members and Boards for answering Times for Action.

INDIANS: The Indian Commission has had two days of hearings in White Earth and in (Watson) the metropolitan area. A disproportionate number of Indians are in jails and other state institutions. Mrs. Watson, Ada Deer and Robert Treuer toured the Bemidji area for three days. They visited the Indian Bureau, Public Health Department and homes. Indians have poor law enforcement, no parole officers and the poverty in some places is extreme. Mrs. Watson read parts of a report on the feelings of the Cass Lake LWV on the Indian problem - it is an explosive issue there. The Board would not care to add to this problem and agreed to postpone the workshop we had planned for October until after January 1, 1965.

VOTERS SERVICE: Austin requests permission to print answers to three additional (McCoy) questions they wish to ask legislators in the 5th district. Permission was given to add a separate sheet of questions if they wish.

A questionnaire was sent to local Leagues in 1962 for a report of their Voters Service activities. A similar one will be sent out in the next mailing for Dec. 1 return.

Mrs. McCoy will write a letter to General Mills commending the company for its plug for voting on cereal boxes and will suggest using this in TV advertising also.

A voters service committee is being formed to explore the possibilities of working with youth groups.

Leagues may include candidates for district judge at candidates meetings.

PUBLICATIONS: 30,000 amendment broadsides have been ordered by local Leagues so far. The number to be printed will be decided by the committee following the order deadline date of Aug. 24.

The reapportionment booklet will run about 24 pages and can sell at 15¢ if 5,000 are ordered. The committee will make the final decision on this.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: The chairman of the state nominating committee wishes to be politically active during the coming campaign. The extent of her activity was discussed.

MOTION: To grant permission to the chairman of the state nominating committee to engage in political activity.

Mover: Johnson

Second: Watson

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: The auditor who has been checking our books has moved away.
Addition Mrs. Janski has talked to another man who is willing to audit the League books.

MOTION: To appoint Mr. George Kapetanis the official auditor for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Mover: Letourneau

Second: Johnson

Carried.

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9/11/64

To: All Board Members

From: Margy Greger

We will soon be issuing a new board list. Will you please list your name and address. INCLUDING ZIP CODE and telephone number INCLUDING AREA CODE on this sheet and mail to me or give to me at the next Board Meeting.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE (including area code) _____

To: All Boarders

From: Ele Colborn

9/11/64

Subject: Reapportionment

Remember we did not decide last month whether we wished to take a consensus on area.

Many Leaguers are confused as to the League position on proposed bills, amendments and resolutions in Congress. Part of the answer is of course that these are national matters and as a state we can take no position. As a matter of substance the various proposals might be divided into two categories: (1) Those that would remove apportionment from the jurisdiction of federal courts and (2) those that accept the principle of federal court intervention but wish to modify the one-man one-vote decision. It is my feeling that we as a state league do accept the principle of federal court intervention. We filed an "amicus curae" brief in 1958. For this reason we would oppose the Disunion amendment on reapportionment. I do not feel we have a position on area vs. population. Do you feel this is an accurate expression of our position?

MEMO TO STATE BOARD

9/11/64

REPORT ON INTERIM COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS LAWS MEETING

Sue Murray

We won't have to worry about county wide registration for the metro area this session. The legislators talked themselves out of the idea and came up with a compromise bill which fits into our position exactly.

The recommended bill is that all municipalities in the seven county metro area who have had more than 300 voting in the last general election (which will be the Nov. election) must establish permanent voter registration. I don't have the facts and figures, but it should extend registration to 15 to 20 municipalities and the key factor is that it is limited to metro area. The commission feels that any statewide bill would not pass -- outstate legislators in the past have shied away from mandatory registration bills as a slap at honesty and competence of their local officials.

I had a chance to talk to Sen. Mel Hanson before the meeting started and told him the League could probably support county registration as a step to state wide registration, but there were many details (such as, where people would register) that would require careful consideration. He seemed glad of this much support and I felt I had been able to redeem our good name a little. I was the one who was pretty stupid at the previous meeting, you know, so I feel better now. The worst thing about representing the League that if you do a poor job the whole League looks stupid.

A funny thing happened that may give you an idea of what legislators think of us.

I was sitting behind a post --- Sen. Claude Allen didn't know I was in the room. After coming up with the compromise bill after nearly 2 hours of discussion he commented that he thought it was a good bill, a step in the right direction -- then added, "and the League of Women Voters will dance for joy when they hear about this."

Everyone else laughed, and he turned around, red-faced, and asked my pardon. I felt flattered for all of us tho. To me it showed that we have become a recognized force for election law reform -- whether they know we're in the room or not.

LWV OF MINNESOTA BOARD MEETING
307 Social Science Building
University of Minnesota
9:30 A.M. Thursday, September 17, 1964

MINUTES

- 5 Reading of Minutes, M. Lundquist
- 10 Treasurer's Report, M. Greger in absence of M. Faucett
Revision of Agenda
- 30 Report of President, A. Whiting
(approval of appointments)
- 30 Legislative and Legislative Workshop matters, S. Murray
(see enclosure)
- 15 Item II, State Program, E. Colborn
(see enclosure)
- 15 Voters Service, M. McCoy
- 11 A.M. - President leaves for Randy Merriman show and will return
shortly after 1 P.M. This will give you time for committee meetings,
lunch, etc.)
- 10 Local League matters, P. Thompson and I. Janski
(If consultants have information, mention at this time)
- 5 Voter, J. Henricksson
- 10 Citizen Course, J. Henricksson
- 10 Office Management, I. Janski
State Program Deadline (see state bylaws), I. Janski
- 30 Finance and Budget Building Day, A. Whiting in absence of M. Faucett
- 1:45 to 2:10 Prospective Convention Plans for 1967, Mrs. Adams & Mrs.
Richards of Rochester League

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 17, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Henricksson, Hokkanen, Janski, Johnson, Lundquist, Mann, McCoy, Murray, Nash, Walker, Watson.
Board members absent: Mmes. Faucett, Letourneau.
Staff members present: Mmes. Creger, Thompson.

Mrs. Whiting announced the appointment of two Board members.

MOTION: To accept the appointment of Mrs. Grady Mann of Fergus Falls as chairman of National CRs and Water.

Mover: Johnson Second: Henricksson Carried.

MOTION: To accept the appointment of Mrs. Darrel Walker, Bloomington as chairman of Local Agenda.

Mover: Janski Second: Nash Carried.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the August 20 minutes.
(Lundquist) Mover: Murray Second: Nash Carried.

Corrections: page 1, paragraph 5 under President's Report, change last four words to: might also be helpful.
page 3, paragraph 3 under Office Management, change to read:
The new League office is gradually being equipped and furnished.
We are generally pleased with the new quarters.
page 4, paragraph 1 under VOTER, omit: proof.

MOTION: To accept the minutes as corrected.
Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Mrs. Creger in the absence of Mrs. Faucett.
(Faucett)

Balance on hand 4/1/64	\$ 5,788.59
Receipts 4/1/64 to 8/31/64	\$10,415.51
Expenditures 4/1/64 to 8/31/64	\$13,354.84
Balance on hand 8/31/64	\$ 2,849.26

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mrs. Watson must be excused for awhile to attend a meeting.
Mrs. Hokkanen requested 5 minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Whiting listed the committee and consultant assignments
(Whiting) for the new Board members as follows:

Mrs. Mann: National CAs, Constitutional Revision, Local Agenda, Legislative.

Mrs. Walker: Voters Service, Organization, VOTER.

Their consultant Leagues are:

Mrs. Mann: Fridley, Fergus Falls, Battle Lake.

Mrs. Walker: Arden Hills, Brooklyn Center, Falcon Heights, St. Peter.

A National Bylaws Committee has been appointed with Mrs. Stuart Fenton as chairman. Other members are Mmes. Colborn and Watson from the state Board. Another off-Board person will be named.

A committee is being recruited for the Water Item.

The Liberty Amendment lobbyist will be Mrs. Steven Orey, Minneapolis.

Mrs. Whiting has written and received many thank you notes in connection with League activities.

Mrs. Whiting has written to Mrs. Stuart explaining our substitution of one question on the Congressional Questionnaires. Questions were also asked of candidates for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner and Supreme Court Judges. District judge candidates will receive questionnaires from the local Leagues.

Minneapolis has been asked to hostess the 1965 Convention.

Mrs. Whiting attended a meeting of the steering committee for taconite. This committee is well organized. Mrs. Shemesh wanted Mrs. Whiting to make a statement for the newspapers replying to an article in opposition to the amendment by Mr. Davies of the Central Labor Union. Mrs. Whiting did not do this because she felt that this would draw more attention to the opposition.

At a reapportionment hearing, Mrs. Whiting was asked about citizen education on reapportionment and how the League might help with it. Mrs. Whiting's statement made to the Commission will be sent to the local Leagues.

Mrs. Janski will assemble the next Board Memo since Mrs. Whiting will be in Chicago for a few days.

Articles on consensus were suggested for the next issues of the Board Memo to clarify misunderstanding that still seems to exist. Local Leagues must reach rather than take consensus. The next consensus forms will include suggestions for broad areas of agreement with the minority opinions expressed. Mrs. Colborn will write an article for the November Board Memo and Mrs. McCoy for the current issue. Mrs. Murray would like one on consensus to action in January.

Women Voters Week activities are going along well. However, membership needs more work. What would help? How can we re-interest old members? Maybe expert speakers or CMAL participation might interest these women who are already familiar with League. Mrs. McCoy received the WCCO Good Neighbor Award today.

A Foreign Relations Seminar to Europe has been announced by the Wichita League for 30 days beginning April 24, 1965. Local Leagues will be notified in the Board Memo.

LEGISLATIVE: The committee for the Legislative Workshops will meet September 22 to (Murray) outline plans. Mrs. Murray asked for suggestions and several recommendations were given in areas of legislative program, organization and basic information on legislators' interests and assignments. Have the local Leagues do some preliminary work on their legislators and districts and interests of other organizations in their communities.

Please send clippings on legislative matters to Mrs. Murray. Also Board members were asked to read the Legislative Manual for Young Readers. Copies will be ordered for new Board members. The Board received a report of the last meeting of the Interim Commission on Election Laws. On September 18 this Commission will consider a bill to allow new residents to vote for president and vice president. The chances for this law will be helped greatly if this Commission recommends it and Mrs. Murray is hopeful. There has been difficulty in reaching agreement on certification. There is now the possibility of a compromise clause. Mrs. Richdorf, League lobbyist, and Mrs. Murray will attend the September 18 meeting of the Commission.

Mrs. Watson announced a meeting September 24 of the Council for Civil and Human Rights. Mrs. Richdorf should attend.

Mrs. Walter Carpenter is our Constitutional lobbyist.

Mmes. Whiting, Walker and Thompson left at 11:00 to appear on the Randy Merriman

TV show to publicize WWV.

Mrs. Janski presided in the absence of the President.

ORGANIZATION: The provisional League of Winona has asked permission to undertake an election returns project. League members would call in election returns to headquarters from 47 precincts. Radio station KWNO endorses the project.

MOTION: To approve the election returns project as described by the Winona League.
Mover: Johnson Second: Murray Carried.

There has been misunderstanding in St. Peter over a statement made by the City Clerk in the local newspaper that the League had requested that they be allowed to furnish election judges. The League in St. Peter had not done this. However, they did serve as election judges in the primary. They will be advised not to take this on as a League project for the general election. Their members should serve as individuals not as League members.

Election judges information has been requested by Duluth. The Minneapolis League has this information and also material on the election returns project.

A summary of election laws will be printed in the Board Memo. The voters primer in the Minneapolis Tribune is the responsibility of Mrs. Muldoon.

INDIANS: Mrs. Watson announced a program of Indian dances at the Guthrie Theatre (Watson) on November 6.

Several laws have been introduced in the United States Senate on law enforcement in Indian areas.

CONSTITUTION: Mrs. Colborn would like permission to use the remaining basic publication on the proposed amendments (approximately 800). They might be sent to schools or given to women in communities where we hope to establish a League. Permission was granted.

There is need for a basic voters service type publication on reapportionment because there is much ignorance on this subject. Possibly this could be done better after the Federal Court case in Minnesota has been decided. The Board was asked to think about this until our next meeting - how would this be distributed? should we ask the cooperation of the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union and the public affairs specialist at the University Extension Office?

Shall we give members an opportunity to re-evaluate the principle of federal jurisdiction as well as the area factor in reapportionment? The Supreme Court decision has changed the feeling of many people and makes our five year old consensus even more outdated. Many states have lobbied against the second dis-union amendment.

MOTION: We conclude that we have no position on which to oppose the second dis-union amendment on the jurisdiction of the federal courts on reapportionment. We will distribute material on the disunion amendments to local League members.
Mover: Murray Second: McCoy Carried.

MOTION: To include a question on an area factor in reapportionment when asking for consensus.
Mover: Henricksson Second: Lundquist Carried.

Not many Leagues are working very hard on either the taconite amendment or amendment II. This will be pushed in the Board Memo. *Consultants, please remind your

Leagues. There will be no county committees for taconite unless the local Leagues organize them.

STATE CONVENTION 1967: Mmes. Adams and Richards of the Rochester League arrived to propose having the 1967 State Convention in Rochester. The Kahler Hotel had prepared a packet of information on facilities. The Rochester Board would like state Board designation of Rochester as the 1967 Convention site, and they would then take the responsibility for publicizing this state-wide.

MOTION: To hold the 1967 State Convention in Rochester.

Mover: Colborn

Second: Janski

Carried.

VOTERS SERVICE: West St. Paul asks permission for its Burnsville unit to hold a candidates meeting in Burnsville even though West St. Paul and South St. Paul are holding a cooperative candidates meeting.

MOTION: The additional candidates meeting in Burnsville should not be allowed if it is a duplication of the meeting held by West St. Paul and South St. Paul.

Mover: Janski

Second: Henricksson

Carried.

Someone has called for information about candidates in the 28th legislative district. We will send questionnaires to districts where there is no League.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUES: Mrs. Janski passed around clippings of the legislative candidates meeting held in International Falls which was run very well.

Brooklyn Park had an activity planned for each day during WWV. It received good radio time for publicity.

Winona, after a quiet summer, is getting back to work.

Crookston is moving slowly but doing fine.

VOTER: Nov.-Dec. issue will include a piece on state CRs by Mrs. Johnson (Henricksson) to be written after she reads Mrs. Whiting's article on a proposed single list state program, reapportionment by Mrs. Colborn, budget building promotion by Mrs. Faucett, follow-up on program-making process and a push for the Capitol Letter. (Orders due by Dec. 15)

The Rochester bulletin will receive recognition in the September Board Memo.

Mr. Chris Donaldson, program director of KTCA-TV has suggested a League sponsored TV course on citizenship. An instructor could be hired, and he has ideas for financing this. Our cost for half hour would be \$85. We will turn this over to the Seminar for Citizens Committee to explore. Mrs. Henricksson will attend their next meeting.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Nicholas Duff has examined the audio-visual file for Mrs. Hokkanen and has made recommendations on what material to discard and what to keep. She suggests we keep the excerpt of the story on how we got a nonpartisan legislature and combine two old tapes for use by local Leagues. Mrs. Hokkanen will have responsibility for disposition of these audio-visual aids. Mrs. Creger will continue to keep a list of the most popular publications sent out to local Leagues.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: Our application for \$2500 blanket bonding is in the mail. (Janski) If the post office insists on the use zip code numbers, we will have to budget approximately \$150 to make this change.

STATE PROGRAM: Minneapolis has pointed out that the deadline proposed in the Outlook for Work is impossible. After discussion, the Board agreed

that suggestions from local Leagues will be due February 19, and that we will change our Board meeting date to February 25.

MOTION: To hold the February Board meeting on the 25th so that we can evaluate the Program suggestions from local Leagues.

Mover: Janski

Second: Hokkanen

Carried.

Addition to MOTION: The deadline for the second round of suggestions is April 12.

This change will be announced in the September Board Memo.

FINANCE: Mrs. Whiting read a letter from Mrs. Faucett with suggestions of ways (Faucett) to plan our budget for next year. Discussion followed.

MOTION: To hold the December Board meeting on December 10 with the afternoon of that day devoted to budget building with local League observers and budget committee.

Mover: Watson

Second: Murray

Carried.

Suggestions for members of the budget committee were given.

The next Board meeting will be October 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
State Board Meeting
October 7, 1964 - Room 307 - Sco.Sci. Bldg.

AGENDA

Minutes

5	Reading of Minutes	Mardelle Lundquist
5	Treasurer's Report	Mary Faucett
30	President's Report	Annette Whiting
20	Finance	Mary Faucett
	(See enclosed forms)	
5	Voter	Julie Henricksson
10	Publications	Margaret Hokkanen
90	Constitutional Revision	Ele Colborn
	(Read Bedtime Stories and enclosure)	
	State CRs	Josie Johnson
	(Read enclosure)	
	Discrimination	Marion Watson
	(Read enclosure)	
	Program people need your ideas and suggestions.	
	Be ready to help them.	
30	Lunch	
15	Observers Program	Sue Murray
	Capitol Tours	
20	Human Resources	Mary Letourneau
	UN tour	
10	1965 Convention Plans	Irene Janski
	(We need theme. Be thinking about this.)	
5	Voters Service	Mary Ann McCoy
	(Burnsville request)	
10	Public relations	Mary Nash
5-	Organization	Kay Walker
	(New Brighton)	

Enclosures: Bedtime Stories for Boarders
Home Rule Discussion
LMM Legislative Proposals
Proposed Action - 1965 Session
Cumulative Treasurer's Report
Budget Report
Discrimination Report
Calendars!!!
A Recipe??

10/12 - Holiday



*The League of
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**LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS
ADOPTED AT LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
JUNE 19, 1964, MINNEAPOLIS**

GENERAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Kenneth Austin, Mayor of Owatonna, Chairman

1. Increase in Beer and Liquor License Fees.
2. Municipal Liquor Stores.
3. Modification of Bottle Club Law.
4. Election Judges.
5. State Purchasing for Municipalities.
6. Modification of Civil Damage Act.
7. Dilapidated Buildings.
8. Dutch Elm Disease Control.
9. Village Code Amendments.
10. Special Assessment Law Amendments.
11. Joint Powers Law Amendments.
12. New Techniques in Vote Tabulation.

TRAFFIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Niles Shoff, Mayor of Albert Lea, Chairman

13. Expansion of Driver Improvement Clinic Program.
14. Implied Consent Law.
15. Traffic Safety.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Gordon Thompson, City Clerk of Worthington, Chairman

16. Well Driller Registration.
17. Appropriation of Ground Waters.
18. Development of Lake and River Resources.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

James Dalglish, Commissioner of Finance, St. Paul, Chairman

19. State Building Code.
20. Planning Law Revision.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Gordon Bodien, Staff Engineer, Minneapolis, Chairman

21. Financing Railway Crossing Signals.
22. Sale of Road Building Materials.

HOME RULE COMMITTEE

Demetrius Jelatis, Mayor of Red Wing, Chairman

23. Home Rule Charter Enabling Act.
24. Special Legislation Consent.

REVENUES COMMITTEE

George Johnson, Mayor of Duluth, Chairman

25. Amendments to Property Tax Assessment Laws.
26. Municipal Revenues.
27. Constitutional Amendment No. 1.

**PERSONNEL, PENSIONS AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE**

*George Martens, President of the Minneapolis City Council,
Chairman*

28. Veterans' Preference.
29. Local Personnel Policies.
30. Municipal Employee's Automobile Expense.
31. Workman's Compensation for Municipal Officers.
32. Pension Policy and Statement.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE 1965 LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Legislative Program of the League of Minnesota Municipalities contains recommendations in many fields of interest to municipalities and the state as a whole. Some of the major recommendations are outlined below:

● ELECTIONS

A recommendation for legislative examination of new advances in the field of automated techniques in election administration. (Res. #12)

● LIQUOR CONTROL

Modification of the "bottle club law" to clarify municipal control; increase in present liquor and beer license fee limitations to more realistic levels. (Res. #1-3)

● DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Legislative authorization for comprehensive municipal programs to combat this threat to our most common street tree. (Res. #8)

● DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS

A statewide statutory mechanism to enable municipalities to deal with the problem of abandoned, unsafe buildings and dangerous excavations. (Res. #7)

● CIVIL DAMAGE ACT

Modification of "Dram-Shop" act to enable municipalities to obtain and keep liquor store liability insurance at reasonable rates. (Res. #6)

● TRAFFIC SAFETY

Establishment of Driver Improvement Clinics on a statewide basis; increase in misdemeanor fine limit; vision test for driver's license renewal; chauffeur's licensing system; changes in implied consent law. (Res. #13-15)

● WATER RESOURCES

A mandatory system of well-driller registration; stepped-up control of ground water appropriations; increased emphasis on development of lake and river resources. (Res. #16-18)

● PLANNING

A recommendation for comprehensive revision and modification of state planning legislation. (Res. #19)

● HOME RULE

Streamlining of the Home Rule Charter process (Res. #23); a proposal to solve the difficult problem of local consent to special legislation by modifying individual unit consent requirement. (Res. #24)

● MUNICIPAL REVENUES

Improvement of property tax administration by use of average inventory system of assessing personal property (Res. #25); statement of position on general sales tax (Res. #26); recommendation for legislative study of growing problem of tax-exempt property. (Res. #26)

● MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL

Modification of Veteran's Preference Act (Res. #28); changes in PERA law to require periodic actuarial study, modification of selection and composition of PERA board, and collection of PERA contributions (Res. #32); coordination of PERA and Social Security on an individual choice basis (Res. #32); comprehensive statement of municipal viewpoint on pension problems.

The regular biennial legislative conference for the purpose of determining the League commitments for the 1965 session of the legislature will be held Friday, June 19 at the Minneapolis convention. All members are invited to send delegates and participate in the conference.

Action on the conference agenda represents the third step in the League's legislative procedure. First was preparation of tentative resolutions by the various study committees, second was "screening" of these proposals by the executive and legislative committees jointly, and third will be approval by 2/3 vote at the Minneapolis convention. President J. J. Taveggia, Hibbing Mayor, will preside at the legislative conference.

In addition to the 32 legislative resolutions printed here, the Legislative Committee adopted three other resolutions not directed to the Legislative Conference. One directs the Streets and Highways Committee to continue study of problems of highway financing and to make appropriate recommendations to the League prior to the 1965 session. Another requests the Association of Minnesota Counties to study the possibility of an amendment to the county state-aid laws to

authorize the county board in its discretion to spend county state-aid funds for improvements along trunk highways located in municipalities below 5,000 population. Such authority now exists for the use of municipal state-aid funds in larger municipalities.

Another resolution directed to the Minnesota Congressional delegation and the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare urges a study of the Social Security Act provisions dealing with the starting date for old age and survivors insurance coverage under the Social Security Act to see if, by appropriate amendments, penalties can be minimized for older employees in service at the time the OASDI system is made applicable to municipal employees. A resolution looking toward state enabling authority for a coordinated OASDI-PERA plan is included among the resolutions recommended to the Legislative Conference for consideration on June 19.

Article VI of the League Constitution, outlining League legislative procedure, is printed below.

Orville C. Peterson
Executive Secretary-Counsel

Article VI

*"Section 1. Except as otherwise provided in this article, no official commitment shall be made by the League on any proposed state or federal matter unless it is approved by the legislative and executive committees and is further approved by a two-thirds favorable vote of the delegates present and voting at the annual business meeting or at the regular legislative conference to which all the member municipalities are invited:***"*

"Section 3. Subjects of legislation shall be initiated either by a League committee, by the council of any member municipality, or by the delegates at the annual business meeting or a legislative conference. Each subject thus initiated shall, if possible, be referred to a study committee, whose recommendation shall be considered by the legislative and executive committees before reference to the delegates for final action or before a mail ballot is taken."

"Section 4. A legislative committee shall be created prior to each biennial session of the legislature, to consist of the chairmen of any special committee studying legislative matters and such additional members as the executive committee shall determine."

GENERAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Ken Austin, Chairman

1. Increase in Beer and Liquor License Fees

Except in first class cities maximum off-sale liquor license fees have remained the same as originally fixed in 1934, although the value of the dollar has declined materially during that period.

The \$15 fee fixed by law for off-sale beer licenses is not sufficient to pay the expense of issuing the license and regulating the business in many municipalities, becoming increasingly inadequate the more effectively the licensing authority carries out its responsibilities of regulation.

The flat fee of \$100 for special club licenses outside first class cities has never taken account of local variations and requirements and has become increasingly inadequate in many municipalities and disproportionately small in comparison to the license fee for other establishments, the amount of business done, and the need for regulation clubs have often occasioned.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities recommends to the 1965 Legislature appropriate amendments to the Minnesota Statutes Ch. 340 which would:

- (1) double the maximum fee for an off-sale liquor license in cities of the second, third, and fourth class and in villages;
- (2) increase the maximum fee for an off-sale beer license from \$15 to \$50;
- (3) change the statutory fee for a special club license from a flat \$100 to a minimum \$100 and a maximum \$500.

2. Municipal Liquor Stores

Pursuant to state enabling authority, over 390 Minnesota municipalities have established municipal liquor dispensaries and have found these exclusive stores a desirable means of liquor control as well as a substantial source of revenue to supplement the hard-pressed property tax.

The objective of control is best served by continuance of the present option given the smaller municipalities of the state to choose for themselves between licensing and municipal liquor store operation.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities opposes any new legislation which would impede the establishment or operation of municipal liquor stores by converting licenses of previously existing stores into vested rights, by diverting the revenues derived from municipal liquor operation to non-municipal purposes, or by any other means.

3. Modification of Bottle Club Law.

M.S.A. 340.14, Subd. 3, confers upon the Liquor Control Commissioner authority to grant or deny permits for bottle clubs and establishments serving set-ups. Municipalities may also collect a fee not exceeding \$300 in addition to the permit fee imposed by the state, but except for the fee requirement, local authorities have not been expressly granted any local control by this law.

An express grant of authority to municipalities to license and regulate bottle clubs and spiking establishments should be included in the law for the following reasons:

(1) The tradition in Minnesota has been to give to municipalities the power to license and regulate the sale and consumption of liquor. In the absence of an express grant of authority in the law itself, this traditional power to regulate liquor consumption in bottle clubs and other local places not licensed to sell liquor must necessarily remain ambiguous and uncertain despite piece-meal interpretation of the law by the Attorney General and administrative interpretations by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

(2) Administrative interpretations do not necessarily prevent the Liquor Control Commissioner from granting a permit to a bottle club or spiking establishment without prior consultation with local officials if he wishes to do so. This creates the danger of:

(a) violating established liquor-regulation patterns and policies in the community;

(b) violating the wishes of the inhabitants of the community;

(c) violating local regulations or policies on such matters as planning, zoning, plumbing, sanitation, traffic control and related matters;

(d) imposing an unanticipated and inordinate policing and law-enforcement problem on the community;

(e) otherwise adversely affecting the accomplishment of legitimate objectives of the local community.

The League, therefore, recommends an appropriate amendment to M.S.A. 340.14, Subd. 3, which would:

(1) give municipalities express authority to license and regulate bottle clubs and spiking establishments within their limits;

(2) provide that the Liquor Control Commissioner shall not issue a permit to an establishment within the municipality unless the application is first approved by the municipal council.

4. Election Judges

An amendment to the election laws was adopted by the 1963 Legislature requiring municipalities to provide a second counting board of election judges in precincts not using voting machines and having over 300 voters at the last general election.

Since this provision is impractical when applied to municipal elections, the League recommends that it be modified by making the use of a counting board optional in the case of municipal elections.

5. State Purchasing for Municipalities.

In several states, the agency responsible for state purchasing has been authorized to make purchases for or contracts requiring the extension of state prices to municipalities at their request. Experience has demonstrated that such purchasing saves local units a substantial amount of money in purchasing items for general use. It enables the smaller municipalities to use the services of a more experienced and a better equipped purchasing staff. It lends to standardization of specifications, which facilitates the bidding process. It relieves municipalities of the time-consuming details essential to effective purchasing, including the preparation of plans and specifications, inspection and testing of samples and deliveries, and selection of the lowest or the best bid.

The League, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature the enactment of appropriate legislation which would:

(1) authorize the Commissioner of Administration to make open-end purchasing and state price agreements available to municipalities at the option of the municipality and at its expense;

(2) provide that whenever state purchasing procedures are made available to a municipality, state bidding procedures shall be deemed to satisfy municipal bidding requirements.

6. Modification of Civil Damage Act.

Under the Civil Damage Act, M.S.A. 340.95, liquor dealers are liable for any loss or damage caused by an intoxicated person to whom they have furnished liquor illegally. This law applies to municipalities operating a municipal liquor store.

In recent years, municipalities have been confronted by an ever-increasing number of claims and lawsuits based upon this act, and large settlements and jury verdicts have resulted. In most cases of this kind, the municipality has no notice of any accident nor any knowledge of the circumstances on which the claim or lawsuit is based until the claim is made or the lawsuit is started. In the intervening lapse of months or years, evidence with which the municipality might be able to defend itself either disappears or becomes unavailable.

The League, therefore, recommends the enactment of appropriate legislation which would modify the civil damage act to provide for a two-year statute of limitations and require a notice of claim to be given within 90 days to the liquor dealer in all actions brought under the Civil Damage Act.

7. Dilapidated Buildings.

There is no express statutory authority for municipalities to order the destruction, repair or removal of dilapidated buildings or structures and the filling or protection of dangerous excavations. Doubts have been expressed about the existence of such power in the absence of specific authority; there is special doubt about the authority to specially assess the cost of demolition or repair.

Instances frequently occur in which express statutory authority would enable a municipality to eliminate buildings that constitute safety or health hazards or are a nuisance in the community. Authority of the state fire marshal is exercised only in congested areas where a dilapidated building constitutes a serious fire hazard.

The League, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature the enactment of appropriate legislation, patterned after existing Wisconsin legislation, authorizing any municipality to order the destruction, repair or removal of dilapidated building or structures or the filling or protection of dangerous excavations after complying with reasonable procedural safeguards including notice and hearing to affected persons, and permitting the municipality to collect, as a special assessment, the cost of destruction, repair or removal when done by municipal agents.

8. Dutch Elm Disease Control.

The state and its municipalities are faced with the prospect of possible loss of all elm trees because of Dutch elm disease. Experience in other states has shown that positive governmental programs rigorously pursued can control the toll in elm trees to almost normal attrition. Experience has also shown that failure to pursue such programs means certain loss of all elm trees.

Municipalities are deterred in their efforts to combat Dutch elm disease by legal questions concerning their ability to diagnose and remove diseased trees on private property and to defray all or part of the cost of this activity by assessment against the real estate where the trees are located.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature the enactment of appropriate legislation which would clarify municipal authority to:

(1) conduct and finance programs of Dutch elm disease control;

(2) authorize the inspection at reasonable times of potentially diseased elm trees on private property;

(3) provide, with reasonable procedural safeguards, for summary removal of diseased and dead elm trees from both public and private property;

(4) assess, at the option of the municipality, the cost of removal of dead or diseased elm trees against the parcels of land upon which the trees are located.

9. Village Code Amendments.

The Minnesota Village Code, M.S.A. Ch. 412, authorizes villages to abolish the office of constable and combine the offices of clerk and treasurer. In a 1961 amendment, the statutory language relating to constables was garbled and is unclear. With reference to the clerk-treasurer combination, the combination

under present law becomes effective upon the expiration of the term of the incumbent treasurer, thus necessitating a short-term appointment where a vacancy in that office occurs before the end of the treasurer's term.

All villages (except those in Hennepin County and those where a municipal court has been established) are required by statute to elect two justices of the peace. In many villages, one justice court would be adequate and other villages may wish to rely completely on municipal courts in nearby municipalities. Villages should be given the same option as towns to decide whether they wish to have only one justice court or no such court at all.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities recommends appropriate legislation:

(1) to restore Sec. 412.02, Subd. 4, relating to the abolishing of the office of constable, to the form in which it was originally enacted;

(2) to provide that the combination of the offices of clerk and treasurer becomes effective upon a vacancy in the office of treasurer;

(3) to enable villages to abolish one or more of the offices of justice of the peace in the same manner that towns may abolish such offices.

10. Special Assessment Law Amendments.

The Municipal Parking Facility Law, Sec. 459.14, authorizes special assessments against benefited property, but the procedural steps for assessments differ from those of Ch. 429 which governs assessments for other public improvements in municipalities other than first class cities. A uniform assessment procedure should be provided for all public improvements in such municipalities.

Present law does not clearly specify what happens to outstanding special assessments when property is acquired under eminent domain proceedings, and municipalities should be able to protect themselves against loss in such cases.

Mailed notice to property owners of an initial hearing on a public improvement (as distinguished from the hearing on the adoption of the assessment roll) now required by Sec. 429.031, is not constitutionally necessary. Although present law states that failure to give this notice does not invalidate the proceedings, there exists doubt on this point. Furthermore, the requirement that property owners to whom notice is mailed be those on the records of the county auditor or treasurer 30 days prior to the adoption of the improvement resolution is difficult to comply with. In addition, the requirement of notice and hearing to all property owners upon the making of a supplemental assessment when only a few parcels are affected is unnecessary.

A procedure should be provided whereby a municipality could combine, at its option, in one proceeding, all improvements for a given year.

Because of the length of time required to complete some public improvements, the maturity limit on temporary improvement bonds, now two years, should be extended to three years.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature the following legislation concerning special assessments:

(1) An amendment to Sec. 459.14 to provide that all proceedings for imposing special assessments for parking facilities be conducted in conformance with Ch. 429, the Local Improvement Code.

(2) An amendment to the eminent domain law to require the condemnor to pay the assessing unit outstanding special assessments after deducting their value from the amount of the award.

(3) An amendment to Sec. 429.031, Subd. 1, to provide that mailed notice of the hearing on a proposed improvement may, but need not, be given to affected property owners at the option of the governing body.

(4) An amendment to Sec. 429.031, Subd. 1 and 429.061, Subd. 1, to require that mailed notice be given to owners shown to be such on the records of the county auditor or treasurer without reference to a particular date, or by other appropriate records.

(5) An amendment to Sec. 429.071, Subd. 1, to provide that upon a supplemental assessment to correct errors or omissions, mailed notice need be given only to property owners whose assessment will be changed.

(6) An amendment to Sec. 429.021, Subd. 2, to provide that the same or different kinds of improvements wherever located may be combined as one improvement even though all property in the area may not be benefited by each improvement.

(7) An amendment to Sec. 429.091, Subd. 3, to provide that temporary improvement bonds issued by a municipality prior to completion of the work to be financed may mature three years from date of issue and to clarify the authority of municipalities to purchase their own temporary improvement bonds.

11. Joint Powers Law Amendments.

Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, originally sponsored by the League of Minnesota Municipalities in 1943, authorizes political subdivisions to carry on common or similar powers jointly or cooperatively. Increasingly, municipalities have entered into agreements under this law in order to provide more effective or more economical service than they could provide through their individual efforts.

In order to make this law more useful and to minimize the use of special legislation to authorize joint or cooperative action in particular fields, the joint powers law should be broad and flexible enough to make practical any kind of voluntary intergovernmental arrangement for the provision of a needed service which might be best provided under a joint powers agreement. A comparison of Minnesota joint powers legislation with similar acts elsewhere and with the model law suggested by the Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations suggests that several amendments to the Minnesota law are in the public interest.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature the adoption of amendments to the joint powers law to make it a more effective tool for intergovernmental cooperation, including provisions for the following:

(1) Authority for joint powers agreements where feasible between political subdivisions and the state or federal government.

(2) Clarification of authority to enter into joint agreements with adjacent political subdivisions of another state.

(3) Clarification of the authority to modify, by an agreement made pursuant to the joint powers law, the application of statutory requirements for separate administrative boards or commissions in the carrying on of specific functions by single governmental units, thus permitting truly joint or cooperative action in conducting the function.

(4) Authority to use contracting, purchasing, and similar procedures of one of the participants where it is not feasible to comply with varying requirements of all the participating subdivisions.

12. New Techniques in Vote Tabulation.

In the past few years there has been increasing attention given by election officials in various states to advances in the field of automatic and electronic tabulating of votes. Innovations in voting machine design, the application of data processing techniques to elections, and the use of electronic devices in recording and counting ballots are developments which may prove to be of great value in enhancing the speed and accuracy of the elective process. Numerous state and local officials, as well as the 1965 Legislative Interim Commission on Elections, have expressed interest in these new techniques.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, urges the Elections Interim Commission and other appropriate state agencies to include in their study of election laws an examination of recent developments in the use of new techniques in electronic and automated vote tabulation and, if warranted by such a study, to recommend to the 1965 Legislature whatever legislation is necessary to encourage experimentation with these new techniques.

TRAFFIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Niles Shoff, Chairman

13. Expansion of Driver Improvement Clinic Program.

A promising new tool in the field of traffic safety is the Driver Improvement Clinic. These clinics provide problem drivers with an occasion to gain new insights into the use of their automobiles through exposure to a series of classes on a wide

range of traffic safety subjects. The individual is informed about the most common driving mistakes, is given a look at himself in terms of driving attitudes, and is shown some of the finer points of driving safely.

Such clinics have been established on a cooperative basis for traffic courts in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and at several other locations throughout the state. By careful planning and critical self-analysis, it should be possible for this pilot program to determine valuable guidelines for expansion and improvement of the driver improvement clinic approach in other communities around the state. Thus it may serve as a valuable supplement to those several Minnesota communities which have already established similar programs in their own jurisdictions.

A number of other states, however, have made much greater progress in this area. Some, for example, have passed laws enabling judicial officers to make attendance at such clinics mandatory for any given traffic law violator. Several states, including Michigan and Wisconsin, have established statewide standards and central responsibility by legislative action for driver improvement clinics. Furthermore, organizations such as the National Safety Council feel that these clinics have a positive impact in reducing traffic accidents.

While Minnesota's local action in this field has been highly commendable, its scope has not included a significant percentage of traffic law violators. The League of Minnesota Municipalities feels that an educational program with such potential and demonstrated merit should become a statewide tool in traffic safety and that accessibility to such clinics should be provided to traffic courts throughout the entire state.

The League recommends the adoption of legislation which would:

- (1) establish a statewide program of driver improvement clinics meeting minimum standards established by the State Highway Department or other appropriate agency;
- (2) permit judges and justices of the peace to make attendance at such clinics mandatory for those traffic law violators who, in their opinion, would benefit from such participation;
- (3) authorize the State Highway Department to require, when a revocation of a driver's license has occurred, satisfactory completion of the driver improvement clinic program before reinstatement of driving privileges;
- (4) impose reasonable maximum limitations on the duration of an approved driver improvement clinic course and on the distance which a student in such a course may be required to travel to attend the clinic.

14. Implied Consent Law.

The implied consent law is a step forward in the efforts being made by law enforcement agencies to combat the problem of the drunken driver. In the form in which it was introduced, the League of Minnesota Municipalities supported this law. In the form in which it was enacted, however, it has created some difficult problems. Among these problems are the following:

- (1) In many municipalities, those suspected of drunken driving are charged with violating a local ordinance rather than state law. The implied consent law does not apply in such cases; there is no logical reason for this distinction.
- (2) Under this law, judicial hearings on a determination to revoke a driver's license are to be held in the county of the driver's residence before a municipal or probate judge who is learned in the law.
 - (a) In 1957, at least 18 of the 87 counties had no municipal or probate judge who was learned in the law.
 - (b) Police department manpower may be materially reduced for long periods of time whenever law enforcement officers outside the county or the driver's residence are forced to attend and wait to testify at a judicial hearing within such county.
- (3) Under this law the rights of an arrested person with regard to the type of test to be administered are not clearly defined.

Other states have enacted workable implied consent laws patterned after the existing New York legislation on this subject.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends the enactment of appropriate legislation patterned after the New York implied consent law which would give to Minnesota a more workable and more effective law on this subject.

15. Traffic Safety

The traffic safety problem continues to grow in seriousness and is a continuing challenge to government at all levels. Comprehensive efforts to improve traffic safety are imperative in all areas.

Interested groups will be recommending to the 1965 Legislature important statutory changes directly aimed at reducing traffic accidents and fatalities and thus increasing traffic safety, including measures to provide for:

- (1) a vision test before drivers' licenses can be renewed;
- (2) an increase in the \$100 fine limit for driving while under the influence and driving after license revocation, with corresponding changes in court jurisdiction (\$300 has been suggested as a suitable figure);
- (3) a modification of the procedure for issuing chauffeurs' licenses to provide for a system which:
 - (a) establishes different classes or grades of chauffeurs' licenses based upon gross weight and size of the vehicle driven and
 - (b) provides for tests of ability to perform safely behind the wheel of each class of vehicle as a condition of granting the license. (Existing New York legislation on this subject has been recommended as a model by the Council of State Governments.)

The League endorses in principle these legislative changes.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Gordon Thompson, Chairman

16. Well Driller Registration.

Knowledge of all appropriations of ground waters is essential to the development and implementation of a sound state water conservation policy. The existing requirement for filing well drilling information with the Department of Conservation looks in this direction but experience indicates that additional legislation is necessary to assure general compliance with this requirement.

In addition, there is no code of minimum regulations for the drilling of wells in Minnesota. Standards in this field should be established to protect the public health, and the need for such standards has been recognized by the State Health Department, the 1961 Interim Commission on Municipal Laws, and the well-drilling industry.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends the enactment of appropriate legislation which would:

- (1) authorize the State Department of Health to issue rules and regulations, in the form of a basic well-drilling code, for the drilling of all wells in the state;
- (2) require annual state registration of well drillers and make failure to file the information required by law concerning wells grounds for revocation of a well driller's registration.

17. Appropriation of Ground Waters.

Accurate data on the extent of surface and ground water appropriations is essential to an effective statewide water conservation program. Under present law, state agencies charged with responsibility for water conservation do not have adequate authority to:

- (1) collect accurate and complete data on the appropriation of ground waters;
 - (2) inspect industrial and commercial cooling systems to insure that no water is being wasted;
 - (3) require permits for appropriation from all major water users since many are exempt by present law.
- The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, endorses the enactment of legislation which would:
- (1) require within a reasonable period of time the installation of satisfactory metering devices on every installation used for appropriating or using surface or ground water for which a permit is required;
 - (2) require annual reports to the Conservation Department of total amounts of water appropriated;
 - (3) authorize the Commissioner of Conservation to inspect at reasonable times all air conditioning and industrial cooling installations to insure efficient operation;
 - (4) make the permit requirements of Sec. 105.41 applicable to all installations appropriating ground or surface waters with the exception of domestic water supply systems serving less than 25 persons.

18. Development of Lake and River Resources.

The lakes and rivers of Minnesota comprise one of the state's most valuable natural resources. The full industrial and recreational potential of this resource can be realized only by soundly conceived, broadly based, and rigorously pursued programs conducted on statewide or region-wide bases.

Minnesota's approach to the problem of conserving and developing its water resources has, until recently, been typified by uncoordinated governmental and citizen group activity confined to very small areas. The many attempts to provide a unified development scheme for the Minnesota River valley region is a good example of this fragmented approach.

The Minnesota state legislature through its Natural Resources Commission and Interim Commission on Minnesota River Valley Development has recognized the need for a regional approach to the problem of lake and river development.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities commends the 1963 Minnesota Legislature for its efforts in the field of natural resources development and urges continued statewide emphasis on the development of industrial and recreational resources of Minnesota's lakes and rivers. Programs for such development should encourage regional approaches to this problem in place of the piece-meal techniques which have not proved successful in the past.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

James Dalglish, Chairman

19. State Building Code.

There is an increasingly urgent need for the development of a statewide code of minimum standards for the construction of public and semi-public buildings. This need has been recognized by the 1955-58 Temporary State Building Code Commission, the League of Minnesota Municipalities, the Minnesota Association of Building Officials, the Associated General Contractors, the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers, the Minnesota Society of Architects, and various other professional groups. Other progressive states, such as California and Wisconsin, have adopted statewide building codes.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature the enactment of appropriate legislation by which a performance-type building code suitable for use in Minnesota may be promulgated as a uniform standard throughout the state to govern the construction of all buildings except one- and two-family residences and farm buildings.

This legislation, while providing for uniform minimum standards, should recognize the authority of local government to regulate building construction by imposing stricter consistent standards and should not affect the operation of building codes presently in force except to the extent required for conformance to the statewide standards. These statewide standards should be mandatory in application and should be used as the minimum standard applied by state departments in their respective fields of building regulations where pertinent to their duties.

The League further recommends that the legislation providing for a statewide building code authorize towns and counties to adopt and enforce building regulations on the same basis as municipalities, including the authority to adopt the state building code by reference and enforce it locally.

20. Planning Law Revision

Since 1959, the League of Minnesota Municipalities has worked in conjunction with the Interim Commission on Municipal Laws and planning specialists to develop a revised Municipal Planning Law which would conform to the League's recommendations for a new code of planning legislation for the state. Those recommendations, formulated at the 1962 League legislative conference, called for a revision of planning laws which would:

- (1) be as comprehensive as possible, merging all the planning legislation applying to the state and its subdivisions in a single planning code, if at all practicable, but embracing all municipal planning as a minimum;
- (2) eliminate any obsolete and overlapping provisions and provide all needed authority for carrying on comprehensive planning activity and provide for council implementation of plans through zoning and subdivision control ordinances, official maps, and other means;

(3) not disturb existing charter relationships but provide supplementary authority;

(4) provide adequate municipal enforcement machinery while at the same time including suitable safeguards to the owners of private property;

(5) provide sufficient flexibility to take account of the varying needs and resources of municipalities and other governmental units.

The League Planning Committee, together with representatives of the American Institute of Planners and others, has developed a proposed code of planning legislation which meets the standards previously set forth by the League, and which was approved by the League Executive Committee in February, 1963. This proposed legislation, if adopted, would provide Minnesota with a unified, workable body of planning laws and greatly facilitate the planning activities in which our municipalities are becoming increasingly involved. In addition, the planning law revision would regularize municipal planning procedures, thus making planning decisions less subject to successful judicial attack and more understandable and meaningful to municipal officials, planners, and citizens at large. The proposal insures a maximum of local flexibility in implementing planning authority.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends the enactment of the proposed legislation on planning laws, studied and recommended by the League Planning Committee, which embodies the following principal modifications of existing planning laws:

- (1) a merging of all legislation relating to all municipalities and urban towns in a single planning code;
- (2) clarification of the authority and procedures for adoption of comprehensive plans by municipalities;
- (3) provision for an adjustment and appeal procedure which may be modified to suit local conditions;
- (4) standardization of the procedure for the adoption and amendment of zoning ordinances by municipalities;
- (5) clarification of procedures for adoption of subdivision regulations, and authorization for the inclusion of reasonable requirements for dedication of land in new subdivisions for parks, playgrounds, and school sites;
- (6) broadening of the authority for the adoption of official maps to include the placing on the map sites for necessary public facilities and services;
- (7) a requirement for filing of planning information and related documents with contiguous municipalities and regional planning agencies.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Gordon Bodien, Chairman

21. Financing Railway Crossing Signals.

Laws 1963, Chapter 458, provides for a mechanism whereby the costs of installation of railway crossing signal devices and other crossing safety measures may be apportioned between municipalities, the state and the railroad companies after hearings before the Railroad and Warehouse Commission. The new law authorizes the Commission to direct that the municipality's share in an appropriate case be paid from available highway user funds when the construction is to be performed within the municipality and on a municipal state-aid street. The same authority exists with regard to county state-aid roads.

The authority to compel the use of highway user funds on a specific project is unnecessary to the purposes of the law and if utilized, may seriously disrupt a municipality's financial planning for its state-aid street system.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends that Laws 1963, Chapter 458, Sec. 2 be amended to leave to the municipality authority to determine how to finance its share of the costs of railway crossing safety installations on municipal state-aid streets.

22. Sale of Road Building Materials.

Since 1959, legislation has prohibited the state from selling its gravel pits unless they are economically useless, and from selling gravel from these pits to local government units. This legislation frequently creates hardship, not only for the state but also for municipalities.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature the enactment of legislation pro-

posed by the Department of Highways to:

(1) permit any road building authority to sell sand, gravel, or other road building material to any other road building authority;

(2) give the Department of Highways authority to control and acquire borrow pits and gravel pits, and to condemn tax delinquent lands for this purpose.

HOME RULE COMMITTEE

Demetrius Jelatis, Chairman

23. Home Rule Charter Enabling Act.

The 1958 local government article of the Minnesota Constitution and legislation enacted pursuant to it have greatly facilitated the enactment and amendment of home rule charters. There still remain, however, areas in which the home rule charter process could be improved. An effective, modern and workable home rule charter amendment process can be of major significance in reducing the volume of special legislation with which recent sessions of the legislature have had to deal.

Modernization of many lengthy and antiquated charter provisions could be accomplished by a carefully restricted procedure by which a charter amendment in certain limited fields could, upon recommendation of the charter commission, be adopted by ordinance approved by an extraordinary majority of the council subject to referendum on petition. In addition, an examination of the enabling act has revealed other areas where administrative changes would improve the home rule process.

The League, therefore, recommends that the 1965 Legislature enact appropriate legislation to permit the adoption of charter amendments in the restricted instances and by the alternative procedure outlined below:

(1) Subject to the limitation stated below, the charter commission may propose and the council, by a two-thirds vote of all its members, may approve a charter amendment by ordinance.

(2) Such an ordinance could be adopted only after a public hearing and after duly published notice. The ordinance would not go into operation for a prescribed period after its adoption during which a petition asking for a referendum on the ordinance could be submitted by voters equal in number to five per cent of the total number of votes cast in the city at the last state general election. (Where voter registration exists, only registered voters could sign such a petition.) If the necessary petition is filed, the charter amendment would not become effective until approved by 55 per cent of the voters voting on the proposition, as in the case of an amendment submitted under present methods.

(3) This additional method of amending charters would not apply to any amendments which would:

(a) change the city's basic form of government;

(b) increase the tax levy limit in the aggregate or with respect to any particular levy or authorize any new taxes;

(c) deprive the people of an existing right to vote on a proposition or office or change the majority required for approval;

(d) change charter provisions relating to liquor patrol limits or the legal status of the city for purposes of the sale of liquor;

(e) authorize the city to issue general obligation bonds of the city in an amount or of a kind not then authorized in the city;

(f) increase the salary of any elective officer during his term or provide for a pension to any officer or employee;

(g) authorize the city to acquire a public utility or other business affected with a public interest.

(4) Provisions should be included for a summary judicial determination of a proceeding to decide whether a particular amendment is within the stated exceptions.

The League further recommends the following additional amendments to the home rule charter enabling act:

(1) Elimination of the unworkable provision in section 410.27 which requires that a council-initiated amendment must be submitted to the voters even if the council, after charter commission review, decides against such submission;

(2) Legislative implementation of the constitutional provision for abandonment of a home rule charter by fourth class cities

and adoption of some other available statutory form of municipal government;

(3) Authorization for the provision by charter amendment for the selection, qualification, and term of office of charter commission members.

24. Special Law Consent Legislation.

Under the consent provision of the 1958 constitutional amendment on local government permitting special legislation, the consent of a local government unit affected by a special law may be waived by the legislature by general law.

While recognizing that eventually some exceptions to the consent requirement would be found necessary in light of experience under the amendment, the League of Minnesota Municipalities has urged that exceptions be adopted cautiously, that they be limited to cases of demonstrated necessity, and that such exceptions be implemented by legislative definition in general laws of the classes of special laws which would be exempt from the consent requirement.

Experience under the new provision has not been adequate to form the basis for a definitive legislative policy on local consent. Experience at the 1961 and 1963 legislative sessions, however, indicates that action at the 1965 Legislature is desirable to make the consent provision workable in the case of certain special laws affecting large numbers of governmental units.

Furthermore, the League is of the opinion that the volume of special legislation, a problem which has plagued the legislature since long before the adoption of the 1958 amendment, can be reduced, or at least controlled, by the adoption, on the part of both the state and local government units, of the principle that no special law should be adopted where a general law may be made applicable.

The League, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature enactment of appropriate legislation which would:

(1) waive the consent requirement in the case of purely enabling legislation affecting three or more local government units;

(2) provide, in the case of other special legislation affecting ten or more local government units, for the substitution for the individual consent requirement of a requirement for approval, by the governing body or voters as the special law may provide, of a 55% majority both in number and aggregate population (according to the last federal decennial census) of those affected local government units which approve or disapprove the special law within a prescribed time after its enactment;

(3) adopt as a legislative policy the principle that no special law will be enacted when a general law can be made applicable.

In addition, the League, recognizing that the right to consent to special legislation carries with it the duty to exercise the special law privilege responsibly, urges municipalities to exercise restraint in requesting special legislation in cases where general legislation can be appropriately enacted, or where the home rule charter process can be effectively utilized.

Finally, the League is of the opinion that the legislative recommendations outlined above are adequate to deal with the problems that have arisen under the consent provision thus far, and that any further implementation of that provision should await future developments clearly warranting modification of local consent legislation. The League opposes legislation which, by general law, would authorize the legislature to grant or withhold the consent privilege in individual cases.

REVENUES COMMITTEE

George Johnson, Chairman

25. Amendments to Property Tax Assessment Laws

Use of the traditional May 1 property tax assessment date makes it difficult and in many cases impossible to complete the process of assessment review and equalization in time for the making and spreading of tax levies in accordance with statute. This problem could be met by using a January 2 date for such assessment which would give time for a better assessment and provide other advantages, such as minimizing the problems resulting from changes in ownership or location of property on or about the assessment date. In addition, inequities between various taxpayers resulting from a single assessment date can be minimized by requiring the averaging of inventories over the tax year as is done in several states.

Under present law, real property is assessed only in even-numbered years and only changes in value resulting from new construction or demolition may be added to assessed valuations in odd-numbered years. This system impedes the process of revaluation by local assessors in that it causes a two-year delay in utilizing new valuations.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature appropriate legislation which would:

(1) change the assessment date from May 1 to January 2 and after accordingly the statutory dates for the performance of subsequent steps in the process of property tax assessment, equalization, and review;

(2) provide for use of an average monthly inventory system in assessing personal property, subject to the right to examine relevant records of the taxpayer to verify the figures submitted by him;

(3) provide that where changes in assessed valuations of real property have occurred since the last previous assessment the real property so affected may be assessed at its new value in an odd-numbered year.

26. Municipal Revenues.

Minnesota municipalities, faced with increasing demands for services and mounting costs of contracts, salaries, and wages, continue to be handicapped by a critical shortage of tax revenues. With the increasing inadequacy of the property tax as the primary source of municipal revenue, supplementary revenues must be found, and in many cases these can only be provided through state shared taxes and grants-in-aid.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, urges the legislature to continue municipal sharing in cigarette and liquor taxes, to apply the same percentage formula for the allocation of these taxes to future increases, and to the taxes on beer and tobacco products, and to provide for substantial municipal sharing on an equitable basis of any new or increased state taxes.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities makes the following specific recommendations:

(1) *Reductions in Tax Base.* If there is to be a substantial reduction in the ad valorem tax as an inducement to industry, or for any other reason, the loss in tax base must be replaced with a non-property tax source which will expand as communities grow.

(2) *General Sales Tax.* While taking no position on the merits of the sales tax, the League recommends that, if a general sales tax is enacted, provision should be made for substantial municipal sharing in the proceeds of the tax. This sharing should be based on the principle of returning to municipalities a substantial portion of the new tax, on an equitable basis, over and above any taxes replaced.

(3) *Utilities Gross Earnings Taxes.* The gross earnings tax on telephone companies, railroads, and certain other utilities which now pay no taxes for the support of local government services should be shared with municipalities on an equitable basis guaranteeing to the state at least as much as the amount received by it from this source in the year prior to the commencement of municipal sharing.

(4) *Surtax on Automobile Insurance Premiums.* In addition to the taxes now provided by law, a tax of 2% of premiums should be imposed on motor vehicle insurance policies with the proceeds to be allocated to local government units where the motor vehicles are registered.

(5) *Tax Exempt Property Study.* The legislature should provide for a thorough study of tax-exempt property, which has been increasing alarmingly in recent years, to see if changes in constitution or statute to arrest this trend may not be in the public interest.

27. Constitutional Amendment No. 1.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities is of the opinion that proposed Amendment No. 1 to the State Constitution, the Taconite Amendment, is in the best interests of the State of Minnesota and that its passage is vital to the economic survival of Northeastern Minnesota.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, endorses Amendment No. 1 and urges its ratification by the voters.

PERSONNEL, PENSIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

George Martens, Chairman

28. Veterans' Preference.

State law, while giving merited recognition of war service, provides for a system of veterans' preference in local government which gives absolute preference to veterans over non-veterans. This system of absolute preference seriously handicaps efficient municipal personnel administration in municipalities with local civil service systems and deters the growth of civil service and the merit system in municipal employment.

In addition to needed changes to eliminate the absolute system of preference, administrative changes are necessary to make the existing law more workable. The need for modifications discussed above has been recognized by all research studies of the problem, including those of the Little Hoover Commission, the 1949 Interim Commission on Veterans' Preference, the 1953 Interim Commission on Civil Service and the Legislative Research Committee.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, favors a system of veterans' preference for original appointments and promotion in local employment which grants to veterans who obtain a passing grade in municipal civil service examinations an additional five points for non-disabled veterans and ten points for veterans who are rated at least 10% disabled by the Veterans Administration. Appropriate legislation to provide for such a point system should provide for modification of the veterans' preference law in the following respects:

(1) substitution of Minnesota residence at the time of enlistment for the provision on enlistment from Minnesota in determining eligibility for preference;

(2) clarification of the phrase "unable to qualify" in the provision granting preference to the spouses of disabled veterans unable to qualify because of their disability;

(3) elimination of the unworkable requirement that no inquiry be made of a veteran's status before the examination;

(4) elimination of the present distinctions between veterans and non-veterans with respect to service of a probationary period before permanent appointment, eligibility requirements as to minimum and maximum age, height, and weight, and compulsory retirement policies.

29. Local Personnel Policies.

Under home rule tradition and practice in Minnesota, the adoption of policies on wages, salaries, hours, and other basic personnel matters has been the function of local authorities who are responsible for raising the revenue required to carry them out.

The fundamental concept of representative government by laws for the benefit of all alike requires that the legislative power to fix salaries, wages, hours and other conditions of employment not be delegated to private persons, and makes it undesirable to permit legislative bodies to bind either themselves or their successors with respect to the exercise of discretionary legislative powers.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, favors the retention of local responsibility through legislative action by governing bodies and the home rule charter process for the fixing of salaries and wages, hours, and working conditions of municipal employees and opposes legislation which would result in determining these matters by the state, by private persons or by contract.

The League urges local governing bodies to recognize their responsibility for the development and adoption of personnel policies which are fair and just to employees and consistent with their responsibilities to the voters.

30. Municipal Employee's Automobile Expense.

Present state law governing reimbursement of public officials and employees for use of private cars on governmental business permits no variation by local governing bodies from the fixed maximum of 7½ cents per mile.

Local governing bodies may find it in the public interest under certain circumstances to provide a fixed monthly allowance or a different mileage allowance from that now authorized.

The policy to be followed by any municipality on this matter, as in the fixing of wages and salaries, should be the responsibility of local government.

The League, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature an appropriate amendment to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 350.11 which would:

(a) leave the existing fixed maximum mileage and the base or other mileage allowances provided by special law or home rule charters in force;

(b) give authority to the local governing body to change the fixed maximum mileage allowance by adopting a different policy by ordinance for use of private automobiles on official business by officers and employees.

31. Workmen's Compensation for Municipal Officers.

Elected officers and officers appointed for a definite term frequently have occasion to do hazardous work incident to their office and should receive the protection of the workmen's compensation law while engaged in the performance of their official duties if the governing body desires such coverage.

While applicable to municipal personnel generally, the workmen's compensation law excludes such officers from its operation. This creates an anomalous distinction between officers appointed for a regular term and those who are elected or appointed for an indefinite term, a distinction which has been eliminated in a growing number of states.

Many municipalities now pay workmen's compensation premiums for coverage of elected officers and those appointed for a regular term. This is done upon the assumption that such coverage can be provided under existing law.

The League, therefore, recommends to the 1965 Legislature a suitable amendment to the workmen's compensation law which would include elected officers and officers appointed for a definite term in the definition of the employees when the governing body of the political subdivision which the officer serves has elected to provide such coverage.

32. Pension Policy and Statement.

The work of the Public Retirement Interim Commissions has clearly shown the lack of adequate financing in pension plans in the past and demonstrated the need for development and maintenance of a consistent and sound pension policy in the future. Legislative sessions since 1957 have made a commendable effort to establish and maintain such a policy for the major pension fund.

The reports of the Commission's actuary on the status of the PERA fund have demonstrated the dangers of changing pension laws so as to increase the cost required to maintain the plan and amortize the actuarial deficit in the fund without fully considering the financing implications of these changes and making corresponding changes in the requirements for employer and employee contributions.

A statement of the municipal viewpoint on basic pension problems prepared by the League Committee on Personnel, Pensions and Insurance as a revision of League pension policy statements since 1956 contains the major components of a sound pension policy. This policy recognizes the obligation of

municipalities to provide adequate pensions to employees while at the same time facing up to the serious financial implications involved.

The League endorses as its official expression on pension matters the pension policy statement prepared by the League Committee on Personnel, Pensions, and Insurance.

The League also recommends appropriate legislation on the following aspects of pension policy referred to in the League statement:

(1) *Creation of Additional Pension Funds.* The League, the Public Retirement Study Commission, and the Legislature have taken the position since 1958 that as a matter of policy no additional special police and firemen pension funds should be created. However, because of certain statutory provisions relating to various classes of cities, at least two such additional funds were automatically created without local action at the effective date of the 1960 census when the cities involved changed classifications. The League, therefore, recommends that the 1965 Legislature enact appropriate amendatory legislation to prevent the creation of new police and fire pension funds by operation of law.

(2) *Periodic Actuarial Study.* The League recommends that the 1965 Legislature enact appropriate legislation requiring, at the cost of the respective pension systems, a periodic actuarial study at least once every four years. The League also urges the legislature to require some objective study and report on the financial implications of amendments to pension laws before legislative action. The League recommends that the specific actuarial technique of level normal cost be used in such surveys and reports.

(3) *PERA Board Membership.* If the present non-fiduciary type of PERA governing board is to be retained, the League recommends modification of the PERA board membership to recognize the important taxpayer and public interest and obligation to the fund by providing for *non-ex officio* membership of one representative from each of the official organizations of employing units, the League of Minnesota Municipalities, the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Minnesota School Boards Association, respectively. The League further recommends that election of board members by a fair mail ballot system be substituted for the present proxy plan.

(4) *Collection of Employer's Contributions to PERA.* The League recommends revision of the PERA law to provide for a system of collection of contributions in which both employer's and employee's contributions are remitted together to PERA currently not less often than on a quarterly basis.

(5) *Coordination of PERA and OASDI.* The League recommends the enactment of legislation authorizing the coordination of PERA with OASDI on an individual option basis. Such legislation must conform to the general principles set forth in the League pension policy statement.

The League commends the 1963 Employee Retirement Systems Commission for its conscientious and time-consuming work.

THE MUNICIPALITIES' VIEWPOINT TOWARD MINNESOTA PENSION PROBLEMS

*Recommended by Personnel, Pensions & Insurance Committee
Changes from 1962 Policy indicated by Italics*

I. General Comments

A. City and village councils recognize the desirability and necessity of providing and maintaining an adequate and sound system of pensions for their municipal employees. Their obligations to their employees demand this, but such a system is necessary also for efficient administration both in attracting and maintaining competent personnel and in making it possible to retire employees before they become too old to render satisfactory service.

B. This interest in an adequate and sound pension system necessarily carries with it the moral, if not the legal, obligation to see that changes in the system do not jeopardize the financial capacity of the system to pay the promised benefits. Thus no modification of the PERA plan, whether with or without the inclusion of social security, should be considered which does not adequately meet the problem of future financing both for employers and employees.

C. To provide all parties concerned with the necessary up-to-date knowledge of the relation between the cost of present and future benefits and the sum total of contributions, interest and other income, the various pension laws should require at the cost of the respective pension systems a periodical actuarial study, at least once in four years under existing conditions. *The League recommends that the specific actuarial technique of level normal cost be used in such surveys and reports.* Adjustments in rates or benefits structure should be made in the light of such actuarial surveys to place the funds in actuarial balance. In addition, some objective study and report on the financial implications of amendments to pension laws should be required before legislative action; the advisory committee used by the Wisconsin legislature for this purpose is one possible means by which this may be accomplished. Without actuarial advice, neither council nor the legislature can possibly realize the financial implications of proposed amendments nor can the employees themselves; yet they cannot properly discharge their duties either as employers or as elected representatives of the public in this respect without knowing these implications.

D. Governmental units as employers as well as representatives of the tax-paying public have a substantial interest along with employees in all government pension systems, an interest now recognized in the statutory obligation of employers to make substantial annual contributions to the major funds to amortize the actuarial deficit and to match employee payments for current costs. While composition of the boards administering the funds may appropriately recognize that employees as well as the public have a stake in the fund, managing boards should be of the fiduciary type used in many other states and not a board selected by the membership. As long as the present type of board is continued, composition of the board should be altered to provide substantial public representation, which should not be ex officio.

II. Amendments to PERA Law.

A. It is not in the municipal interest to postpone adequate provisions for tax levies and employee contributions sufficient to finance all anticipated future pension costs since without such action, excessive levies later will be inevitable if the promised benefits are to be paid. The financing plan followed for the PERA system prior to 1957 obscured actual costs of the system and shifted to future taxpayers the costs which are a proper part of present governmental expense. The 1957 Legislature recognized this fact by providing for a substantial regular employer contribution to support PERA and by increasing the employees' contribution. Legislation enacted in 1957, 1959, and 1961, stemming from recommendations of the Public Retirement Study Commission, may, according to the Commis-

sion's estimates, and with an increase in interest earnings, achieve proper financing of the fund and keep the present actuarial deficit from growing. However, if these estimates are not borne out by experience, it is to the interest of the municipalities and the public as well as the employees to see that sufficient changes are made at the 1965 legislative session, either in the financing provisions or the benefit structure or both, to prevent the actuarial deficit from increasing further. In any event, no benefits should be added without assurance to the employing units as well as the employee that their financing is also provided for. Furthermore, no benefit changes resulting in increased costs should be considered until after appropriate changes have been made to keep the present actuarial deficit from growing. Tax levies necessary to meet all employer costs should be outside per capita and millage limitations on taxes and expenditures.

B. A sound pension plan ought to provide for employer-employee matching of contributions on a 50-50 basis. Employers must necessarily assume the obligation of amortizing the actuarial deficit in the fund over a long period of time, as the present law provides; but deficits accruing because of future changes in financing or benefits should be borne equally by employer and employee.

C. For employees hired after the effective date of the 1957 law, the pension plan should be set up on the basis of providing at age 65, after 30 years of service in covered employment, an annuity of approximately one-half of the salary on which deductions are made.

D. *The present system of annual collections by means of tax levies of the employer's share of PERA is both cumbersome and confusing and results in unwarranted delays in remittance of such contributions to the PERA fund, loss of interest on these contributions, and budgetary problems for employing subdivisions of government. Employers' and employees' contributions should be remitted not less often than on a current quarterly basis in order to eliminate these undesirable features. In addition, a system of current collections would focus municipal governments' attention on pension costs and foster a business-like and intelligent concern for sound pension policy at the local level.*

A system of current collection of employers' contributions to PERA was recommended by the 1961 Public Retirement Study Commission, and legislation, endorsed by the League and the official organizations of other employing units in PERA, carrying out this recommendation was enacted by the 1961 legislature but subsequently repealed.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities, therefore, recommends the adoption of legislation providing for a system of current collections of employers' contributions to PERA. This legislation should be similar in principal to Laws 1961, Chapter 743, and should contain the following modifications:

(1) *Both employer and employee contributions should be remitted to PERA simultaneously not less often than at the end of each payroll quarter.*

(2) *Delinquencies should be certified by PERA to the governing bodies for appropriate action before certification to the county auditor for collection.*

(3) *The changeover from the present collection to the new collection system should embody a forgiveness of one year's employer contributions to the fund.*

III. Police and Fire Pension Plans.

A. The municipalities recognize that special aspects of police and fire service require pension plans which permit an earlier retirement than in the case of other municipal employees. Yet, because such plans add significantly to pension costs, police and fire pension plans should contemplate payment of no more than half salary as the basic pension after at least 25 years of service and not before age 58.

B. A single state fund for policemen and firemen is a desirable eventual legislative objective. For the present, however, existing special funds should not be abolished without providing suitable alternative provisions. No additional police and fire pension funds should be established in the future.

C. As in the case of PERA, financing provisions of police and fire pension funds should be revised in the light of current actuarial surveys to make them actuarially sound. The amount of the employer's share of the cost should be somewhat greater than in the case of other public pension systems because of the higher costs of a police or fire pension plan, but the employee's contribution should be no less than that paid by other employees. Considering the special aspects of police and fire service, a 60%-40% apportionment represents a fair distribution of current pension costs between employer and employee.

D. In order to make actuarial soundness possible, the required employer contribution should be on a payroll rather than a millage basis. There should be no statutory limits on the size of the funds except the actuarial measurement of pension liabilities nor any other relation between dollar balance in the fund and municipal contributions.

E. The special provisions for policemen and firemen pensions established as a public safety division within the PERA fund should conform to the basis suggested in paragraph A. However, any such provisions in the PERA law should not impose any of the burden of additional police and fire pensions on other PERA members.

IV. OASDI Extension to Minnesota Municipal Employees.

A. Under federal legislation, Minnesota may authorize present PERA members (other than policemen and firemen) to exercise an individual option to remain under PERA or come under a coordinated PERA-OASDI plan after a state enabling act is first adopted. New employees would then come under the combined plan automatically. The best interests of municipal

ities and their employees will be served by providing such an individual-choice coordinated plan at the earliest possible time.

B. A coordinated PERA-OASDI plan should embody the following principles:

1. PERA benefit levels, otherwise applicable to present members, should be retained for those electing not to come under the coordinated plan; for other employees the levels provided under a coordinated OASDI-PERA plan should be those provided by the social security act plus a modified PERA plan financed by current contributions half those required under the PERA plan without OASDI. Thus, any such coordinated plan should contemplate the permanent continuance of PERA, though with a smaller scale of PERA benefits (exclusive of OASDI benefits) that can be financed from the reduced current contribution rates plus interest and other earnings of the PERA fund.

2. The coordinated plan should be set up on a basis that will not make the PERA fund less actuarially sound or that will take from the PERA fund for the payment of employer-employee shares of retroactive coverage costs more than the amount of actuarial liability transferred to the social security fund by the election of the coordinated plan by present employees.

3. The coordinated plan should provide for as large an amount of retroactive coverage under OASDI as is allowed under federal law and can be feasibly financed. In this connection, the possibility of local option by each governmental subdivision on the amount of retroactivity as well as on authorizing the coordinated plan for its employees should be considered. To finance any required back payments of employers' costs not provided from the PERA fund, governmental subdivisions should be permitted to issue certificates of indebtedness for all or part of such costs plus the initial year's current costs and to pay them off over a maximum period of five years through a levy outside millage and per capita tax limits.

10/7/64

From: Mary Faucett

TO ALL BOARDERS:

Please read through this and fill in, add to, change or whatever, where it needs it. I would like to go over this at Board meeting and decide the final form so that it may be sent out to the Local Leagues with the next Board Memo. Please, on a separate sheet list all and number (and name of) of committee meetings attended since April 1. Several areas are blank because I'm not sure of all the work done in these areas, such as public relations, voters service, and publications (national and state), and program.

Six Month's Report on State Budget, Expenditures, and Income.

What has your money bought to further the State League's work? We have put six months of 64-65 behind us and the tally sheet shows the following:

In May, we adopted, with a slight adjustment, the largest State budget (an increase of \$2285 over last year) for the work of this election and legislative year. We have listed for you the accounts and the percentages that have been expended. Also, we have listed the Local Leagues and the percent of support that has been paid. All (?) Leagues have indicated the manner in which they will pay, and we are assured of support, so this is no reflection on ability to pay--simply a financial statement of the situation at this time. We do thank those Leagues who have been able to pay their pledge in full. It does help to have a healthy bank account when there are salaries and publication bills to be paid

President and Board of Directors _____%

1. 6 of 15 Board members are from "out state". This assures all Leagues, large, small, Metropolitan, rural, suburban, north, south, west, of a voice in policy making.
2. 5 Board meetings.
3. "Out State" president. Attended _____ meetings. (Annette, please name the meetings, such as environmental health, taconite committee, governor's, etc).
4. _____ committee meetings attended. Finance, legislative, office management, organization constitutional amendments (what else has met?)

Committees _____%

1. Finance Workshop.
2. Off-Board representatives to nominating, by-laws (?), finance (what else?).

Delegates _____%

1. 3 delegates to National Convention at Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. (a) one, a member National Budget committee
(b) two delegates specifically interested in program
2. Coffee for all Local League delegates.
3. Special Meetings.
(a) ? _____

Salaries and Salary Taxes _____%

1. 2 excellent secretaries with modest salaries. We just couldn't run without them.
(a) Executive secretary
(b) Organisation secretary

Office Operations _____%

We urge you to visit our new headquarters and see the State office in action.

1. Board Memos including Outlook For Work.
2. Council Manual and materials
3. Finance workshop materials
4. Leadership workshop materials
5. All correspondence
6. Paper, clips, stencils, and all materials needed to run the office
7. Bonding of officers and employ
8. Auditor
9. Increased postal rates
10. All other typing and mimeographing, etc. What else?

Public Relations _____% M. Nash, please fill in

1. Women's Voter Week?
- 2.
- 3.

National Municipal League Membership _____%

New Equipment _____%

Added office space allows for improved working conditions. The 2 rooms allow small committees to meet. The following has been purchased:

1. Used shelving
2. 6 chairs
3. Shelving
4. Wastebaskets
5. Table
6. Open shelf guides
7. Added phone jack (?)

Anything else? Margie, Irene?

Old office equipment is to be sold, and much already has been.

Program Services

Promotion _____%

1. What should go here?

WAIT UNTIL JANUARY!

State Publications _____%

Will Voters Service, and others involved write this story?

Audio-Visual Aids _____%

The tape recorder has earned its way. Workshops, Board and committee meetings tapes reflect the expenditures (anything else)?

Minnesota Voter _____%

As you remember the budget was cut here to save \$70, but by taking out the holes.

1. Voters have been printed.
2. subscriptions.
3. Anything else?

Field Service

Conference Expense _____%

1. 3 Leadership Workshops
 - (a) _____ Local Leagues attended
 - (b) _____ members attended
2. Subsidation of Mileage of all Local Leagues over 100 miles.

Travel _____%

1. 4 new provisional Leagues
 - a. Brooklyn Park served by _____?
 - b. Crookston served by _____?
 - c. International Falls served by Bemidji.
 - d. Winona served by Rochester
2. Board Consultants

The above reflects many trips, phone calls, letters, publication, and all else necessary to service local and provisional Leagues (64) and 5800 members. Refer to your lists of State Board committees and consultant assignments. From these you can get ideas about mileage (5¢ a mile), \$4 per diem for food, postage, phone rates, etc.

New Member Kits _____%

_____?

National Services _____%

TOTAL _____%

INCOME

Local League Support _____%

State Member-at-large _____%
 Direct Contributions _____%
 State Publications _____%
 You are the Government _____%
 JGS Fund Interest _____%

TOTAL _____%



Wendell G. Johnson
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March, 1964

Bedtime Stories for Boarders by Ele Colborn

How Now Brown Cow?

Now that we have concluded our study of the amendments we are faced with the decision of what direction if any our Current Agenda Item II will take in the coming year. In presenting this program making problem to council we are faced with three possibilities:

1. We can throw the discussion open to the delegates without any direction from the Board.
2. We can ask the delegates to select from several alternatives selected by the Board.
3. We can present a program to the delegates and ask for their approval. Such a program could consist of either a recommendation that our continued action on the amendments would take too much time to permit the study of a new item or a recommendation for a specific article.

Program in Wonderland

In evaluating these three possibilities it is useful to consider the direction received at the 1962 council and at the 1963 convention.

In 1962 Phylis Richter had prepared a Commentary on the Constitution, sent it to the resource people in local leagues and asked them to come to council with their suggestions. The response was somewhat disappointing both in depth of knowledge reflected and in lack of unanimity. The areas suggested were judiciary, the finance article, the executive article and home rules. Phylis had, I think decided to work on home rule when she left.

In 1963 the state convention adopted "The amendments to improve the constitution" item as a non-recommended item. Mrs. Berdie in introducing the item stressed the need of members to study all the amendments and take a position; the floor debate brought out the need for reviewing our old stands, especially on reapportionment. Varying directions for study of constitutional revision were received; among these were interest in exploring the finance article, reexamination of the home rule, restudy of reapportionment, study of proposed amendments and articles to which they relate.

The working of the Item gives emphasis to improving the constitution rather than solving specific problems. It is difficult to work with because of the close relationship between constitutional law and the necessary implementing statutory law; some goals can be accomplished either by amendment or by statute. Though we say we are going to work for amendments to improve the constitution we have no real standards as to what does improve the constitution and this leads us to judging each article on its own merits. I would like to give a brief evaluation of the possibilities for study, consensus and action in the areas mentioned by the 1962 council and the 1963 convention.

"It is easier to get away with murder in rural Minnesota than darkest Africa".

Most of the difficulties in the administration of our courts are of a statutory rather than a constitutional nature. Leaguers in proposing this article are thinking of reaching a support position on the Missouri plan for the election of judges, and considering our past background in the field of the short ballot, it is likely that a study would result in such a position, though we would have the possibility of supporting a purely appointive judiciary and the possibility of retaining our present system. There would, however, seem little chance for the League to get this

amendment through the legislature without the support of the Bar Association, and though there has been a version of the Missouri Plan supported by a special committee of the Bar Association, they have never been able to get it supported by their convention. As a practical matter most judges first reach the bench by appointment rather than election, and incumbents are seldom defeated. It is unlikely that the Bar Association will take a role in this field without a major scandal of some sort.

Horse without a rider

That we need improvement in the executive article is recognized by the Leagues position on "clearly-fixed executive responsibility" including the specifics of "fewer elected officials" and "provision for an executive budget". We have no specific stands on executive reorganization and might wish to examine the possibility of including in the constitution a provision for reorganization by the initiative of the governor or a constitutional limitation on the number of departments in the executive. We have no position on the thorny problem of the governor's power to remove appointees nor whether appointments of a cabinet or department head level should require "advice and consent" from the Senate; this would certainly become an issue in any discussion of the short ballot. The "clearly fixed executive responsibility" position might well give the Board powers to take action on certain amendments in the field of reorganization, but it is much easier to "strengthen the executive" in the abstract than to "give power to that man in the statehouse" and we might feel doubtful of real member support in a politically charged atmosphere. The reasons for choosing this article for further study are 1) constitutional changes could really be meaningful in improving our government and 2) there might be a possibility of rewriting the whole article rather than piecemeal amendment; problems in its selection are 1) the relative indifference of our present governor in taking action here and 2) the prodigious amount of work that would be necessary in doing a survey of the administration to show where changes in the constitution would be helpful.

Home is where the legislature is

Home-rule meets every qualification for a good league topic: timeliness, member interest, possibility for effective action. Since it is reviewed in the CR Voter it is unnecessary to go into details. The problem here is how effective would the study of this problem be if it is limited to constitutional reform? This is an area where though there is a possibility of constitutional change most things can and probably will be accomplished by statute. A study of this area might evaluate the home-rule sections of various constitutions and try to determine what effect constitutional provisions had had on the operations of the legislatures, but home-rule seems in a state of flux across the nation and it is somewhat doubtful that such a study would be at all conclusive. There is possibility for some action under our CR position, and a new consensus related only to constitutional reforms is somewhat unlikely to expand our scope for action.

Money, money, everywhere-----

The financial provisions scattered throughout our constitution are worth league study on the grounds that they fall the shortest of meeting standards of "good constitutional law" as set by experts. Detailed, difficult to read, they bring us to grips with the problems of theory versus political reality. By this very nature financial provisions have been most subject to amendment and such amendments are always difficult to evaluate. What would or could a league study in this area accomplish? Would we be able to arrive at a position setting forth standards by which we could judge amendments in the future? Or, would the failure to agree on such standards imply that we would make no attempt to evaluate amendments in this field in the future? How does our consensus on the Taconite amendment affect future action

of the league in this field? Do we regard a possible support position as reflecting feeling that we are uninterested in setting up standards in this field? Or, would a failure to reach consensus on this amendment be a mandate for further study of the whole area? As a practical matter a complete revision of the financial article is probably dependent on a constitutional convention; possibility for action here would most likely be based on a consensus position supporting the removal of certain kinds of things. From the League's standpoint such a study could clarify our own thinking, provide a valuable basis for future study in the whole field of taxation, and incidentally we already have a publication on special taxes which has not been used by the membership as a whole.

Round and round we go---

In the 1962 convention caucus on the amendment item there was a proposal that if the amendment item was not adopted as a CA, a motion should be made to remove the reference to reapportionment from CR 4 as proposed by the Board. Since the amendment item was adopted, CR 4 was amended to limit our position to support of a constitutional convention, and the delegates did not give an expression of whether they would continue with our old positions in this area. A discussion of reapportionment involves both an evaluation of whether we wish to act on our old position and of whether we wish to do a new study in this area.

Current League activity may be dated back to 1955 when the unexpected passage of the Bergerud bill by the house revived interest in reapportionment. The League did a study in 1956, lobbied in 1957, had a member on Governor Freeman's commission. In 1958 a Federal Court accepted jurisdiction of a suit asking that the 14th amendment be interpreted to apply "equal protection of the law" to legislative reapportionment; rather than impose its own solution the court referred the matter back to the 1959 legislature and with the threat of court action hanging over their head the legislature passed both the Bergerud bill for reapportionment, based on the 1950 consensus and to go into effect into 1962 and an amendment introducing an area factor into the Senate. The League took a consensus in 1959 and arrived at the following criteria:

1) no increase in legislative size; 2) a fair flexible, specific area factor in one chamber 3) guaranteed population in the other; and 4) effective enforcement machinery. The League found Amendment #2 did not meet these criteria and worked for its defeat; another objection to Amendment #2 was found in "frozen districts" in the Senate and the League reaffirmed its approval of a county representation plan that would have placed the area factor in the house.

How has the picture changed since 1959? In 1962 the U.S. Supreme Court in a landmark decision in the Tennessee case overruled lower federal court and decreed that the 14th amendment was relevant to reapportionment and that federal courts did have jurisdiction. This decision reverses a traditional policy that had held reapportionment to be solely a concern of the legislatures; its basis can be found in a denial of representation to urban areas by rural-oriented legislatures (8% of the population of Nevada could elect a majority of the Senate) and the way apportionment operated in the south to deny rights to colored voters. In 1963 the county-unit plan for primaries in Georgia was held unconstitutional and a 1964 decision was set aside congressional districts in Georgia, stating that such districts should be as equal as possible in terms of population. Cases to be decided this year will deal with (1) the legality of an area factor in one house of the legislature and (2) whether the court has the power to reapportion if the legislature fails to do so.

In two years since the Tennessee Case there has been a flood of court cases demanding reapportionment where the legislatures have failed to do so and also questioning the constitutional formulas in state constitutions for apportionment. All but eight states in 1963 had major reapportionment legislation pending, or in the courts. In this torrent of activity Minnesota has remained a quite backwater adopting a "wait and see" attitude. There is as yet no real sentiment expressed by legislators for reapportionment in terms of the 1960 consensus and new legislation is presently not expected to come out of the 1965 session. However a court suit (it is incredible that we don't have one) could change the whole picture, and certainly legislation will be introduced in 1965. A court decision permitting an area factor in one house will give impetus to a movement to introduce such a provision into Minnesota's Constitution. The League has already been asked to help in writing such an amendment; we are therefore faced with the problem of whether we wish to act on the basis of our 1959 criteria.

Nationally there has been a strong movement towards the "one man-one vote" philosophy, a philosophy reflected in many lower court decisions (though not all). In most cases where "area" provisions were thrown out, the formula were not "fair" or "flexible". In so far as the area factor has been accepted as a compromise by urban areas as the only way they could get adequate representation in at least one house, court activity makes this compromise unnecessary. Since 1959 we also have new members in the League and a lot of our old Leaguers are probably unaware of just what our stand is. Dorothy Anderson (our 1964 reapportionment lobbyist) feels we need new evaluation. Betty Kane (firmly committed to area) also feels a reaffirmation of area would be necessary for support of an amendment. All these factors point to the need for a new consensus.

On the opposite side one can say that our 1959 consensus on area was exceptionally strong and if we "go along" with area we will be working with those legislators with whom we are generally at odds and this could strengthen our whole legislative program; in writing a new amendment we will be in a strong position to insist that such an amendment meet all League criteria; other than "area" the rest of our criteria would seem unaffected. Even though it is possible to go to the courts where the legislature refuses to act this does not seem like a very desirable way of getting action and some other machinery should still be available.

The above discussion shows why our stand on area may no longer be valid as far as Leaguers are concerned. It does not mean the Leaguers might not reaffirm an area factor in one house. There are many arguments to be made in opposition to the "one-man, one vote" philosophy such as the desirability of giving a rural minority a voice, the federal analogy, and the desirability of making sure in a bi-cameral legislature that the two houses have different composition. When Minneapolis and St. Paul realize that by 1970 they too may be losing representation to the growing suburbs their enthusiasm for "population" only might well diminish. Indeed we might not be able to reach consensus at all.

We have left unanswered the question of what the Supreme Court may do. Although any League study would be undertaken after Supreme Court decisions were in, it is interesting to guess how the decisions affect Minnesota:

1. The Supreme Court will certainly not come out for mandatory area factor.
2. It is equally unlikely that they will require population only in both houses.
3. They might define some sort of reasonable area factor for one house. This type of decision will involve them in hearing numerous cases on how various states conform to "fair" area.

4. An alternative is not to make a decision on area vs. population at all and use some other legal ground for evaluating apportionment. One such basis might be that apportionment must rest on "consent of the governed". On this basis cases could be decided on whether or not the people had a chance to vote on formulae and whether statutory districting was "arbitrary and capricious" in terms of the state constitution. In other words, legislatures would have to apportion as their constitution requires (Population only in Minnesota) or they would have to submit an amendment with an area factor to the voters.

And they all lived happily ever after---

A final aside: All the above discussion is on the rather narrow basis of improving existing institutions in the sovereign state of Minnesota. The bureau of the census predicts that by the year 2000 there will be three hundred million people in the U.S., 4/5 of them living in urban areas. The current reapportionment battle is probably just the first round in a series of decisions that will be made to decide how we are going to provide effective government in this new situation. Does a decision on population in both houses lead us ultimately to a small unicameral legislature functioning much as a city council does today? Or in speaking of area (and area means counties) do we envisage consolidated counties really governing themselves by home-rule? And, where would our strengthened executive fit into either set up? These are some of the questions we are going to have to ask ourselves.

Background for Boarders: Why the League supports Amendment I

As leaguers you will be questioned most often on the constitutional aspects of Amendment I. Don't try to argue it improves the constitution. It doesn't. We felt economic considerations outweighed the constitutional considerations. It is acceptable from a constitutional standpoint because:

It is self-limiting and will expire in 25 years.

There is historical precedent for including iron ore taxes in the constitution: It is a constitutional remedy for a constitutional inequity.

It gives a degree of flexibility in that the legislature has a choice between the occupation tax and the corporation income tax.

Senator Mosier's arguments center on the "notwithstanding other provisions" phrase, and the fact that his means we are voting on more than one article at once. This is weak; all amendments by their very nature repeal, or may repeal other sections. All the special taxes do limit the legislature powers of taxation.

From an economic standpoint will the taconite amendment do all its supporters claim? We don't know but we felt it was a step in the right direction.

It will improve the tax climate and make it more attractive for Eastern investment.

U.S. Steel has promised a plant here if the amendment is passed.

New plants will create jobs, alleviating poverty and hopelessness on the range and reducing the welfare burden to the state as a whole.

The range is a depressed area: it needs our help.

How about taxes?

It does not lower taxes, it does not freeze taxes, it simply guarantees that taxes will not be more than are paid by other manufacturing corporations.

It does not apply to the tonnage tax or other taxes in lieu of the property tax.

So far Mr. Horn's material has emphasized other "breaks" given Taconite in terms of leases of state land and powers of eminent domain. He argues that the treatment given taconite has already been "too generous". We are not voting on any of these things.

Will mining lay waste our beautiful north woods? Obviously with the amount of ore that is going to be removed there are going to be some changes made in the landscape. Again, the Taconite Amendment does not affect future legislation in the field of conservation, and the natural resources committee has regarded the present taconite companies as very cooperative in terms of water pollution and so on. Preserving the range for vacation land will not provide year-round jobs the way taconite plants will.

TO: All Boarders

FROM: Josie

SUBJECT: Home Rule Discussions for Legislative Proposals

Because the legislative year is the time to exercise our support of League position in the form of legislation, we must be sure our interpretation of League position is correct. We will discuss in depth our position on CR's and possible legislation.

Several of our CR's will be before the legislature this session, indeed all of them might. Therefore the Board must assume the responsibility of interpretation in light of legislation.

The question of CR 5, Home Rule, will be our first in depth discussion item.

Please read Pathway to Local Autonomy in the blue Minnesota Voter, March 1964. This will supply you with the background material. The following is a repeat of some of this material and an interpretation of where we are:

Position: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support the principles of Home Rule relating to realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for the adoption and amendment of Home Rule Charters.

The need for local decisions on local matters dates back to the 1890's. Up to this time local communities in Minnesota were governed by the legislature through the passage of special laws. A special law is any law applying to a single unit of government or group of such units, in a single county or contiguous counties. The desire of the local communities for self-government led to the adoption of a constitutional amendment in 1892 prohibiting special legislation and the Home Rule Amendment in 1896 permitting cities and villages to adopt Home Rule Charters. As time went on there was widespread feeling that the state was asserting too much control over the affairs of local government and devoting too much time to special legislation. In 1948 the Minnesota Constitutional Commission recommended a new constitutional article and in 1958 the voters adopted an amendment which put realistic restrictions on special legislation and broadened the provision for adaption and amendment of Home Rule Charter.

Six years after the passage of the Home Rule Amendment we can ask has Home Rule accomplished what was hoped for?

1. Has it strenthened local government?
2. Have cities used the opportunity afforded to adapt and amend charters?
3. Has reliance on the legislature for spccial acts to solve local problems diminished?
4. Has the legislature more time to devote to general legislation?

There are not clear cut answers to these questions, partly because: 1) not sufficient time has elapsed and 2) not all the necessary implementing legislation has been passed.

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Conclusion: We will support a sixty-day annual session.

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That is a run down on legislative amendments where we would have a position. Other possibilities: A four-year term for representatives. This has been introduced before and a lot of representatives this year have felt lonely running all by themselves with only the railroad and warehouse commission heading the state ticket. I don't think the league has any feeling even on this. Removal of the obsolete provision that half the senate should be elected each two years. Some senators have wondered whether courts might notice this old provision. I think in our legislative study there was some feeling that a senate with half its members up for election each time would be more responsive to the people. And, if the legislature can't think up any other way to raise revenue, they might repeal the section in the legislative article that prohibits lotteries. And, we might get some changes in the sections that relate to the organization of the legislature. We have no position in these areas.

The executive article:

Short ballot: no action anticipated, but Leaguers seem to know we are in favor of this. We would support an amendment removing any state office up to the attorney general, lieutenant governor, and governor.

Joint-election of governor and lieutenant governor: this should get introduced but probably won't get out of committee; it is too late for the next election now anyway. We would support this amendment.

Provision for an executive budget: this would be a fine idea if we were having a constitutional convention and rewriting the whole article. No prospect for action.

General executive reorganization: there is interest in this subject both in the governor's office and on the part of Senator Rosenmeier. A lot could be done by executive order, more by statute. If the legislature didn't have so many other problems this could be a major issue with constitutional clarification a likelihood. Prospects now seem unlikely and anything introduced would probably be controversial. We will not take a position on an amendment in this field. We can keep an eye on this field and if it looks like any proposed amendment has wide bi-partisan support, the board might want to reconsider.

Easier amending process: here again prospects for action seem unlikely. An amendment may well be introduced proposing passage of amendments by some percentage of those voting on the question. We would support such an amendment. Not enough leagues supported the idea of special elections to give us a position

on that, and the legislature doesn't seem enthusiastic about gaining this privilege anyway. Of course if either of the present ballot amendments should fail because not enough people voted on them we could have a revived interest.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
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ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Faucett, Henricksson, Hokkanen, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, Mann, McCoy, Murray, Nash, Walker, Watson.
Staff members present: Mrs. Creger
Staff members absent: Mrs. Thompson

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.
Mover: Nash Second: Hokkanen Carried.

Corrections: page 2, paragraph 1, under President's Report, sentence 3, revise wording: District judge candidates will receive state Board questionnaires through the local Leagues.
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page 3, paragraph 4, under Organization, change to: Suggestions of information from Election Laws to be reprinted by local Leagues as a voters service in community newspapers will be included in the Board Memo.

MOTION: To accept the minutes as corrected.
Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/64	\$ 5,788.59
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REVISION OF AGENDA: Mrs. Mann requested time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Whiting spoke at the Conference on Urban Planning for (Whiting) Environmental Health at Rochester, Minn. and attended a meeting of the Minnesota Women's Committee on Civil Rights. She and Mrs. Janski toured the Bemidji area with the Minneapolis League and others interested in seeing Indian living conditions. Mmes. Whiting and Janski also visited the Cass Lake LWV and Mr. Treuer of the BIA. Mrs. Whiting has attended meetings of the Taconite Steering Committee and Water Resources Committee. She replied to a letter from the Northfield AAUW asking how we arrived at consensus on the taconite question.

At a state Program committee meeting, members discussed where we are going in the next months, and how we can help local Leagues in Program-making. An ad hoc committee for studying state Program and further responsibility of the Board has been appointed: Mrs. Henricksson, chairman; Mmes. Colborn, Letourneau, Walker and Watson. Local Leagues could have help with the wording of their program items to explain scope. At the legislative workshop we can point out advantages of a single list Program for continuing action.

Mrs. Whiting expressed concern over high hotel rates in Rochester and will talk to the Kahler Hotel about rates during our Convention in 1967.

Procedure had previously been set up so that state Board was responsible for the appointment of LWV lobbyists. Resource people have been recruiting their lobbyists in cooperation with the legislative chairman. This is satisfactory with the Board. A strategy committee in each area will make decisions between Board meetings. This committee consists of resource chairmen, legislative chairman, lobbyists and the president. Election laws and water lobbyists are needed.

FINANCE: In developing budgets, we must take an idealistic view in order to reach (Faucett) our goals of growth and increasing influence. The Board Memo will contain a budget report with percentages of amounts spent and received for the first six months. The Board reviewed expenditures to date and will keep a record of committee meetings and trips for final yearly reports. Mrs. Faucett appointed the following committees to estimate expenditures in preparation for Budget Building Day at 1:00 p.m., December 10, when the State Budget Committee and local League observers will sit in on our meeting:

President, Board of Directors, non-Board committees and Delegates:

Lundquist, chairman; Whiting, Janski, Faucett.

Salaries, Office Operation, New Equipment:

Janski, chairman; Faucett, Letourneau, with assistance of Creger.

Public Relations:

Nash, chairman; Murray, Colborn, Henricksson, McCoy, Watson.

Program Services:

Johnson, chairman; Murray, Colborn, Watson, Nash, Mann, Hokkanen, Letourneau.

Publications (National, State, Audio-Visual Aids):

Hokkanen, chairman; Letourneau, McCoy, Nash, Mann.

Minnesota Voter:

Henricksson, chairman; Hokkanen, Walker.

Field Service:

Janski, chairman; Faucett, Walker, with assistance of Thompson.

National Services:

Whiting, Faucett.

Mrs. Faucett asked that Board members read the State Board and Local League Handbooks on budgeting, "How To Spend Money for the LWV" and "Money Matters #3" - August 1961. The tape from the finance workshop is available.

VOTER: The November-December issue has a deadline of November 1. It will (Henricksson) contain four pages with statement of ownership, membership, UN tour, finance, Program-making, water resources, a photo and one page on legislative outlook including the Capitol Letter, legislative observers course, public relations concerning legislators.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Hokkanen announced that Mrs. Leonard Fox of 55 Farrel, St. Paul (Hokkanen) is a member of the publications committee. Eleven Leagues have responded to our question of how many informational brochures on reapportionment they would order. These orders would total nearly 13,000.

MOTION: The informational brochure on reapportionment will be prepared for printing.
Mover: Nash Second: Johnson Carried.

The State Organization Service will take drawings and sketches for reproduction on stencils.

Standard procedure for publishing a state publication will be written and "How To Prepare a Resource Piece" will be revised.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: We have criteria for taking a position on amendments in (Colborn) the areas of: adequate legislative session where we would support an annual session of at least 60 days; provision for a post auditor which would most likely be accomplished by statute, but we would support an amendment providing for a post auditor; reapportionment where our consensus will be updated after further study; easier amending process where we could support an amendment to change the voting requirement for passage to a percentage of those voting on the question; clearly fixed executive authority where we could support amendments for the short ballot, joint election of governor and lieutenant governor and provision for an executive budget.

MOTION: To approve the preceding proposals for action under the Constitutional Item in the 1965 legislature.

Mover: Colborn

Second: Nash

Carried.

STATE CRS: Our position states: The LWV of Minnesota will support the principles (Johnson) of Home Rule relating to realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for the adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

The Board discussed the proposals of legislation for Home Rule which were drawn up by the League of Minnesota Municipalities and ways of encouraging local governments to solve their own problems instead of going to the legislature. We would oppose anything which would endanger or curtail the principle of Home Rule.

MOTION: To support legislation for Home Rule Charter Enabling Act (Section 23) as proposed by the League of Minnesota Municipalities, June 19, 1964, and support of proposal #3 under Special Law Consent Legislation (section 24) as proposed by the LMM.

Mover: Johnson

Second: Murray

Carried.

DISCRIMINATION: Representatives of many groups are members of the Citizens Committee (Watson) on Civil and Human Rights and The Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights. We support these agencies along with the State Commission Against Discrimination (SCAD).

Our position states: The LWV of Minnesota will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property; it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations.

The Board discussed our consensus on the following items:

1. Appropriations for SCAD
2. Equal opportunities in public accommodations.
3. Procedural reforms.
4. Discrimination in housing.
5. Discrimination in employment.

MOTION: Proposal #4 does embody our position and should be a lobbying concern in 1965.

Mover: Watson

Second: Johnson

Failed.

MOTION: To adopt the other four items which do embody our position and should be a lobbying concern in 1965.

Mover: Watson

Second: Walker

Carried.

LEGISLATIVE OBSERVERS PROGRAM The women's organizations of the DFL and Republican CAPITOL TOURS: (Murray) parties would like to cooperate with the League following the morning lectures by Professor Backstrom by sponsoring small group tours of the legislature. This permission was granted. The Armory may be obtained free of charge. The Observers Program will be self-supporting.

The Board approved of Capitol Letter subscriptions at \$1.00.

Mrs. Murray will find out whether or not there will be a cost to the League for the Phillips Legislative Service.

The new resident election law will be written up and sent to Board members. Please send clippings on legislative issues to Mrs. Murray.

UN TOURS: Mrs. Letourneau has arranged a tour to Washington and New York for (Letourneau) February 14-19, 1965 for League members and their families. The cost will be \$160 without meals and tour charges.

The publication on human resources on the state level will not be an every-member piece. March is target date for publication.

1966 STATE COUNCIL: MOTION: To hold the 1966 State Council at St. Paul Hotel May 18 and 19.
Mover: Janski Second: McCoy Carried.

The small size stationery requested earlier will be ordered.

VOTERS SERVICE: The Burnsville request for a candidates meeting on the local level (McCoy) has been answered affirmatively. There has also been a request from Wayzata.

MOTION: To grant permission to Wayzata to hold a candidates meeting in Medina and Plymouth unless there is an objection in either community.
Mover: McCoy Second: Janski Carried.

Senator McCarthy called to ask if there would be a candidates meeting on TV. The state Welfare Board asked if local Leagues could assist in registering voluntary patients in state institutions. They were told that Leagues can.

Mrs. McCoy will report further on Congressional roll call votes as a possible voters service project for local Leagues at the November Board meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: There were 16 entries in the WWV contest which will go to the (Nash) judges. There will be honorable mention also.

Mrs. Nash attended the PTA Convention. Mrs. Mitau is their legislative chairman and Ruby Hunt is their lobbyist. Some of their program coincides with ours. The U. of M. Agricultural Extension Service wants material to distribute to its organizations, and Mrs. Yoho is much interested in reapportionment. Reapportionment booklets will be sent free of charge to some organizations and educational institutions. If you have ideas, give them to Mrs. Nash immediately.

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ORGANIZATION: Mmes. Thompson, Letourneau and Walker attended a pre-organization meeting with 45 interested women in New Brighton. There will be an organization meeting November 5. Mrs. E. C. Williams will be the advisor and St. Anthony the parent League.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: All Boarders

FROM: Josie

SUBJECT: Home Rule Discussions for Legislative Proposals

Because the legislative year is the time to exercise our support of League position in the form of legislation, we must be sure our interpretation of League position is correct. We will discuss in depth our position on CR's and possible legislation.

Several of our CR's will be before the legislature this session, indeed all of them might. Therefore the Board must assume the responsibility of interpretation in light of legislation.

The question of CR 5, Home Rule, will be our first in depth discussion item.

Please read Pathway to Local Autonomy in the blue Minnesota Voter, March 1964. This will supply you with the background material. The following is a repeat of some of this material and an interpretation of where we are:

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Reasons for endorsing an amendment for a sixty-day annual session: (1) The long session in 1963 proved a hardship on many legislators; traditionally the farmer wanted a short session so he could get home and plow, but 120 days proved difficult for metropolitan legislators as well, who found it was too long a period to be away from their businesses. (2) With exactly the same legislators planning to return a second year, increased use could probably be made of interim commissions and a more effective legislature would result. (3) Annual sessions would give the legislature a chance to authorize emergency legislation as in the school deficit problem. (4) Annual sessions would enable the legislature to take prompt advantage of federal programs which usually require enabling legislation by the states.

Reasons for opposing such an amendment: (1) Sixty days is too short. (2) Legislature should be able to determine the length of its own session. (3) It would be better to have a short budgetary session one year and a longer general session the next.

In answer to these arguments, one could say that the general public wouldn't support an extension of the total number of days, that unlimited sessions have sometimes seemed to drag on too long, and that appropriations should be considered at the same time as programs are adopted.

Conclusion: We will support a sixty-day annual session.

Post Auditor: There is nothing controversial about the idea of having a post auditor appointed by and responsible to the legislature, except one can't help wonder how many of our members are aware of this position. I think it would help if we started writing post auditor (public-examiner), for the office of the public examiner does in fact perform the post-audit, and if you use the term public-examiner no one thinks you are trying to do Stafford King out of his job. The possibility of an amendment providing for a post auditor is small; except that the public examiner's office is being investigated as being inefficient. Rolvaag did not exercise his powers to appoint a public examiner and the post is presently held by a civil-service appointee; and Rosenmeier is sniping at the civil service. However, it is quite possible to transfer the public examiner from the executive to the legislative branch by statute, rather than amendment, and this would seem to be more likely. We would support an amendment providing for a post author if it is introduced but we won't make any effort in that direction itself.

That is a run down on legislative amendments where we would have a position. Other possibilities: A four-year term for representatives. This has been introduced before and a lot of representatives this year have felt lonely running all by themselves with only the railroad and warehouse commission heading the state ticket. I don't think the league has any feeling even on this. Removal of the obsolete provision that half the senate should be elected each two years. Some senators have wondered whether courts might notice this old provision. I think in our legislative study there was some feeling that a senate with half its members up for election each time would be more responsive to the people. And, if the legislature can't think up any other way to raise revenue, they might repeal the section in the legislative article that prohibits lotteries. And, we might get some changes in the sections that relate to the organization of the legislature. We have no position in these areas.

The executive article:

Short ballot: no action anticipated, but Leaguers seem to know we are in favor of this. We would support an amendment removing any state office up to the attorney general, lieutenant governor, and governor.

Joint-election of governor and lieutenant governor: this should get introduced but probably won't get out of committee; it is too late for the next election now anyway. We would support this amendment.

Provision for an executive budget: this would be a fine idea if we were having a constitutional convention and rewriting the whole article. No prospect for action.

General executive reorganization: there is interest in this subject both in the governor's office and on the part of Senator Rosenmeier. A lot could be done by executive order, more by statute. If the legislature didn't have so many other problems this could be a major issue with constitutional clarification a likelihood. Prospects now seem unlikely and anything introduced would probably be controversial. We will not take a position on an amendment in this field. We can keep an eye on this field and if it looks like any proposed amendment has wide bi-partisan support, the board might want to reconsider.

Easier amending process: here again prospects for action seem unlikely. An amendment may well be introduced proposing passage of amendments by some percentage of those voting on the question. We would support such an amendment. Not enough leagues supported the idea of special elections to give us a position

on that, and the legislature doesn't seem enthusiastic about gaining this privilege anyway. Of course if either of the present ballot amendments should fail because not enough people voted on them we could have a revived interest.

October 1964

TO: Fellow Boarders

FROM: Marion Watson

SUBJECT: Discrimination Legislation

OUR POSITION: (May 10, 1962) "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota opposes discriminatory practices which deny rights to any citizen on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin or age. Anti-discrimination legislation, enforced by commission administration, is a necessary means of eliminating such discrimination.

"We support the present legislation regarding employment, real property and public accommodations as partially achieving this end."

To clarify the application of the above statement, I requested that the following be included in the May 10 minutes:

"This means support of:

1. Administration by the State Commission Against Discrimination of the public accommodations law.
2. An age amendment to the employment law.
3. Increased funds and personnel to SCAD.
4. Support of the 1961 amendment regarding real property and the establishment of SCAD.
5. Following the operation of all of these laws with an eye to strengthening or improvement. We want built in flexibility to support changes which more closely approximate the ideal."

EMPLOYMENT POSITION HISTORY: From 1949 to 1955, fair employment was a CA. Consensus on employment was limited to the question of employment on merit. With the 1955 Fair Employment Practices Act, support of the FEPC became a League CR. It remained there until May 1961, when, along with other discrimination concerns, it returned to CA status.

DISCUSSION: The Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights, a coordinating organization made up of representatives from human rights agencies, governmental and private, church groups, civic organizations, etc., has been the recipient of suggestions for legislation in the area of civil rights from the member organizations and public agencies. The following legislative recommendations have been discussed and adopted by them. It would be wise for us to evaluate those recommendations in the light of our position to determine which ones we will support actively in 1965.

1. Appropriations for civil rights. "Additional appropriations requested by the State Commission Against Discrimination, the Governor's Human Rights Commission, the Indian Affairs Commission, and for civil rights legal services should be granted."

(Our 1962 consensus which consisted of 51 replies out of 59 Leagues was overwhelmingly, almost unanimously, in favor of the commission method of enforcement. Incidentally, late replies were not counted in this consensus. We recognized that with the additional duties of enforcing the housing amendment, it was necessary to increase funds and staff for SCAD. We worked for this in 1963. Funds and staff for the Indian Affairs Commission would bring it closer to satisfying our criteria for an effective agency in that regard. In the last session, the Board voted to support fund requests for the GHRC.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Shall we continue this concern in 1965?

2. Equal opportunities in public accommodations. "The Minnesota State Act

Against Discrimination should provide that discrimination in public accommodations, as defined in Minnesota Statute 327.09, constitutes an unfair discriminatory practice. This will allow the State Commission Against Discrimination to act on complaints of discrimination in public accommodations as it does with complaints in employment and housing."

(This is in accord with our position regarding SCAD enforcement of the the public accommodations law. In the 1962 consensus, over 85% of the replies favored this measure. It does not repeal 327.09, but makes two avenues for enforcement possible.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Shall this be a LWV lobbying concern in 1965?

3. "Procedural reforms. The Minnesota State Act Against Discrimination should provide that the State Commission Against Discrimination has the power to issue orders which are binding unless reversed or modified by a court of law, in conformance with Session Laws 809 providing for judicial review from administrative agencies."

(SCAD procedure is now like this: A citizen complains to SCAD. SCAD investigates and either dismisses the case or issues a statement of 'probable cause.' They then attempt to educate and conciliate. If they feel they have made no headway, the Governor is asked to appoint a 12 man Board of Review. Once again, the same procedure is followed, the case is dismissed or a request is made to 'cease and desist.' Now if the respondent fails to comply, the case goes to District Court. If there is a finding of 'guilty' a Court Order is issued. This is the first point at which any actual order is given. This measure would allow SCAD to issue a cease and desist order which would remain in effect until and unless reversed or modified by a court. This is standard administrative procedure with other State agencies. This is an attempt to streamline and clarify SCAD procedures. Allowing this order to be issued would not eliminate the other steps in the enforcement procedure.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Does our support of the commission method of enforcement leave us free to support this improvement in their procedure? Shall this be a LWV lobbying concern in 1965?

"The State Commission Against Discrimination should have the power to obtain a temporary injunction to forbid the sale or rental of housing during the pendency of a complaint, subject to reasonable time limits."

(This is another procedural reform. This had not been thoroughly explored as a possibility when we did our study. It was offered in comment by only one League. If a man is interested in a house, and earnest money payment is refused by the owner or realtor, the house can be sold to someone else. When this refusal results from discrimination, the complainant loses the chance to buy the house, making the cease and desist request meaningless. The argument against this measure is that an innocent respondent might be inconvenienced through the delay which might result in the sale of his house. The legislature would have to decide what might be a 'reasonable time limit,')

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Is this a procedural reform we can support? Should it be a lobbying concern in 1965?

4. Discrimination in Housing. "The Minnesota State Act Against Discrimination should forbid discrimination in the rental, lease or sale of single family housing, whether publicly assisted or not."

(At present single family housing which is owner-occupied and which is not publicly financed, e.g., by FHA or VA loans, is exempt from coverage by the law. In 1962, our consensus question asked for approval or disapproval of an Act of the legislature. We did not ask a question on the principle of fair housing. Of the 51 Leagues participating, 41 said support the law, 25 said support and strengthen, 2 said repeal. The opinion was that since the law did not go into effect until January, 1963, we would not have had an opportunity to judge its effectiveness during the 1963 session. This was the opinion of other civil rights groups and agencies as well. Therefore, in 1963 no attempts were made to strengthen the law. Furthermore, while a League might check the 'strengthen' blank, often there was no way for us to know how they wanted to see it strengthened. Where opinions were expressed, they leaned in the direction of strengthening the commission rather than extending coverage. More Leagues opposed changes in coverage than voted to extend coverage. It is hard to know whether opposing changes in coverage connoted opposing curtailing or extending. We had a 'wait and see' position. The unfortunate part of the consensus method was that we did not ask a question on principle. In order to decide the question before the Board in this case, our only course, it seems to me, is to examine our statement of principle on page 1, which was approved by the Board in 1962 as embodying the principle contained in our consensus, and to ask whether action on this measure can be taken consistent with that position. The Board at that time recognized the problem created by the kind of question we had asked.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Does this measure embody our position? Shall it be a lobbying concern in 1965?

5. Discrimination in Employment. "The coverage of the Minnesota State Act Against Discrimination should be extended to all employers."

(Our original position with respect to employment called for employment on merit. The 1955 law exempted from coverage those employers who employ 8 or fewer employees. This proposal seeks to remove that exemption.)

DECISION FOR THE BOARD: Does this measure embody our position? Shall it be a lobbying concern in 1965?

In each case we can decide to support, oppose, or take no stand. In any of the measures which we decide to support, we would not initiate legislation. That will be done by the Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights. However, it would be well for us to communicate to them our decisions.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 19, 1964

MEETING PLACE: State office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Faucett, Henricksson, Hokkanen, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, McCoy, Murray, Nash, Walker.
Board members absent: Mmes. Colborn, Mann, Watson.
Staff members present: Mmes. Creger, Thompson.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.
Mover: McCoy Second: Murray Carried.

Corrections: page 1, paragraph 2 under PRESIDENT'S REPORT, line 4, substitute: Faucett for Letourneau.
page 2, paragraph 2 under FINANCE, to the last sentence add: for loan to the local Leagues.

MOTION: To approve the minutes as corrected.
Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/64	\$ 5,788.59
(Faucett)	Receipts 4/1/64 to 10/31/64	\$17,293.86
	Expenditures 4/1/64 to 10/31/64	\$19,942.79
	Balance on hand 10/31/64	\$ 3,139.66

Mrs. Faucett reviewed for the Board members the costs which the state League pays to State Organization Service in lieu of rent each month. Our minimum charge is \$150 per month and includes heat, electricity, office space and janitor service. The following services are also used:

1. Mail-weighing and wrapping
2. Addressograph for VOTER, for updating records, not actually addressing them
3. Telephone answering service - charge for 5 minutes of time per call
4. Bookkeeping - preparation of statement and weekly labor use report
5. Ordering university services
6. Selling time for supplies - 5 minutes per order
7. Typing, assembling New Member Kits, mimeo art work, etc. ordered by LWV office to complete \$150 worth of work - at rate of \$2.80 per hour which may be raised to \$3.00 January 1, 1965.

A discussion followed on realistic budgeting to show more accurately some of the costs which are actually Program Promotion.

MOTION: To change the accounting procedure so that $\frac{1}{4}$ of the monthly postage charge would be included in the Program Promotion account. The other $\frac{3}{4}$ of the postage charge would remain in the Office Operation account.
Mover: Faucett Second: Johnson Carried.

MOTION: In the future the postage for New Member Kits will be included in the New Member Kit account.
Mover: Faucett Second: Janski Carried.

A general discussion was held on ways to economize. We will try to reduce postage by giving personally any non-rush items such as checks if members will soon be in the office and by consolidating mailings whenever possible. Everyone was urged to get all bills in immediately.

BUDGET BUILDING DAY: Our Board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9, at the Inn Towne Motel, Futura Suite. Our legislative lobbyists will be asked to have lunch with us at 11:30. Work on the budget will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Rochester Room. Consultants were asked to give Mrs. Faucett an idea of the financial health of their Leagues. A blank budget form, treasurer's report as of November 30 and an information sheet on past budgets and expenditures will be given to all present. The big map showing location of local Leagues will be on display, and a blackboard will be used. We were asked to watch our time as we present our needs for next year. The state Board will adjourn at 4:00 p.m. leaving the members of the budget committee to complete their work. An evening dinner is planned for them. Chairman of the budget committee is Mrs. Donald McArthur of Brooklyn Center. Other members are: Mmes. M.B. Hasselquist, Edina; Caryl Twitchell, Robbinsdale; Harlan Hedtke, Hibbing; Leland Powers, Willmar and Mmes. Faucett and Hokkanen from the state Board and Mrs. Whiting, ex officio.

The national Board has asked for an increase in our pledge. Our membership has not increased enough to take care of this increased pledge. Costs have increased. We are in the median range of Leagues financially. Since we feel that the member should assume a greater responsibility for finances, we could raise our own dues.

MOTION: The state Board sets as a goal \$7.50 membership dues. The local Leagues will be urged to work towards this amount gradually.
Mover: Janski Second: Faucett Carried.

The above is not to be a new standard for organization.

MOTION: To accept the suggested national pledge of \$14,525.
Mover: Faucett Second: Hokkanen Carried.

The Board Memo material must be ready on December 9. We will plan around a theme to help the local League counterparts plan serviceable budgets locally. Mmes. Faucett and Henricksson will decide on the theme and finalize material for the December Board Memo.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mmes. Murray and Johnson requested time earlier in the day.
Mmes. Hokkanen, Walker, Nash and Letourneau asked for five minutes each.

STATE CRS: Mrs. Johnson led us in a review of the state CRs which were not discussed at our last meeting.

CR II - Party Designation: We are in a position to support this and will see what Mrs. Mantis finds out after the session begins. Mrs. Murray is looking for bipartisan authors for a bill, and if she gets them, we would initiate action. Future of party designation in this session does not look encouraging.

Election Laws: Registration is likely to be extended. We decided in August that our position covers further registration. This will be left to the strategy committee who will evaluate the plans.

Campaign Practices: Our position states that neither labor unions nor corporations should support candidates. Mrs. Arthur McWatt is our lobbyist in this area. We may initiate legislation or follow after a closer look at the legislative situation. Tightening regulations would benefit the citizen by informing him of the costs of campaigns. An article by Mrs. Young might be used somewhere in Capitol Letter or in local bulletins as backgrounds.

CR III - Ethics: We think there will be legislation regulating lobbying and our lobbyist will follow this and try to get a wide range of support from other organizations in order to get it out of committee. Another possibility is that this regulation could be made a part of the House Rules. We will inform the local Leagues.

WATER: Mrs. Mann is preparing a supplement on the state level to educate local (Mann) Leagues on recent developments and to explain the river basin approach.

She attended a Red River planning conference at which time the League was complimented on its action in this field. There will be a meeting in Crookston in February. Water conservation laws are being written. Wayne Olson, head of the Department of Conservation, would like League help. If we have the background material on water by December 9, we will try to come to some decision then.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOPS: 48 Leagues attended. The 16 who did not are: Worthington, (Murray) Winona, Willmar, Westonka, Virginia, Silver Bay, St. Peter, St. Anthony, Richfield, New Richland, Moorhead, International Falls, Hutchinson, Crookston, Cass Lake, Buffalo.

Many problems were discovered - one of them being national Calls to Action. A report will be written summarizing the workshops. Mrs. Watson's speech will be reproduced for each local League to lead off its suggested legislative update time in the units.

Legislative Journals were ordered by Mrs. Watson last legislative session to check the bills which might affect Indians, and then let them know. This could be done under Program Promotion. The local Leagues should be told that this is being done.

MOTION: To purchase Legislative Journals to enable Mrs. Watson to follow legislation which might relate to Indians.

Mover: Murray

Second: Lundquist

Carried.

LOBBYISTS: Discrimination - Mrs. Charles Morse
(Murray) Election Laws, Voter Registration and Campaign Practices - Mrs. Arthur McWatt.

As soon as we get a Water lobbyist there will be another orientation meeting. The Board will be notified of the time.

Send your ideas for articles in the Capitol Letter to Mrs. Murray. The Observers Program with Professor Backstrom as speaker begins January 13.

A few new resident law booklets will be ordered for the Board. Authors will be lined up.

Mrs. Murray is a member of the subcommittee on redistricting as a private citizen.

Representatives of CMAL will be following legislation, as observers, on key questions pertaining to governmental structure in the Twin Cities.

The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women plans to survey the involvement of minority women as it relates to employment, health and welfare, ward political clubs and the League of Women Voters in the large centers of population. The Commission would like to send a questionnaire to find out to what extent these women take part in community organizations.

MOTION: The Minnesota League of Women Voters approves the questionnaire to be sent to all Leagues in the large metropolitan areas as submitted by the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Mover: Johnson

Second: McCoy

Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Whiting asked us if we are providing the proper leadership (Whiting) and inspiration in Program Promotion and Voters Service. We are happy that both of the ballot amendments passed, but we should not take much credit for their passage!

The CMAL executive committee feels we are not facing up to reality if we don't recognize CMAL as another level of League. CMAL cannot operate independently because the state Board is responsible for all levels of League. We shall attempt to work this out smoothly. The problems facing the metropolitan Leagues will have to be settled by the state legislature. Possibly a state Program item might cover this problem area.

A meeting with Mr. Goodpaster of the Minneapolis Tribune to discuss the Voters Guide is planned, but no date has been set. Mrs. Whiting's letter regarding the Congressional Questionnaire was discussed by the national Board, and more action will be taken before the next questionnaire is formulated.

Mrs. Whiting has attended several Board committee meetings and is sending notes of congratulation to all newly elected legislators.

The Program committee is working, and we will be discussing this in January. Urge the local Leagues to go into the background of Program-making and give this much serious thought.

The special project committee met and turned over the promotion of a course in government to a new group. Mrs. Whiting has sent the outline to Mrs. Bishop for approval. The Education Fund and Sears may be interested in sponsoring Professor Backstrom's legislative talks on KTCA-TV if this can be arranged.

A catalog listing publications from each state League is available in the state office also the state legislative program of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Annual Reports were handed out to each Board member. Four copies will be sent to the local Leagues from the state office. Local Leagues return two to us and one to national. If something has been omitted that you wish included, an additional sheet can be added. Annual Report deadline for local Leagues is March 1. The state report must be in the national office by March 31. *Consultants, urge your Leagues to get them in on time.

New Richland wishes to disband. This will be acted on officially later. Very small Leagues such as this need special help.

*Consultants, get your report of visit forms completed soon, including copies of the letter you sent to the Leagues as a follow-up on advice. Let the whole Board know if your Leagues are particularly weak.

Please use the proper terminology when speaking or writing in League terms. Old Board members should train new Board members. Do we have more responsibility here? We must help at the local level and stress the services we can give them. Committees should be used more for assistance and to train new leadership.

The program of the meeting of the Governor's Conference on Human Rights to be held December 10 was passed around and Board members were urged to attend.

Plans for the Board Memo were reviewed for the next two months in an effort to keep the Memos approximately the same size. The December issue will contain the official Call to Convention, bringing the community along on local Program-making, the budget, pledges, Indian material if we decide to use it, request for membership lists and

registration for legislative observers program.

Alice Moore of the World Affairs Center wants names of members outside of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties in order to invite them to meetings on foreign affairs.

1965 STATE CONVENTION: To be held in the Radisson Hotel on May 19 and 20, 1965.
(Janski) Mrs. Janski suggested that we invite Professor Charles Adrian, an expert on reapportionment from Michigan State, to speak.

MOTION: To approve the invitation of Professor Adrian as Convention dinner speaker.
Mover: Janski Second: Nash Carried.

Mrs. Stuart was suggested as a luncheon speaker. If she is not available, Mrs. Pharis was mentioned as a possibility. The theme will be decided on later.

Local League presidents will be invited to attend a President's Workshop in the afternoon of the day preceding the Convention.

MOTION: To subsidize in the amount of \$10 those presidents from Leagues located 50 miles or more from Minneapolis.
Mover: Janski Second: Henriksson Carried.

Boarders, think about FUN, FUN, FUN.

VOTER: The Jan-Feb. issue deadline is January 1 for February 1 publication.
(Henricksson) It will contain the budget and explanation, voters service article, blank for Hope Washburn Award nomination, water and national CRs follow-up, president's article on finance, WWV contest results and local League bulletins receiving recognition. (Roseville Voter for October and Fridley's League Lingo for November)
The March issue has a deadline of February 1 and will contain material on Human Resources.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: In August we approved some changes in the secretarial job descriptions, and it has become necessary to revise again.
(Janski)

MOTION: To make legislative work the responsibility of the organization secretary.
Mover: Janski Second: Hokkanen Carried.

The secretaries have been interviewed, and some suggestions were made.

MOTION: Mrs. Thompson will work from 9:30-4:30 during the legislative session. The staff will have vacation on December 24 and 31.
Carried by common consent.

MOTION: To hire Roberta Williams to help put out the Capitol Letter at \$2.50 an hour.
Mover: Janski Second: Murray Carried.

Please be sure to sign out for files taken from the office. When there is only one copy, this material must be used in the office.

Staff salaries and raises were discussed.

MOTION: To grant pay increases of \$10 per month to each secretary to begin May 1 for Mrs. Creger and April 1 for Mrs. Thompson.
Mover: Janski Second: Johnson Carried.

VOTERS SERVICE: In response to our question on how many informational flyers on reapportionment the local Leagues would order, 35,000 have been ordered. This would be a big help in bringing our program to the community.

MOTION: Mrs. McCoy will get an estimate on printing the proposed flyer, and the Board will make a decision at the December Board meeting.

Mover: McCoy

Second: Letourneau

Carried.

The voters service youth cooperation committee is planning a publication for use in working with such organizations as 4-H, Camp Fire, Scouts, etc. This committee will meet in December or January. It was suggested that they contact Bloomington concerning their pilot project for the national Boy Scouts.

Two films are available - "Where Were You?" from Ford and "The True Story of the Election", details of which will be obtained from the Credit Union.

PUBLICATIONS: The Minneapolis League has questioned the pricing policies of publications as they relate to business contributions, tax deductibility, etc. In the future we shall eliminate the price on publications that are sold outside the League.

We are not sending out a prospectus on Apportionment in Minnesota.

Mrs. Hokkanen will formulate directions for doing a publication. It can go to Mrs. Letourneau in its rough form.

NATIONAL: The UN tour was discussed.
(Letourneau)

MOTION: To invite our Congressmen to have lunch with tour members, and that the LWV of Minnesota pay for the Congressmen's lunch.

Mover: Letourneau

Second: Hokkanen

Carried.

The travel agency will mimeograph a sheet of activities for the tour. One hundred copies will be ordered.

The committee working on the state Human Resources publication will meet November 24. More members are being recruited, and the work is extremely challenging. This resource piece will be published in the spring. Prices will be checked and compared.

LOCAL AGENDA: The St. Paul CR chairman has scheduled a meeting with the St. Paul (Walker) legislators and wants permission to talk over a non-property tax in St. Paul. Any such proposal has to go through the state legislature. It was decided that Mrs. Walker should discuss this problem with Mrs. Murray to see if this would in any way harm our legislative program.

Mrs. Whiting will check on the cost of a duplicator.

ORGANIZATION: New Hope will become two units of the Crystal League.

New Brighton had its organization meeting. There are 37 paid members. Mmes. Walker, Thompson and Janski will give Board training.

Cloquet has 35 members who are now members of units of the Duluth League. They would like to organize a League in Cloquet in 1965.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The clipping service sent 75 clippings from newspapers some of (Nash) which did not relate to us. 41 were editorials or articles which came directly from local Leagues. 60 papers carried articles on the amendments - 22 of them in cities where there are no Leagues.

Human Relations Day will be held again this year at the University on December 8. The Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues will be there and could represent us if they take state publications along. Mrs. Nash will investigate.

Many publications were sold to school librarians during MEA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
State Board Meeting
December 9, 1964, 9 AM, Futura Suite, Inn Towne Motel

AGENDA

Minutes

5	Reading of Minutes	M. Lundquist
5	Treasurer's Report	M. Faucett
30	President's Report	A. Whiting
10	Indian Item	M. Watson
15	Water Legislation	L. Mann
15	Legislative Matters, Capitol Letter	S. Murray
10	Follow up on St. Paul CR Question on lobbying	K. Walker
5	Field Service - request for recognition for New Brighton	I. Janski

11:30 AM Introduction of lobbyists

11:40 AM Lunch

1:00 PM Budget Bldg.

NOTE: THIS MEETING BEGINS AT 9 AM INSTEAD OF THE USUAL 9:30 AM.

There is free parking behind the motel.

A decision has not yet been made about luncheon for lobbyists and Board members on Dec. 9. We will let you know later. The two choices are: a \$2.25 each minimum charge luncheon in the Rochester Room, seated as a group and receiving the same meal; or going individually to coffee shop or dining room and ordering as we please (In this case there will not be room for all to sit together). Irene

11/2/64

MEMO

Re: Budget Building Day Preparations

To: All State Board Members
From: Mary Faucett

To get the proper background and understanding for budgeting for the League, it is necessary to read the State Board Handbook. The section on finance is necessary, of course, but I would suggest you review your own particular section to gain further insight into your particular job. For instance, I quote from the section on Program: "In promotion of Program work at all three levels, the state Board can do much to solve what are often thought of as "organization" problems. What is done with Program is the key to getting and keeping members, and the route to an expanded budget". Money Matters #3, How to Spend Money for the League, and The Local League Handbook are ~~a~~ required reading also.

The procedure in budgeting for all levels should be the following: Committees to Board to Budget Committee to Board to members to Convention presentation (revision?) to adoption.

Now with the above words in mind, I think we should ask ourselves, "What is the purpose of Budget Building Day?" First, of course, is the making of the State budget. Since it would be impossible for the Budget Committee alone to make a budget, which would not only answer the status quo need, but also, provide for challenging and invigorating growth, it is necessary that the Board and its committees submit their plans and ideas. So a second purpose is that the Board must take a good look at itself, its accomplishments or lack of, evaluate yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The third purpose is that we do this together--sharing each others ideas, adding and subtracting to each section together--working at a process which forces and forms us into a group working toward one cohesive aim.

You have made the decision to have Budget Building Day, and to share this "work out" with Local League Observers. I feel sure you made this decision because (1) you thought it would enable the Local League to do a better job with their own budgeting (2) they would have a better understanding of why they should support the State and National Leagues; (3) and that they would add another available avenue (how do you like that alliteration?) in educating and informing the members.

Having the observers there while we have this planning session will not be easy, I'm sure. This session alone last year was hard work, hammering out the ideas and amount of dollars to implement them. It may be that you will approach this day with apprehension and embarrassment because you have to "perform" besides work at something you feel "in the dark" about. May I tell you four things that might help these feelings of stage fright? (1) None, but none, of the observers do a good job of budgeting and none, but none, know the job as well as you do; (2) You're not "in the dark" alone--we, the Board are setting out to explore and chart 1965-66 together; and (3) some light will glimmer "in the dark" if you do some of the necessary preliminary work; and (4) realize your finance chairman and chief "goader" is less knowledgeable than you.

Now that you've read the material, you are planning or have already had your committee meeting. If you cannot have a meeting or attend, do it ~~by~~ by mail. I would suggest some one take minutes for those not able to attend and for your own convenience later in presenting your material. You'll need figures for the last year, and what was spent this year and what has been spent. These will enable you to have some idea if you'll need less, same, or more. I would think you'd review and justify these expenditures of the last two years. You'll need to do this to be able to ask for more or keep the same amount.

I would suggest then that you could have a 15 minutes devoted to a "brain-storming" session with some really "way out" dreaming. Yes, I mean it--take time to just have a free-wheeling, free association, out-of-this-world dream session, about what you

Could accomplish if you had all the money you wanted. These questions: What do you see for the League as a whole? What great, really great things can we do? What can this particular committee do to help this? What can this particular section do to enchant the public, and, especially, that apathetic member?

To come down to earth--what actually is needed to do the minimum job?

If everyone would jot down their ideas on all portfolios or sections and send them to the proper chairmen, I'm sure it would help their planning.

One thing you must keep in mind is the member and serving her. An example of this would be that in program it is necessary to have a good publication, but ~~ix~~ it is also your job to see to it she reads the publication, participates in discussion, ~~mk~~ makes decisions, and shares it with her community, and her elected officials, legislators, and congressmen. So your ideas in planning must embrace all of these angles--it does no good to write a publication and have it sit on the shelves in our file. What can Public Relations and Publications do to help these aims? Etc., etc.

I would like to see Budget Building Day be so full of "way out" ideas that the Budget Committee would be hard put to make the proper decisions.

If your dreaming facilities have taken a vacation (don't see a psychiatrist), turn to others and ask them--ask the former chairmen, your Local Leagues, your local member, your friends, your husband, elected official, lawyers, public relations experts, clergymen, --pump everyone.

See you the 19th, and if there are any further questions we'll "have at it" then.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
State Board Meeting
9:30 AM, Nov. 19, 1964, Thursday, Room 307, Soc. Sci. Bldg.

Minutes

5	Reading of Minutes	M. Lundquist
5	Treasurer's Report	M. Faucett
60	President's Report	A. Whiting
5	Budget Building Day Voter	J. Henriksson
15	Budget Building Day	M. Faucett
10	Water Matters	L. Mann
20	Legislative Matters & Workshop Report	S. Murray
10	State Convention (ideas & theme -- come prepared with suggestions)	I. Janski
	Lunch	
15	State CRs	J. Johnson
10	Office Management	I. Janski
15	Voters Service	M. McCoy
10	Field Service	I. Janski

Enclosures -- Board Calendar

Don't plan on this meeting being as short as it appears on the agenda!!

10/7-64

From: Mary Faucett

Office

TO ALL BOARDERS:

Please read through this and fill in, add to, change or whatever, where it needs it. I would like to go over this at Board meeting and decide the final form so that it may be sent out to the Local Leagues with the next Board Memo. Please, on a separate sheet list all and number (and name of) of committee meetings attended since April 1. Several areas are blank because I'm not sure of all the work done in these areas, such as public relations, voters service, and publications (national and state), and program.

Six Month's Report on State Budget, Expenditures, and Income

What has your money bought to further the State League's work? We have put six months of 64-65 behind us and the tally sheet shows the following:

In May, we adopted, with a slight adjustment, the largest State budget (an increase of \$2285 over last year) for the work of this election and legislative year. We have listed for you the accounts and the per centages that have been expended. Also, we have listed the Local Leagues and the percent of support that has been paid. All (?) Leagues have indicated the manner in which they will pay, and we are assured of support, so this is no reflection on ability to pay--simply a financial statement of the situation at this time. We do thank those Leagues who have been able to pay their pledge in full. It does help to have a healthy bank account when there are salaries and publication bills to be paid

President and Board of Directors %

1. 6 of 15 Board members are from "out state". This assures all Leagues, large, small, Metropolitan, rural, suburban, north, south, west, of a voice in policy making.
2. 5 Board meetings. *+ Taconite meeting*
3. "Out state" president. Attended _____ meetings. (Annette, please name the meetings, such as environmental health, taconite committee, governor's, etc.).
4. _____ committee meetings attended. Finance, legislative, office management, organisation constitutional amendments (what else has met?)

Committees %

1. Finance Workshop.
2. Off-Board representatives to nominating, by-laws (?), finance (what else?).

Delegates %

1. 3 delegates to National Convention at Pittsburgh, Pa.
(a) one, a member National Budget committee
(b) two delegates specifically interested in program
2. ~~Coffee for all Local League delegates~~ *Briefing meeting for*
3. Special Meetings. 2 Oct.
(a) ? _____

Salaries and Salary Taxes 51 %

1. 2 excellent secretaries with modest salaries. We just couldn't run without them.
(a) Executive secretary
(b) Organisation secretary

Office Operations 4 %

We urge you to visit our new headquarters and see the State office in action.

1. Board Memos including Outlook for Work.
2. Council Manual and materials
3. Finance workshop materials
4. Leadership workshop materials
5. All correspondence
6. Paper, clips, stencils, and all materials needed to run the office
7. Bonding of officers and employees
8. Auditor
9. Increased postal rates
10. All other typing and mimeographing, etc. What else?

Voters Service. Communication Center
Public Relations % *M. Nash, please fill in*

1. Women's Voter Week?
2. *Working with TV + Radio*
3. *" " other organizations*

National Municipal League Membership *100* %

New Equipment *2* %

Added office space allows for improved working conditions. The 2 rooms allow small committees to meet. The following has been purchased:

1. Used shelving
2. 6 chairs
3. Shelving
4. Wastebaskets
5. Table
6. Open shelf guides
7. Added phone jack (?)

Anything else? *Margie, Irene?*

Old office equipment is to be sold, and much already has been.

Program Services

Promotion %

1. What should go here?

Lobbyists
WAIT UNTIL JANUARY!
National Publications:

State Publications %

Will Voters Service, and others involved write this story?

Audio-Visual Aids %

The tape recorder has earned its way. Workshops, Board and committee meetings tapes reflect the expenditures (anything else)?

Minnesota Voter %

As you remember the budget was out here to save \$70, but by taking out the holes.

1. *2* Voters have been printed.
2. subscriptions.
3. Anything else?

Field Service

Conference Expense _____%

1. 3 Leadership Workshops

(a) 54 Local Leagues attended

(b) 353 Members attended + 13 Bd. members - 2 Staff - 2 workshop leaders

2. Subsidation of Mileage of all Local Leagues over 100 miles

3. Mimeoed material

Travel 26 %

1. 4 new provisional Leagues

a. Brooklyn Park served by B.C. ?

b. Crookston served by Northend

c. International Falls served by Bemidji

d. Winona served by Rochester

New Brighton served by St. Anthony in future

2. Board Consultants

The above reflects many trips, phone calls, letters, publications, and all else necessary to service local and provisional Leagues (64) and 5800 members. Refer to your lists of State Board committees and consultant assignments. From these you can get ideas about mileage (5¢ a mile), \$4 per diem for food, postage, phone rates, etc.

New Member Kits _____%

_____ ? _____

National Services _____%

TOTAL 42 %

INCOME

Local League Support 40 %

State Member-at-large _____%

Direct Contributions _____%

State Publications 24 %

You are the Government _____%

JGS Fund Interest _____%

TOTAL 38 %

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 9, 1964

MEETING PLACE: Futura Suite, Inn Towne Motel, Minneapolis, 9:00 a.m., Mrs. William Whiting, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Colborn, Faucett, Henricksson, Hokkanen, Janski, Johnson, Letourneau, Lundquist, Mann, McCoy, Murray, Nash, Walker, Watson.
Staff members present: Mmes. Creger, Thompson.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.
(Lundquist) Mover: Nash Second: Henricksson Carried

Corrections: page 2, last paragraph under BUDGET BUILDING DAY, add to the 2nd sentence: at this time.
page 2, last paragraph, Campaign Practices, sentence 1, change to read: Our position states that neither labor unions nor corporations should give financial support to candidates.
page 3, paragraph 1, CR III-Ethics, change to read: There is a strong possibility that legislation regulating lobbying will be introduced in this session. If it is, the League will seek wide range support to have the bill receive committee hearing and advancement out of committee. Another possibility
page 3, paragraph 2, WATER, sentences 3 and 4, change to read: Wayne Olson, head of the Dept. of Conservation, would like League help in revising present Minnesota laws.
page 3, paragraph 4, LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOPS, sentence 1, change to read: Mrs. Watson wishes to order a set of Legislative Journals to check the bills which might affect Indians and keep Indian groups informed so that they may become politically active.
page 4, paragraph 2, PRESIDENT'S REPORT, sentence 1, begin: Some of the members of the CMAL executive committee
page 5, line 3, add: We concurred.
page 5, paragraph 8, line 4 under VOTER, change after results: Local League bulletins receiving recognition are Roseville Voter for October and Fridley's League Lingo for November.
page 5, under VOTER, last sentence, add: publication.
page 6, Mrs. Janski's name should have been printed under ORGANIZATION.

MOTION: To approve the minutes as corrected.
Carried by common consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/64	\$ 5,788.59
(Faucett)	Receipts 4/1/64 to 11/30/64	\$21,488.16
	Expenditures 4/1/64 to 11/30/64	\$24,323.26
	Balance on hand 11/30/64	\$ 2,953.49

Mrs. Nash questioned the amount from "Your Vote Makes a Difference" which was charged to the Public Relations account. This was explained.

Possibilities for revising the budget to increase the Office Operation account and the President and Board of Directors account were discussed.

MOTION: To deduct \$300 from travel account under Field Service and add this to Office Operations. To deduct \$100 from audio-visual aids account and add this to the President and Board of Directors account.
Mover: Faucett Second: McCoy Carried

Local League support at this time is 59% paid compared to 67% last year at this time.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mmes. Colborn and Janski requested five minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Our former state Board member, Mrs. John Hutchens, who moved (Whiting) to Kansas City, is back in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Whiting read a letter from another former Board member, Mrs. Elton Johnson, who is presently in Washington, D.C. Letters had been received from Mrs. Herbert Wright, LWV of St. Paul, about the reapportionment booklet and from Senator Humphrey and other legislators to whom Mrs. Whiting had written and sent copies. Mrs. Bishop replied to the letter concerning the course on government. She likes the idea of the new project and requested more information.

At our January Board meeting we will decide whether or not we favor emergency action which could be taken to put reapportionment on the national Program at national Council. There will be a report from the national bylaws committee.

To reduce the size of the next Board Memo we can postpone using the article on bringing the community along on Program until January. Material for the Board Memo should be ready very soon.

Mrs. Whiting listed the lobbyists who are coming for lunch with us today: Mmes. Morse, Orey, Mantis, Richdorf, Emery, Anderson and Carpenter. Seating arrangements were made.

In the afternoon Budget Building Day will convene in the Rochester Room. Mrs. Whiting asked that we carry on in regular Board meeting fashion, but we must be sure that the Budget Committee and guests understand the proposals and the reasons behind our ideas for future plans. Maybe we should look for entirely new uses for our money to bring about more effective growth and action.

INDIANS: The Minneapolis publication on Indians is very good, and Mrs. Watson had (Watson) planned to send a copy to each local League. However, the Indian Commission is meeting this week to recommend legislation and to make a report of its activities, and Mrs. Watson prefers to send this report to the local Leagues with a letter of explanation instead of the Minneapolis publication. This would also be less expensive. The Board approved.

WATER: Mrs. Mann attended a committee meeting in Duluth where several possibilities (Mann) for the St. Louis River - Superior water basin were discussed. She recommended that the water resource chairmen in the area get together to report their past activities and to explore possibilities for legislation. They could send specific information on their problems to our water lobbyist who will coordinate this information.

The local water chairmen have sent much information to Mrs. Mann and interest is high. We will decide in January, when we see a National Wildlife Week Kit on pollution control, whether or not to send this kit to the local Leagues.

Mrs. Frederick Winston will hold a briefing meeting for Minneapolis and St. Paul water chairmen and committees in February. Mrs. Mann has asked her to include representatives from Leagues in other water basins. Possibilities for the revision of laws on water will be discussed with Mr. Hiak, chairman of the Minnesota Izaak Walton League. We should all be informed and keep in mind the basic role of the League which is to coordinate, eliminate unnecessary overlapping and be of value in solving the whole problem.

LEGISLATIVE: Mrs. McWatt has been relieved of her obligation as Election Laws (Murray) lobbyist because she can be of more service by pursuing other interests.

Observers Program - both political parties have given verbal approval and plan to have lunch with their party members following the League sessions in the morning. Party people can organize tours or meetings with legislators and/or party committee members for those attending the sessions. A flyer will be sent to the local Leagues and the cost will be covered by a part of the registration fees. Professor Backstrom has given us his program content, and he has requested that we print a bibliography. This will be done.

The Phillips Legislative Service has been donated to the League again by its owners. This is a value of \$350. Mrs. Whiting will write to thank them for this contribution. This will be listed under direct contributions and as expense under lobby expense. This will be explained in the Capitol Letter. In the future we should budget \$175 each year to cover the cost of this service in the lobby expense accrual account.

The first issue of the Capitol Letter will come out January 12. Nine issues are planned. If subscriptions are very great, it may be possible to publish ten issues. This is a self-supporting publication.

The reapportionment brochure being planned will be very useful if we can get this basic information to a great many people. If we order 100,000 or more, we should be able to sell them at 1¢ apiece. More than one printer will be asked to quote prices. The executive secretary and a new publications committee member, Mrs. David King of St. Paul, will meet with the printers. We may need outside help in planning the content in order to include the most important information. We can work through the Public Affairs Seminars of the Extension Division.

Mrs. Murray will go to Austin January 6 for a meeting on reapportionment. She and Mrs. Johnson will go to a Duluth legislative workshop January 23 to present the program on the roles of legislative chairmen and lobbyists.

LOCAL AGENDA: Concerning the question from St. Paul which was asked last month (Walker) about lobbying, Mrs. Murray suggested that St. Paul, Minneapolis and CMAL presidents and legislative chairmen meet Tuesday, January 5 with her and Mrs. Walker to discuss local problems as they relate to legislation. This will be arranged.

ORGANIZATION: The New Brighton Board has received Board training. This new group (Janski) now has 48 paid members organized into units. Their budget covers 17 months.

MOTION: To recommend to the national Board that New Brighton be recognized as a provisional League.

Mover: Janski

Second: Nash

Carried

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Janski read a letter of resignation from our executive (Janski) secretary, Mrs. John Creger, effective January 1, 1965. She is not able to work the extra hours which may be required in the next few months.

MOTION: To accept Mrs. Creger's resignation with regret.

Mover: Janski

Second: Letourneau

Carried

Little has been done to find a replacement. If you have ideas, please give them to Mrs. Janski. The Board wishes to keep Mrs. Creger beyond Jan. 1, if she is available, until someone else is hired.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. for lunch.

BUDGET BUILDING DAY

Mrs. Whiting opened the meeting by introducing the state Board and staff to the Budget Committee and the local League observers. Members of the Budget Committee in attendance were: Mmes. Hasselquist, Twitchell, Hedtke, Powers in addition to Mmes. Faucett and Hokkanen from the state Board and Mrs. Whiting, ex officio. The chairman of the Budget Committee, Mrs. Donald McArthur, was unable to be present. The following local Leagues were represented: Robbinsdale, Falcon Heights, Fridley, Bloomington, Richfield, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Golden Valley, St. Louis Park, Edina, Brooklyn Center, Rochester, Moorhead, Roseville and White Bear Lake. The lobbyists were introduced by Mrs. Whiting.

The purpose of the meeting was not only to suggest a budget for the coming year but also to get acquainted with one another and to get ideas that could be used in each local League when planning local budgets. The observers would have time for questions after the presentations by Board members. Mrs. Whiting hoped that we could concentrate on building the League, and, after suggestions were made, the Budget Committee would draw up a proposed budget. Board members presented the following suggested expenditures with explanations of each item:

President and Board of Directors	\$1600	Mrs. Lundquist
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An estimate of \$1200 was presented to cover 11 or 12 state Board meetings for transportation for 15 members, 6 of whom are now from outstate, assuring all areas a voice in policy making. The balance would be used to cover expenses incurred by state Board members in carrying out the duties of their offices and for the president who travels to the state office at least once every week.

Committees - Non-Board	\$300	Mrs. Lundquist
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This item covers the expenses of bringing together League committees on a state level - all non-Board committees except organization. More work must be done on membership to get and keep members so that they will have a satisfying experience in League and in working with government.

Delegates	\$800	Mrs. Lundquist
	(\$600 National Council and \$200 Special Meetings)	

We send two delegates to Washington, D.C. in April. \$600 will cover plane fare, hotel room, meals, cab fare, tips, registration. The \$200 for Special Meetings is an accrual account and could be used to send state Board delegates to special training conferences or regional meetings such as a meeting of the National Municipal League or the American Assembly Conferences. This is an area where we are limited and could do much more.

Salaries and Salary Taxes	\$7130	Mrs. Janski
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This amount includes the salaries and salary taxes for our two secretaries except for 1/6 of the executive secretary's salary which is charged to the publications account. The salaries are at present \$3600 and \$3720. The Board voted last month to grant a pay raise of \$10 per month beginning April 1 for Mrs. Thompson and May 1 for Mrs. Greger.

Office Operation	\$4800	Mrs. Janski
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This item covers insurance, taxes, audit and the cost of general operation including the minimum \$150 monthly charge by State Organization Service, also telephone, supplies, postage and the bonding of one staff and three Board members who sign the

checks for the League. The Board Memo is an expensive item included in this account. Local Leagues agreed that it is a most helpful tool.

National Municipal League Membership \$10

Public Relations \$425 Mrs. Nash

This amount would include \$100 for press releases (\$13 a sheet), \$75 for Public Relations or Voters Service publications give-aways, \$50 for expenses of travel and telephone, \$100 to implement the Voters Service year-round community service with youth (Girl and Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, etc.) and \$100 for a basic information conference on government, possibly with speakers. Questions were raised concerning the inclusion of Voters Service expenses in this account, and several local League observers recommended that a separate item for Voters Service be included in the budget. It was explained that this is very difficult to do because there are Voters Service costs in nearly everything we do and these are impossible to separate.

New Equipment (accrual) \$200 Mrs. Janski

The office management committee would like to purchase over-desk shelves which would give the secretaries much more work space on their desks.

Program Services (accrual) \$910 Mrs. Johnson

(Promotion - \$460 Lobby Expense - \$450)

This would include under Promotion: \$75 for give-aways and direct mailings of material to the Program chairmen because in some instances they don't receive their material from their presidents, \$250 for seminars for Program chairmen in new Program areas and for participation in community meetings, \$50 for legislative journals, \$50 for speakers' expenses outside of League areas, \$35 for the purchase of standard references on government to be used in the state office and by the state Board.

This includes under Lobby Expenses: \$175 for Phillips Legislative Service (which costs \$350 for the legislative session and has been donated to the League by the owners for the 1965 session), \$250 for the expenses of 11 lobbyists, \$25 for press releases.

Publications National - \$200 State - \$3500 Mrs. Hokkanen

National publications are purchased for all state Board members and staff by the Special Subscription Service. This item also covers the cost of extra national publications needed by the national Program committee.

1/6 of the executive secretary's salary, approximately \$625, is included plus publishing, promotion costs and postage in the State Publications item.

Audio-Visual Aids \$100 Mrs. Hokkanen

This amount will be spent on tapes for the tape recorder, flip charts and kits. Audio-visual aids are available to the local Leagues on membership, finance and orientation.

Minnesota VOTER \$1985 Mrs. Henricksson

For this amount we could have seven issues of the VOTER, including a 4-page summer issue instead of the usual two pages. This is the one state publication which is sent to every member. Approximately 6000 copies are published. Printing costs would be \$1410, SOS - \$280 and photos - \$15.

Field Service

\$2185

Mrs. Janski

This includes \$600 for president's and program conferences, \$1100 to service existing Leagues and the adopt a League program under which new Leagues are organized. \$325 is planned to provide new members with New Member Kits which contain useful information and publications. \$160 would buy the necessary publications used by new Leagues and their advisors.

National Services

\$14,525

Mrs. Whiting

Mrs. Whiting stressed that it is the responsibility of the state Board to support national. This is the third year of the effort to raise the per member support for national. This was well explained in the last National VOTER. Costs have increased. The national League office has moved to a better location. The state Board voted in November to accept this suggested national pledge.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The Budget Committee adjourned to the Futura Suite to continue their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Lundquist, Secretary