



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

LWV of \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## LOCAL LEAGUE BOARD LIST

NAME (Husband's name & given name)	NO. & STREET	PHONE (A.C.)	PORTFOLIO
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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted Local Program for \_\_\_\_\_  
(year)

(Include CMAL or county item if your League has one)  
(Include a statement of your position on each item where appropriate)

LOCAL LEAGUE BUDGET FORM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF \_\_\_\_\_, STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Budget year \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES:

A. OPERATING COSTS

- |   |    |           |
|---|----|-----------|
| 1. Maintenance of equipment               | \$ | _____     |
| 2. General Supplies                       |    | _____     |
| 3. Postage                                |    | _____     |
| 4. Telephone and Telegraph                |    | _____     |
| 5. Insurance                              |    | _____     |
| 6. Office Expenses                        |    | _____     |
| a. rent                                   |    | _____     |
| b. salaries                               |    | _____     |
| c. payroll taxes                          |    | _____     |
| 7. Bank Charges                           |    | _____     |
| 8. Audit                                  |    | _____     |
| 9. Capital Expenditures                   |    | _____     |
| (Cost of accrued funds for new equipment) |    | _____     |
|   | \$ | _____     |
|   |    | Sub total |

B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

- |                              |    |           |
|------------------------------|----|-----------|
| 1. President                 |    | _____     |
| 2. Secretary                 |    | _____     |
| 3. Treasurer                 |    | _____     |
| 4. Board tools and expenses  |    | _____     |
| 5. Administrative Committees |    | _____     |
| a. Finance                   |    | _____     |
| b. Membership                |    | _____     |
| c. Unit Organization         |    | _____     |
| d. Public Relations          |    | _____     |
| e. Budget                    |    | _____     |
| f. Nominating                |    | _____     |
|                              | \$ | _____     |
|                              |    | Sub total |

C. DELEGATES, TRAVEL, AND AFFILIATIONS

- |                                    |    |          |
|------------------------------------|----|----------|
| 1. State Convention (Council)      |    | _____    |
| 2. National Convention             |    | _____    |
| 3. ILO, Council, delegate expenses |    | _____    |
| 4. Annual Meeting                  |    | _____    |
| 5. Workshops                       |    | _____    |
| 6. Other meetings                  |    | _____    |
|                                    | \$ | _____    |
|                                    |    | Subtotal |

D. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE LEAGUE

- |  |    |           |
|--|----|-----------|
| 1. River Basin Group, etc.                 |    | _____     |
| 2. ILO (County Council) Support            |    | _____     |
| 3. Support for State and National Services |    | _____     |
| 4. Per Member Payment                      |    | _____     |
| (_____ members @ \$_____)                  |    | _____     |
|  | \$ | _____     |
|  |    | Sub total |



E. BULLETIN

1. Supplies
2. Postage
3. Other

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub total

F. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Publications
  - a. Purchase plus distribution costs
  - b. Production plus distribution costs
2. Program Committees
  - a. National
  - b. State
  - c. Local
3. Voters Service  
(List each activity; for example, Voters Guides, Candidates Meetings, etc.)
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub total

G. POSITION SUPPORT

1. Publications on League positions
  - a. Purchase and distribution
  - b. Production and distribution
2. Action activities including lobbying
  - a. National
  - b. State
  - c. Local

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
GRAND TOTAL

INCOME

- A. Dues ( \_\_\_\_\_ members @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )
- B. Contributions
  1. Member
    - a. cash
    - b. noncash
  2. Nonmember
    - a. cash
    - b. noncash
- C. Publications
- D. Other sources
- E. From Reserves
- F. From reserves deposited with Education Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
May 15, 1973

MEETING PLACE: Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, 12 noon, Mary Ann McCoy,  
President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: McCoy, Watson, Amundson, Kaplan, Jenkins,  
Steinkamp, Thurow, Moss, Robertson, Ebbott, Jones, Phillips,  
Rockenbach, Rosenbloom.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April  
10, 1973, Board meeting.  
Mover: Amundson Second Carried

Steinkamp asked if the minutes showed Board support for reinstating the support  
position on flexible sessions. Ebbott noted that two legislative positions  
were not included in the first round program suggestions: flexible sessions  
and support of the legislature being able to call itself back into session.  
She said the former was dropped by Board action because it appeared to be ac-  
complished and the latter has not been voted on in four years, and the question  
is whether the Board supports their reinserction. The Board agreed that it  
wanted to support their inclusion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was accepted as received.  
Balance on hand 4/1/73 \$12,677.81  
Expenditures 4/1/73 to 4/30/73 2,933.10  
Income 4/1/73 to 4/30/73 4,656.10  
Balance on hand 4/30/73 14,400.81

VISION Ebbott asked for time to present report on second round program  
OF AGENDA results. Added to Action Section.

Moss reported on the Office Management Committee recommendations on salary  
increases, new office equipment and job descriptions.

MOTION: To authorize purchase of typewriter, cabinet and secretary's chair as  
specified.  
Mover: Moss Second Carried as amended

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To make authorization tentative pending Convention  
approval of the budget.  
Mover: Ebbott Second Carried

MOTION: To accept the report of the Office Management Committee on job  
descriptions and office procedures.  
Mover: Moss Second: Kaplan Carried

Ebbott expressed concern that there would appear to be only one file copy ac-  
cording to procedures outlined in the report. She felt each Board member  
should have one as well as lobbyists, program files. McCoy said there would  
be one copy per file. She indicated that the question would be studied.

MOTION: To approve salary increases as recommended by the Office Management  
Committee pending Convention approval of the budget.  
Mover: Moss Second: Amundson Carried

COUNCIL '74: Moss reported that, pending Board approval, Council will be held  
at Camp Courage in 1974. Watson said she had been there and  
liked it. It was noted that members should be notified that it is dormitory  
style.

MOTION: To have Council at Camp Courage April 16-17, 1974.

Mover: Ebbott Second: Jenkins Carried

Plans for the Council will be made by the Organization Vice President, Jenkins. Moss will confirm the reservation of Camp Courage.

APPOINTMENTS TO McCoy reported that the Parliamentarian said it was proper to  
'73-75 Board approve new Board members pending Convention election of the new Board.

MOTION: To appoint Eleanor Weber, St. Paul; Nancy Atchison, Edina; Carolyn Cushing, Roseville; and Helene Borg, Westonka; to the 1973-75 State Board.

Mover: Kaplan Second: Watson Carried

McCoy noted that they are appointed without portfolio but they have indicated willingness to work in certain areas.

Amundson asked if anyone had arranged to take pictures at Convention, noting that she had a camera. McCoy indicated that Rockenbach was in charge of public relations and they should get together to plan coverage.

SECOND ROUND Ebbott indicated that after second round replies had been re-  
PROGRAM ceived, she did not think the Board need to modify its proposals.

The June Board meeting and Board training session has been set for a two-day retreat at Camp Koinonia June 12-13. The charge is \$12.75 per person with linens, \$11.20 without linens. Jenkins will prepare a proposal for funding to the Leadership Memorial Fund. McCoy said Boarders should let Jenkins know what they want included in the program for the two days.

BYLAWS McCoy said she had had feedback on the bylaw change dealing with the  
CHANGES: time the budget should be sent to local Leagues. She asked if the Board wanted to reconsider its support. Moss said it could be left as recommended but could still practice getting it out 3-4 months ahead. Jenkins added that the time limit set outside limits. Since there was no proposal to withdraw support from the amendment, it will be retained. Moss was designated to give the Board position at Convention.

Ms. F. Fedlam of the LWVUS Board will be in Minneapolis for a trade conference on May 23. She will arrive on May 22. She will be taken to an Edina League Board meeting in the morning of the 22nd. In the evening she will attend the Shoreview League's Indian seminar. An activity for the afternoon of the 22nd was needed. It was suggested she might be interested in an EQ project.

MEETINGS: May 29: state office, President's team - 9:30

May 29: Staff meeting, including vice presidents, office management chairman, to plan procedures for the biennium - 1 p.m., office

May 30: Organization team meeting at Jenkins' home, 1 p.m.

Ebbott had not set a date for her pre-outlook for work meeting.

Kaplan reported that she had heard "fantastic" comments on League EQ testimony from John Herman, Executive Secretary of MPIRG.

MOTION: To request \$300 from the Leadership Memorial Fund for the Board retreat in June.

Mover: Jenkins Second: Steinkamp Carried.

Adjourned 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
44th Biennial Convention

Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 16, 17, 1973

The 44th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on May 16, 1973 in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota with Mary Ann McCoy, President, presiding. Ms. McCoy welcomed delegates, observers, visitors and staff.

The Mayor of Minneapolis, the Honorable Charles Stenvig, and Alderman Gladys Brooks welcomed the Convention on behalf of the City of Minneapolis. Mayor Stenvig presented awards to Mmes. McCoy, Liz Ebbott and Jerry Jenkins.

The President announced changes in the location of the dinner from the Cotillion Ballroom to the Georgian Ballroom and registration on May 17 in the Foyer. Ms. McCoy also noted that the name of the budget committee chairman, Dolly Brandwein, had been omitted from the Workbook.

The credentials committee chairman, Ann Andersen, Crystal-New Hope, reported that a quorum was present.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

By motion of common consent, Ms. McCoy made the following Convention appointments:

Parliamentarian: Rose Dhein

Timekeeper, May 16: Marilyn McAlpine

Tellers Committee: Nancy Latimore, chairman, Betty Bohren, Sharon Lundblad, Samy Lie, Bonnie Boberg, Kay Thompson

Committee to Approve Minutes: Jane Olin, chairman, Marilyn Buresh, Gwen Luhta

Credentials Committee: Ann Andersen, chairman

Adoption of the Order of Business was called for by Ms. McCoy.

MOTION: To amend the agenda to include a ten minute period of discussion of consensus at the beginning of the Third Session.

Mover: Judy Hove, New Brighton      Seconded

Ms. Hove said, in support of her motion, that consensus is at the heart of League process. She said she did not think consensus questions this year had met the criteria set out for consensus, and the process should be studied.

Vote: The motion prevailed.

There being no further objections, the Order of Business was adopted as amended.

The next item of business was adoption of Convention Rules (published in the Convention Workbook, p. 3).

MOTION: To delete Rule No. 7 dealing with resolutions from the Convention Rules.

Mover: Claudia Jagelski, Anoka      Seconded

In support of her motion, Ms. Jagelski said that the delegates were intelligent and should have the opportunity to make resolutions and that the Rules should not be too rigid. She indicated she was not opposed to time limits on resolutions and pointed out that delegates have the option to vote down resolutions.

Arguments in support of the motion included that there may be something that really needs discussion, and the Convention is the only time when League members get together. The resolution may not pass, but discussion should be allowed. It was also pointed out that there can be a time lag between preparing the agenda and issues arising so that flexibility is needed. Allowing resolutions has led to some useful resolutions; the Convention's hands can be tied if we do not allow resolutions.

Arguments against the motion included that it went against the League's reputation of careful study and consensus-reaching; that issues tend to be emotional; that the resolutions only speak for the delegates but bind the League; discussion of resolutions is too time consuming; that it endangers the grass roots process of League.

Vote: The motion prevailed on a standing vote: yes - 156, no - 119.

There being no further objection, the Convention Rules were adopted as amended.

#### INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD, STAFF AND VISITORS

Ms. McCoy introduced the state Board: Liz Ebbott, Jerry Jenkins, Janet Rosenbloom, Sidelle Moss, Shirley Amundson, Shirley Beyer, Barbara Jones, Rita Kaplan, Gloria Phillips, Phyllis Robertson, Rosemary Rockenbach, Barbara Steinkamp, Elsie Thurow and Mary Watson. Staff: Harriett Herb, office manager; Peggy Thompson, Jessie Merrell. Visitors: Irene Janski, LWVUS Board member and immediate past president of the LWV of Minnesota, Annette Whiting, Owatonna, past president of the LWV of Minnesota, and Ann Thomas, CMAL chairman.

The parliamentarian, Rose Dhein, was introduced. She noted that she did not make rulings, she only advised the chair. She said she would be available for consultation except when she was on the platform during sessions.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

State Treasurer, Sidelle Moss, presented the Treasurer's Report as printed on pages 9 and 10 of the Convention Workbook. The following totals were reported:

Balance on hand 4/1/72	\$ 7347.83
Income 4/1/72 to 3/31/73	54,614.46
Expenditures 4/1/72 to 3/31/73	47,096.26
Balance on hand 3/31/73	14,866.03

In discussion of the Treasurer's Report, Nancy Witta, Minneapolis, asked about the discrepancy between what was budgeted for Voters Service and Action and what was actually spent, noting that only about half was spent. Ms. McCoy answered that in Voters Service other ways of financing projects were found, that services were not cut back. On state and national Action, the budget called for paid staff for legislative action. She said that since we had not been able to find a Legislative Action Chairman to define and oversee that position, no one was hired.

There being no further discussion, the Report was placed on file.

Ms. Moss announced that the Audit Committee Report was not ready at this time. Ms. McCoy said action on it will be deferred until it is ready.

#### REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The report was presented by budget committee chairman, Dolly Brandwein. She noted that the cost of everything is up, and the League austerity program must come to an end. Therefore, she was asking for full support of the budget. She added that without the



state and national Leagues the local League could not exist. She pointed out that a new study costs an estimated \$2400 and to update a study costs about \$300. She said we may have to charge for VOTER subscriptions and cut the number of Board Memos.

Pledges from Leagues previously not reporting were received along with changed pledges. Ms. Brandwein announced that the budget was short \$8832.

Nancy Witta asked if the surplus of \$8900 in publications was accurate, and if so, why was only \$700 foreseen as income from publications this year. Ms. Moss answered that there was really that much surplus, but no publications are planned for this fiscal year. Ms. Witta asked about the Action budget of \$4700. Ms. Ebbott, Program vice president, said she would like more money for Action for, among other things, reimbursing expenses of lobbyists.

It was asked if office expense included salaries or were they included in other areas. The office manager, Harriett Herb, answered that office expense included salaries, that it was too difficult to break down time by item. She noted, however, that extra time for workshops and Capitol Letter were separated. Ms. Witta asked about the doubling of expense for general supplies. Ms. McCoy responded that the office now uses a copier which uses more supplies but substantially cuts personnel time. Ms. Witta asked if the \$2400 quoted for a new study item included hiring a new staff person. Ms. McCoy said it did not, that it covered committee expenses and tools.

Ms. Witta pointed out that the development committee had been budgeted for \$448 while membership only got \$150. She said she felt we should spend at least as much on membership as development. She asked for a Convention/on development. Ms. McCoy said that one was scheduled. report

Marguerite Benson, Minneapolis, asked for an explanation of VOTER items 3 and 4. VOTER editor, Shirley Amundson, responded. She noted that if she had the \$1.00 subscription price for each member, she could do a great job. As it is, she said she strives for quality within budget limitations. She said she felt the printing price was competitive. Updating the files is necessary since it costs ten cents for each returned VOTER. She added that Jean Ingham comes into the office once a week to update files. Ms. Herb added that the state office did not get a good response to the January 1 membership deadline. She asked that changes be sent in once a month. She also asked that membership lists be in by October. Ms. McCoy pointed out that the budget committee met January 4 and had to use the membership figures then available.

It was noted that the budget committee item involved travel expense since an effort was made to make the committee representative.

Ms. Witta asked if the state Board were bound by a rule similar to local Leagues on budget revision. She said she felt it would be a courtesy to local Leagues to consult them on budget revision. Ms. McCoy responded by recalling that the budget process in 1971-73 was confused by the national suggestion for dues. She said the process was not orderly, and pledges were not firm so the state did not know exactly where it stood. It was decided to cut back on the pledge to national, but the full amount was paid later from the publications surpluss. Mertyce Mayne, St. Paul, commended the state Board for meeting the pledge to national.

The budget committee will meet over lunch to make necessary adjustments in the budget. Ms. McCoy thanked Ms. Brandwein and the committee for their work.

Ms. McCoy introduced a special guest, Sharon Hagerty, representing Unit 4 of the St. Louis Park League. This unit is made up of women with cerebral palsy, not all of whom live in St. Louis Park. Kirky Otto, St. Louis Park, noted that other Leagues in the area help this unit.

It was asked if the state Board pledge to pay the full amount of the national pledge were binding on the Convention. Ms. McCoy said the state Board went on record in favor of paying the fair share national pledge, feeling that national needs adequate funding. She said, however, that all items were before the Convention for adoption, and all items were subject to the decision of the Convention.

#### REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Ms. McCoy said that if there is no objection, the word "newly" would be inserted before "revised" in Article XIII to conform with national Bylaws. There was no objection and the wording will be changed on the next printing.

Ms. Ebbott presented the Bylaws amendments as printed in the Convention Workbook on pages 33 and 34. She noted they need a 2/3 vote to pass. The issues involve members at large, clarifying the status of Interleague Organizations (ILO), change in the time to submit the budget, and clarifying the status of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund and other reserves.

Margaret Ueland, Minneapolis, asked when not-recommended Bylaws amendments would be in order. Ms. McCoy said they would need a motion to be placed before the Convention following the recommended amendments.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article III, Sec. 3c. as presented.

Mover: Ebbott

Seconded

Vote: The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

It was asked what members-at-large get from the state. Ms. Moss answered that they get the VOTERS, some publications and that \$4.00 goes to national. Ms. McCoy said that they did not have a vote or participate in the Program-making process.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article V, Sec. 4, as presented.

Mover: Ebbott

Seconded

Vote: The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article VII, Sec. 2, as presented.

Mover: Ebbott

Seconded

Discussion followed on the problems local Leagues would have preparing their own budgets if the state budget came out only two months prior to Convention or Council. State treasurer, Sidelle Moss, responded that the budget committee does make every effort to get the budget out after the January Board meeting, but the Board would like the change in case of an emergency when it might not be possible to meet the deadline. She also noted that in Council years the time is even shorter.

Vote: The motion lost on a standing vote: yes - 107, no - 163.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article VII, Sec. 5, as presented.

Mover: Ebbott

Seconded

Marilyn Wick, Rochester, asked if the Board had any proposals for use of the money to go along with the proposed change in status. Ms. Ebbott said that the original \$1000 Swisshelm Fund would be honored, and that the new funds would be non-restricted. Ms. Wick asked if the money is now available to use as reserves. Ms. Brandwein noted that the proposed budget does use reserves.

Vote: The motion prevailed on a voice vote.



MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article IV, Sec. 5, as presented.

Mover: Ebbott

Seconded

Vote: The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article XI, Sec. 6, as presented.

Mover: Ebbott

Seconded

Vote: The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Ms. Ebbott said that not-recommended Bylaws amendments were now in order.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article VIII, Sec. 5, as presented.

Mover: Joyce Tritschler, White Bear Lake

Seconded

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To insert "with the exception of courtesy and/or procedural matters" following "All resolutions".

Mover: Joyce Tritschler, White Bear Lake

Seconded

Mary Sullivan, White Bear Lake, spoke in favor of the motion stating that the State Convention was not the place to take stands without study; that she did not want to risk the League's high standards and respect. It was pointed out that, following the rules of Program-making, resolutions could be made as late as three weeks prior to Convention.

Against the motion it was stated that this was the same issue that was voted on earlier under Convention Rules. It would close the floor to resolutions and lose flexibility to speak on current topics. It would remove the possibility of a resolution on something on which the League does have a position.

A point of information was raised asking what a courtesy resolution is. Ms. Shein answered that it usually deals with courtesies, convention arrangements, nothing substantive.

Vote: The amendment to the main motion lost.

The parliamentarian pointed out that voting yes on the amendment does not mean you have to support the main motion.

MOTION: To reconsider the vote on the amendment to the motion.

Mover: Rita Kaplan

Seconded

Vote: The motion to reconsider prevailed on a voice vote.

Vote: The amendment to the motion, upon reconsideration, prevailed: yes - 115, no - 41.

Vote: The main motion, as amended, lost: yes - 70, no - 187.

MOTION. To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article IX, new Sec. 4, as presented.

Mover: Dede Turnham, Minneapolis

Seconded

It was asked how this would be implemented. Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis, answered that the wording was taken from the present national Bylaws; that a formula could be worked out, and that it only dealt with voting on the budget.

Vote: The motion lost: yes - 69, no - 171.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The chair extended the time of the First Session to allow for the election of officers. Pat Gorecki, Excelsior Area, presented the slate of the nominating committee as presented in the Minnesota VOTER and the Workbook. There being no nominations from the floor, the chair declared the nominations closed. In accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws,



the secretary of the Convention cast a unanimous ballot for the following slate: Mary Ann McCoy, president; Liz Ebbott, 1st vice president; Jerry Jenkins, 2nd vice president; Sidelle Moss, treasurer; Janet Rosenbloom, secretary. Directors: Shirley Amundson, Barbara Jones, Gloria Phillips, Phyllis Robertson, Rosemary Rockenbach, Barbara Steinka, Mary Waldo, Mary Watson.

Ms. McCoy declared the nominees duly elected.

The credentials committee reported that there were 280 local League delegates and 15 state Board delegates registered.

## SECOND SESSION

The credentials committee reported that there were 286 local League delegates, 15 state Board delegates and 20 visitors registered.

The secretary read the roll call of the Leagues with 63 Leagues responding.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Ms. McCoy pointed out accomplishments of the League in the past two years: Two constitutional amendments passed, party designation for legislators, passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in the Minnesota Legislature, choosing a state priority item in the wetlands and land use area, state activity for D.C. home rule. In the study field, she mentioned the Judiciary study which led to a well-received publication; the school election laws update; the Campaign Finance study, and the state solid waste consensus. She recalled the direction to Voters Service to encourage more women to run for office, and a record number did so. She saluted in-house services: Workshops on Congress, Program, Judiciary, leadership, lobbyist training, as well as eight Focus on State Government programs and the KUOM legislative series. In publications, she mentioned Indians in Minnesota, the Judiciary publication, Voters Service publications (VS chairman, Elsie Thurow, noted that \$1533 of the surplus in Publications came from three VS publications), Capitol Letter, committee guides and Board Memos.

On the national level, Ms. McCoy singled out regional conferences on Voters Service and finance, solid/and land use consensuses, a voting rights conference and a legislative waste leadership conference on legislative oversight. She announced that National Council, just completed, voted \$10,000 for seed money to support ERA.

Ms. McCoy, in looking to the future, said that the League is taking four steps: 1. adopting Program and a realistic budget, 2. giving direction on outlook for work, 3. reviewing flexible session II, and 4. preparing for an election year. She concluded by saying that we must build on our commitment, adding that the role of women and what they do with their time is changing.

## PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM

Ms. McCoy announced that the state Board was trying a new organizational plan of having the 1st vice president be responsible for Program and Action and the 2nd vice president be responsible for service and organization areas. She then introduced the 1st vice president, Liz Ebbott, who presented the proposed Program.

Ms. Ebbott explained how the proposed Program was arrived at and how wording was changed to make items reflect more accurately action taken in the past, noting that some items were inadvertently omitted while others did not reflect action taken at the previous Convention.

MOTION: To adopt as Program Item I: Corrections: Study of the organization of both adult and juvenile correctional systems.

Mover: Kaplan

Seconded

Ms. Kaplan presented this item as proposed by the state Board. She said corrections is referred to often as the "stepchild" of the criminal justice system and often succeeds only in recycling offenders. She pointed out areas of concern in corrections and added that this is a natural field of study following the Judiciary study. Ms. Kaplan said that since corrections is under the executive branch of government a new study is called for rather than an expansion of the Judiciary item.

Kirky Otto, St. Louis Park, asked if juveniles were not meant to be included in "d" under dimensions of the corrections item. Ms. Kaplan replied that she did want to amend it to include the YCC.

MOTION: To adopt as Program Item II: Judiciary: Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all.

Mover: Kaplan

Seconded

Ms. Kaplan discussed the evolution of the Judiciary study. She noted that the courts belong to all the people, not just lawyers and judges. She said the 1973 Legislature is effecting change in the court system, and the League should incorporate court-watching into our programs for observing governmental agencies and boards. She said there is continued work ahead of us; that court reform does not occur overnight; and that the League is the type of group to carry through on such a project.

MOTION: To adopt as Program Item III: Environmental Quality: Support of physical environment beneficial to life: action to promote wise use of water resources and improvement of water and air quality. Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste.

Mover: Watson

Seconded

Ms. Watson said that the problems are widespread, and League positions on water, air and solid waste serve well to allow us to take action when necessary. She said the EQ committee planned to keep members informed and updated on developments in the field.

Marilyn Wick, Rochester, asked about the solid waste provision asking that the state be allowed to have more stringent standards than the federal regulations in light of the Supreme Court action on nuclear power plants. Ms. Watson felt it should be included that the Supreme Court decision might not cover this area.

MOTION: To adopt as Program Item IV: Equality of Opportunity: Support of policies to ensure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education, and other public services for all citizens. Support of administrative enforcement of anti-discrimination laws. Support of state responsibility for Indian citizens.

Mover: Phillips

Seconded

Ms. Phillips reviewed what League has done at the legislature and in other human resource areas. She said the League was interested also in how laws are being enforced. She noted that there were five new positions in the Human Rights Department.

Questions for clarification followed. It was asked if the position really meant "all" citizens, or if it were limited by references and did it need to be changed to include "all" citizens. Ms. Phillips said the Board decided it needed clarification from the Convention. Mertyce Mayne, St. Paul, asked if the Indian position had been narrowed. Ms. Ebbott responded that she felt that it had not; that we wanted to be sure that the

state carried out its responsibilities to Indians. Marion Watson, St. Paul, added that the position evolved because the state abdicated its responsibility and wanted the federal government to take over. She then asked if the League had a position to support free legal services. Ms. Phillips responded that the Human Resources item had a provision for supportive services under welfare. Ms. Kaplan added that it was covered in the Judiciary position. Ms. Ebbott noted that LWVUS lobbied for continuation of OEO.

Marilyn Wick, Rochester, asked if it were possible for the League to be an impartial intermediary between the state and Indians. Ms. Ebbott responded that we would have to be asked to do so, and that League was not necessarily impartial; that it has supported Indian positions.

MOTION: To adopt Program Item V: Education: Support of increased state responsibility in creating equal public educational opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance and adequate financing of public schools.

Mover: Jones

Seconded

Ms. Jones said that past studies of finance and human resources led to interest in schools which led to a consensus two years ago. She said it was a good framework for taking action before the legislature and Department of Education.

MOTION: To adopt Program Item VI: Election Laws: Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices, election procedures, voting and school district elections.

Mover: Steinkamp

Seconded

Ms. Steinkamp said that election laws were a League speciality; that we were a nonpartisan voice calling for good election laws, sometimes the only one. She pointed out some of the accomplishments and areas still needing attention.

Mertyce Mayne, St. Paul, asked if, under position #5, countywide registration were included in the consensus. Ms. Ebbott said that she did not have the original statement but recalled that the goal was pre-registration without a specific method of how it would be accomplished; that we could support any system to get wider registration. She noted that the Convention could define it more specifically.

MOTION: To adopt as Program Item VII: Organization of State Government: Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and the executive branch.

Mover: Steinkamp

Seconded

Ms. Steinkamp noted accomplishments in this item and mentioned some problems remaining. She said that there would be no reduction in the size of the legislature unless there were a massive grass roots movement for it.

Marion Watson, St. Paul, asked about omitting the position in support of flexible session, stating that it may or may not have been accomplished. She asked what action was needed to reinstate it. She was told that the item could be amended to include it.

Ms. Watson also asked if clear lines of authority and the short ballot were redundant. It was felt that the addition of the short ballot was needed to clarify the position. Ms. Watson asked why the easing of the amending process was not a separate item. Ms. Ebbott said that it was moved from election laws and a new section was not considered.

MOTION: To adopt as Program Item VIII: Financing Government: Support of property tax reform.

Mover: Ebbott

Seconded



Ms. Ebbott noted that we do not have a committed, well-informed person following this item, but she felt the positions were still valid. She noted the League opposed the Governor's proposed freeze on property taxes.

Charlotte Olson, St. Anthony, asked if there had been discussion of an amount or percent under position 2. Ms. Ebbott answered that there had not. It was asked if there had been consideration of urban-rural division under position 1b. Ms. Ebbott said she did not know, but the main idea was to get rid of complexities. Jean Benda, Jackson-Sherburn, asked what kind of replacement tax was contemplated. Ms. McCoy said that there was no consensus on that, and there had been no study since the consensus.

#### NOT-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS

Ms. McCoy said that this was the time to reinsert items which may have been dropped by the Board but which the Convention may wish to retain. She noted that on not-recommended items the motion was for consideration of the item, not adoption of the item.

MOTION: To consider as a not-recommended item: Welfare of the Child: An examination of services and laws affecting and/or contributing to the welfare of children from birth to 18 in Minnesota.

Mover: Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis

Seconded

Ms. Flanigan said that this study would serve a real need; that at present children are studied only through schools or piecemeal through adult items. She said we treat an aspect when it becomes a problem. She noted that this had been a League concern through the years in such areas as child welfare and child labor laws. She said it would allow us to focus on the pre-school child and enable us to treat problems before they become untreatable.

Ann Jaede, Minneapolis, seconded the motion saying that at present we have a fragmented view of the many laws dealing with children and this study would give us an overview.

Ms. Kaplan asked if this item were adopted would its supporters want to delete juveniles from the Corrections study. Ms. Flanigan answered that it could include it; that either approach was open. Kirky Otto, St. Louis Park, asked if we could have more than one new study;

Vote: The motion to consider the item prevailed on a rising vote.

Eleanor Weber, St. Paul, asked if this were the time to reinsert omitted items. The parliamentarian said that this was the time to reaffirm support of a dropped item, but that these items could not be amended.

MOTION: To reaffirm the position under Organization of State Government regarding flexible sessions: The L/V of Minnesota supports legislative sessions of adequate length. The Legislature should meet annually and should have the power to determine the time of meeting, the length of session, and the power to recess if desirable.

Mover: Marion Watson, St. Paul

Seconded

In support of her motion, Ms. Watson said that the flexible session is in an experimental stage, and we do not know how it will work. Therefore, we should be in a position to watch it and act if necessary.

Vote: The motion prevailed.

MOTION: To reaffirm our support of Party Designation for legislators as part of our Election Laws position.

Mover: Hazel Shimmin, Bemidji

Seconded

Ms. Shimmin said that she had heard there might be a move to do away with party designation, and the League should retain its support position to be able to act.

Vote: The motion prevailed.

MOTION: To reaffirm under Organization of State Government that the League believes the legislature should have the right to call itself into special session.

Mover: Joan Helmberger, Richfield

Seconded

Ms. Ebbott commented that this position has not been affirmed for two Conventions at least, and therefore, it could be argued that it is not a position. Ms. Dhein, parliamentarian, said that a position long carried even if not written can take on the force of rule.

Vote: The motion prevailed.

MOTION: That guidelines for League workshops proposed by the St. Louis Park League be recommended by this Convention.

Mover: Kirky Otto, St. Louis Park

Seconded

Ms. Otto said the guidelines were not controversial but were based on experience. Jan Del Calzo, Minneapolis, asked why they were making the recommendations. Ms. McCoy pointed out that recommendations were not binding. Ms. Otto said it was an attention-getting device. Ms. Moss said that it was not always possible to keep the cost down to the recommended level for facilities of the size needed. Ms. Kaplan spoke in favor of the motion, saying she thought it was "fantastic" when local Leagues share ideas with the state Board.

Vote: The motion prevailed.

#### REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Phyllis Robertson, state Board development chairman, gave a brief history of the idea of development for the state League. She said finances always have been a big problem so the state Board charged the finance committee to look into the possibility of developing new sources of funds. She noted that other state Leagues were doing it, citing Illinois and Wisconsin. She said that to develop the committee local League expertise was used and nine Leagues are represented on the committee. The committee recommended that there be a development chairman separate from the finance chairman. They suggested a two-prong program: 1. tax free money, and 2. large donations from corporations and businesses. It was stressed that this would not be in competition with local League fund solicitation. Ms. Robertson said the first subcommittee has been set up: the foundation subcommittee, and she introduced its chairman, Rosemary Rockenbach, who reported what her committee was doing. She said they were setting up a card file on all foundations in Minnesota, listing such things as their interests, budget-making times and people in charge. She said the committee would assist local Leagues in writing grants but will not initiate requests. Ms. Rockenbach said the state Board will act as clearing house for grants, that the development committee will not pass on grants. The committee recommends that no project be funded that does not have grass roots support. She added that if the state Board applied for a grant, any local League involved would be informed. Mrs. Robertson added that the development committee would be working through the LNWUS Education Fund.

### BANQUET

A dinner meeting was held in the Georgian Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. with Ms. Jenkins presiding. The speaker was "Jane Doe", a past inmate of the Women's Reformatory at Shakopee, who spoke of her experiences there.

Ms. Ebbott presented the Hope Washburn Award to Jerry Jenkins, state 2nd vice president.

### THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the Convention was called to order by Ms. McCoy at 9:15 a.m., May 17, 1973 in the Cotillion Ballroom.

The credentials committee reported 290 local League delegates, 15 state Board delegates, for a total of 305. There were 27 visitors.

Ms. McCoy welcomed a special visitor, Betty Kane, past state Board member, political party activist and member of the Constitutional Study Commission.

Pursuant to the motion to amend the agenda, a ten minute discussion of consensus began the Third Session.

MOTION: That the state Board of the L/V of Minnesota be directed to form a committee, with local League input, to evaluate the consensus process.

Mover: Dottie Stone, New Brighton                      Seconded

Ms. Stone said that this motion evolved from a caucus the previous evening attended by 70 delegates. She said local Leagues are concerned and having problems with consensus. She said the process was valuable, but the questions were unwieldy and too detailed. She cited the need for resource material, well-informed members, time and womanpower to reach a valid consensus. Gwen Luhta, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie, said there should be local League input to indicate what their problems are and to suggest improvements. Jean Reeves, Northfield, said the committee should work toward a speedy report. Ms. Jenkins requested names of those willing to serve on such a committee.

Vote: The motion prevailed.

### DEBATE AND ACTION ON STATE PROGRAM

I. Corrections: Ms. Weber asked if wording of dimensions were limiting. Ms. McCoy said dimensions are examples not limits, and that the Convention can decide what it wants to study. Ms. Ebbott added that the study is shaped by direction from the Convention with some latitude to the committee.

In support of the item, Ms. Weber, St. Paul, said that 51 Leagues support this as a Program item on the first of Program suggestions. She said it was a timely topic with much public discussion of the problems.

Lee Ball, Duluth, spoke against adding a new study item. She pointed out that resources and womanpower were limited, and the League should set realistic goals. She said there is a long list of items on the Program and suggested that now would be the time to do graduate level study on items like property tax, campaign spending. She asked if all members could speak in depth on current League positions. She said the Duluth League opposes a new study and wants Leagues to become better informed on present Program to maintain League's credibility.



Ms. Otto, St. Louis Park, said she agreed that we do need member understanding of current Program, but the League also needs to pursue developing topics as need arises.

Mertyce Mayne, St. Paul, asked if the item should be amended now to include the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). Ms. McCoy said she felt the committee could add that.

II. Judiciary: Ms. Kaplan said that we have completed the study and should continue the item. Rosemary Booth, Minneapolis, asked with reference to support position 2, why it was worded "a nonpartisan selection" rather than "nonpartisan selection". Ms. Kaplan explained that the committee wanted to indicate that there was no decision on a particular system; that the method was left open.

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III. Environment/Quality: Mary Watson said she felt it was unthinkable even to consider dropping the item in view of its importance. Ms. Ebbott added that it was the first time the item has been on the state Program. She indicated that it is on the national Program in more detail, and that we have taken national wording and inserted as the state position because we have been working the area and have a state consensus on solid waste.

Marion Watson, St. Paul, pointed out that there was a danger in this procedure. She said we haven't done a Minnesota study. She suggested that through this method we could get direction to do an entire new study even though it had not been proposed.

Ms. Mayne said that since we have the national position we could indicate that we are using it since we have studied it at the state level. Ms. Ebbott indicated that there is a national solid waste position, and we could list national Program in Positions for Action.

Mary Wick, Rochester, pointed up a possible conflict of interest between the environment and the economy and deciding which is more important on the state and local level. Mary Watson indicated that the EQ committee is working with Human Resources on land use policies.

Gael Mericle, Mankato Area, suggested checking the Oregon experience with ban-the-can legislation as an update to see how such legislation does affect the economy.

MOTION: To change wording of the Environmental Quality item to read: Support positions adopted through national consensus supporting a physical environment beneficial to life: action to promote wise use of water resources and improvement of water and air quality. Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste.

Mover: Mertyce Mayne, St. Paul                      Seconded

Vote: The motion prevailed.

IV. Equality of Opportunity: Gwen Luhta, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie, asked about our housing position, noting we have a consensus and a national position. Ms. Ebbott indicated that we did not want to get too unwieldy; that everything is not listed. Ms. Phillips said that it was not the state position that an adequate supply of housing be included in the item.

MOTION: To affirm that the Equality of Opportunity position does indeed apply to all citizens.

Mover: Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis                      Seconded

Ms. Berkwitz said the present position does not mean all citizens. She said the League could not help the Department of Human Rights pass a new bill covering discrimination on the basis of marital status, disability, homosexuality, etc. She said the list is infinite, and that the League will be out of step if it can't support such legislation. She said that it does not mean condoning various groups but accepting the philosophy of being against discrimination.

Dee Halberg, St. Cloud Area, said that this was an extremely important thing to do; that we have been tied to the scope given in the past and will be accused of pushing things through without grass roots support because we haven't talked about it in local Leagues.

Marion Watson spoke in favor of the motion and added that she would propose deleting the listing of groups saying that they took the list out of the law. She noted that courts had interpreted strictly by what is said rather than expanded by implication. One delegate stated that she was startled that there should be a question of whether we really meant all citizens.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To change the word "citizens" to "persons" in the motion.

Mover: Margaret Ueland, Minneapolis                      Seconded

Vote: The amendment to the motion prevailed.

Vote: The motion as amended prevailed.

MOTION: To amend support position 3 to read: "Support of legislation to ensure employment on merit regardless of any factors other than bona fide qualifications."

Mover: Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis                      Seconded

Marilyn Wrich, Blaine, pointed out that many quota system regulations are not based on merit. Ms. Phillips noted that age was not included in the human rights bill because they wanted some leeway to favor older or younger people. She said she wondered if position 3 were needed. Mary Lou Hill, Minneapolis, said it did not preclude adding special programs for special groups. Ms. Mayne asked how elimination of this position would effect the position on funding of social services which require positive action.

Ms. Berkwitz withdrew her motion.

MOTION: To eliminate support position 3.

Mover: Berkwitz                      Seconded

Vote: The motion prevailed.

Ms. Ebbott pointed out that the word "citizen" was used throughout the item and asked if the Convention wanted it changed throughout. Marion Watson noted that civil rights can be guaranteed only to citizens and that using "person" would not preclude citizenship as a qualification. Ms. Flanigan asked about resident aliens and foreign students. McCoy said that this was more than an editing change and asked what the Convention wanted.

MOTION: To reconsider motion to substitute "person" for "citizen".

Mover: Mary Sullivan, White Bear Lake                      Seconded

Virginia Burnett, New Ulm, said the League has worked with "citizen" effectively; that it should be left in the support positions and the Convention move on to other business.

Vote: The motion to reconsider lost.

V. Education: Connie Johnson, West Dakota County, asked where the position to correct racial imbalance originated. Jones answered that it was in the Equality of Opportunity section previously; that it had been moved to Education in a "housekeeping" move.

MOTION: To insert the word "ensure" before "...adequate financing" in the Education item.

Mover: Rosemary Booth, Minneapolis                      Seconded

Ms. Booth said the wording as read was awkward and unclear.

Vote: The motion prevailed.



It was asked if the League had a position on economic imbalance in public schools. Ms. Jones said we did not. Ms. Ebbott added that the national Program item stated that extra effort was needed for disadvantaged children and that LWVUS lobbied for Title I. Ms. Jones suggested that it could be grouped with learning disabilities. Sandy Larson, St. Cloud Area, said that the State Board of Education is not going to meet the economic balance issue.

MOTION: To initiate a study to review sex bias in education.

Mover: Marjorie Williams, St. Croix Valley

Seconded

Dee Halberg, St. Cloud Area, said that the test of the Human Resources item is whether it gives equality of opportunity for all persons, and therefore, this item should be covered.

Rennae Petersen, Marshall, said she thought this was an issue to be handled on the local level rather than at the state level.

Vote: The motion lost.

MOTION: To add support for measures to correct social and economic imbalance in public schools.

Mover: Ms. David Robinson, Winona

Seconded

In discussion it was brought out that the League has not studied this item specifically.

Vote: The motion lost.

VI. Election Laws: MOTION: To amend support position 5 to add "20 days prior to election day" between words "registration" and "to cover"

Mover: Jean Benda, Jackson-Sherburn

Seconded

Ms. Benda expressed concern for the possibility of increased fraud with election day registration.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To strike "20 days" from the motion, leaving "prior to election day".

Mover: Jan Del Calzo, Minneapolis

Seconded

Ms. Del Calzo said the 20 day limit was too confining; that small communities may not need that much time but adding "prior to election day" does allow support of pre-registration.

Vote: The motion to amend prevailed.

Vote: The motion as amended prevailed.

VII. Organization of State Government: MOTION: To delete the last sentence of support position 4a: "Support of the short ballot".

Mover: Marion Watson, St. Paul Seconded

Ms. Watson said that the initial position was for clearly fixed executive responsibility, and that the short ballot was not considered. Ms. Ebbott said the short ballot was still a live issue, and she did not see the need to delete it.

Vote: The motion lost.

MOTION: To delete position 1f and create a new section 5 titled: Constitutional Revision: An easing of the process to amend the Constitution by....".

Mover: Marion Watson                      Seconded

Barbara Steinkamp said she was preparing a number of editorial changes including this type of **change**.

On a point of order, Marion Watson asked if the mover could make changes. The chair said that Ms. Steinkamp was a delegate as well as a state Board member and as such could make amendments.

Ms. Watson then withdrew her motion. Ms. Steinkamp indicated she needed some time to prepare her changes.

MOTION: To suspend the rules to consider Item VIII and return to Item VII later.

Mover: Rita Kaplan                      Seconded

Vote: The motion prevailed.

VIII. Financing Government: Ms. Moss said that she originally went along with the state Board in recommending this item, but upon consideration, she felt the study was too old and should be dropped. She said she did not think an update would be sufficient; that a new study was needed; that the League can't act on the old position.

Others felt that the item should be retained pointing out that position 1c has not been touched and that the League is the only group supporting it. It was asked if the League had alternative suggestions to the property tax. Ms. Ebbott said the position was fleshed out in Program for Action. Mary Lofi, Mankato Area, asked if could delete "no new study recommended". Ms. McCoy said she could give a direction for update in certain sections but not ask for an entire new study. Jean Reeves, Northfield, said local Leagues can update and those that want to do the work should not be held back by other Leagues that do not wish to study it.

MOTION: To strike position 2.

Mover: Mertcyce Mayne, St. Paul                      Seconded

It was suggested that if the position has weaknesses, they should be corrected, but the League should know **where** financing for programs comes from.

Vote: The motion lost.

Discussion returned to Item VII. Upon receiving the amendments proposed by Ms. Steinkamp, the chair ruled that they were editorial in nature, not substantive, and sought the consent of the Convention to allow the state Board to do editorial revision not involving substantive changes. The Convention agreed to give the state Board such authority.

#### LUNCHEON

The luncheon meeting was held in the Georgian Ballroom. League lobbyists reported on their activities at the legislature this first flexible session. League lobbyists reporting were: Pat Lucas, Karlynn Fronek, Mary Poppleton, Jan Del Calza, Louisa Holmberg.

FOURTH SESSION

The Fourth Session was called ot order by Ms. McCoy at 2:00 p.m., May 17, 1973, in the Cotillion Ballroom.

The credentials committee reported 293 local League delegates and 15 state Board delegates registered for a total of 308. There were 27 visitors registered and 63 local Leagues were represented.

Discussion and action on the proposed Program continued with consideration of the not-recommended item.

IX. Welfare of the Child: MOTION: To adopt the Welfare of the Child as a study item.  
Mover: Ann Jaede, Minneapolis                      Seconded

Ms. Jaede pointed out the importance of the early years of a child in determining its future. She noted that in divorce actions the parents have lawyers, but no one represents the child. She said an umbrella study was needed to bring together the areas dealing with children and to permit the League to take action.

It was suggested that this study could be accomplished without spending a lot of money; that it would be pulling together areas and focusing on the unique needs of children. It was pointed out that there are already publications available, and it would just take members and local Leagues doing studies.

In opposition to the study, it was felt that this would be an inefficient use of forces; that the end could be accomplished by focus and direction of other items such as corrections, HR, etc. It was suggested that a strengthened observer program could be a watchdog of juvenile rights. It was also noted that the Convention did vote to include all persons in the Equality of Opportunity item, and that this would cover children. Lois Kundel, Duluth, reiterated that League's stand against new study in view of the heavy commitments and limited tools.

The vote wastaken on the Program Items as follows:

Recommended Items:

I. Corrections	CARRIED - Voice Vote
II. Judiciary	CARRIED - Voice Vote
III. Environmental Quality	CARRIED - Voice Vote
IV. Equality of Opportunity	CARRIED - Voice Vote
V. Education	CARRIED - Voice Vote
VI. Election Laws	CARRIED - Voice Vote
VIII. Financing Government	CARRIED - Voice Vote
VII. Organization of State Government	CARRIED - Voice Vote

Not-Recommended Item:

IX. Welfare of the Child                      FAILED  
A 3/5 vote was needed for passage.  
The recorded vote was: yes - 83, no - 192

DIRECTION TO THE STATE BOARD ON PROGRAM

Corrections: Marcia Janssen, St. Louis Park, presented a detailed outline for study of the Corections item. She suggested breaking the item into two areas: structure and content. Under structure: 1. Summarize current thoughts, patterns in corrections; in waht areas are alternatives available, pro and con of various methods. This should



be done immediately with information to local Leagues this year. 2. Inventory programs, also do field work, visit institutions, interview, see what exists. 3. Evaluate how to get from where we are to where we want to go. Content: institutionalization - facilities, personnel, parole, follow-up.

Norma Kelly, Robbinsdale, asked if consensus needed to be reached in two years, noting that her League did not feel ready to reach consensus on the Judiciary item in that time.

Judy Schuck, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie, suggested including the area of Finance in the Corrections study so that we will know what it will cost to implement proposals

Financing Government: Virginia Greenmen, St. Paul, suggested establishing an ad hoc committee to study revenue sharing. It is relevant to property tax and affects all government bodies, needed to understand local government, vital to decision-making.

Equality of Opportunity: Mary Lou Hill, Minneapolis, asked the League to publish status of women in Minnesota. She suggested observers at state Human Rights Commission, saying that it needs visibility and visible citizen effort.

Elna Ponto, Albert Lea, asked that we give emphasis and awareness to the Mexican-American population, pointing out that they have unique problems, language, citizenship, but they also have a unique culture from which we could benefit.

Mary Rollwagen, Minneapolis, suggested making available to local Leagues information on tools available to work on housing. Ahe suggested doing this via a VOTER article, and that it should not be limited to discrimination in housing. Gwen Luhta, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie, added that the League has the tools and position and now it needs the will of the people.

Marjorie Williams, St. Croix Valley, asked that the League look into sex bias in public schools.

Hazel Shimmin, Bemidji Area, asked the Convention to give the state Board flexibility to take action if needed in the Park Point Indian School dispute, noting that the Indians want to keep the school separate from the Park Rapids schools. The Convention agreed to give the Board this scope.

Claire Downes, St. Cloud Area, said the League should watch for a move to reverse ERA. Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, urged us to keep up with the pack on EPA and show that we have a firm commitment. She said we should be prepared to work for a state ERA if needed.

Other: Barbara Hughes, Fridley, said we should do no new studies on positions; that we need action in pursuing the positions we have.

Diane Ahrens, St. Paul, suggested doing a Political Accountability Rating (PAR) on the state legislature.

#### RESOLUTION

**MOTION:** To deliver the following resolution to Governor Anderson: "The assembled 308 delegates to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Convention request your veto of the Omnibus Voter Registration Bill because of the provision for election day registration. This provision suggests great opportunity for irregularity and plain honest mistakes. This provision, with the possibilities of fraud, does not guarantee each voter that his vote carries equal weight with that of every other voter. With today's mobile population, election judges cannot be expected to identify all neighbors; neither are we assured that all prospective voters may have adequate identification.

Mover: Mertyce Mayne, St. Paul

Seconded

Ms. Mayne cited the position favoring pre-registration to support her motion.

Jan Del Calzo, Minneapolis, said she has been lobbying for the bill even though the League has reservations about election day registration because the League feels other good things about the bill outweigh this provision. She said that the League is on record as having reservations on election day registration. Ms. Del Calzo pointed out that there are stringent penalties for fraudulent practices: Up to five years in prison and up to \$5000 fine. She felt on the basis of close study of the bill that we should not support the motion.

Speakers in favor of the motion cited possible chaos on election day and fraud possibilities.

Vote: The motion lost.

#### ACTION ON STATE BUDGET

Ms. Brandwein presented the revised state budget, noting the following changes:

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Revised</u>
General Supplies	3483.50	3333.50
Postage	3010.00	2810.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1150.00	1000.00
Public Relations	500.00	350.00
National Services	11,539.00	11,250.80
VOTER - updating	405.00	380.00
National Action	940.00	750.00
State Action	3735.00	3135.00
TOTAL	\$69,592.96	\$67,641.76
Pledges	49,625.00	43,584.36
Workshops - Field Service	480.00	620.00
Publications	7020.00	7420.00
National Conferences	400.00	600.00
Reserves	2378.96	5428.40
Miscellaneous	-	100.00
TOTAL	\$69,592.96	\$67,641.76

MOTION: To accept the revised budget for 1973-74.

Mover: Brandwein

Seconded

She said only two Outlooks for Work would be sent to each League and that the national pledge would be cut to reflect the accurate membership count.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To add a budget item of \$50 for a small refrigerator for the state office.

Mover: Eleanor Weber, St. Paul

Seconded

Ms. Weber pointed out that the staff eats lunch in the office in order to keep the office open and a refrigerator would make life more pleasant for them.

Carol Johnson, Minneapolis, said she could get a refrigerator for \$5.00 and suggested passing the hat. Ms. Weber withdrew her motion. About \$50 was collected; the surplus will be applied to other needed office equipment.

Carol Bergeson, White Bear Lake, asked if local Leagues could get along with only two Outlooks for Work. Ms. McCoy suggested they could duplicate them locally. Betty Rogers, Bemidji Area, commended the budget committee for its work. Jerry Jenkins went on record as being unhappy about cutting the pledge to national. Barbara Hughes, Fridley, asked Ms. Brandwein to comment on why the committee took money out of reserves. Ms. Brandwein answered that we want the services and they must be paid for.

Dee Halberg, St. Cloud Area, asked if the Convention could be at a cheaper place so more money could be applied to the budget. Ms. Moss answered that we need a place with large enough facilities and with a large League or Leagues in the area to supply hostesses. She said that Council in 1974 will be April 16-17 at Camp Courage but added that Council is much smaller than Convention.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To adjust the national pledge to \$5428 but direct the state Board to make the additional pledge near the end of the fiscal year if funds permit.

Mover: Barbara Hughes, Fridley

Seconded

A question was asked about the Texas pledge of \$175. Ms. McCoy responded that the Texas LWV had had financial problems, but this year it met its pledge. She added that the reduction in reserves was not critical, but that we should work on membership.

Claudia Jagelski, Anoka, said the state budget was in trouble because local Leagues do not give full support to the state, and we should not put national in the same position. It was pointed out that the deficit could be made up by each League sending \$1 more per member. Ms. Moss added that if local Leagues would cooperate by sending things in by due dates money could be saved in postage and telephone calls to remind them.

Vote: The motion to amend lost.

Vote: The motion to adopt the revised budget prevailed.

Ms. McCoy introduced new members appointed to the state Board: Eleanor Weber, St. Paul; Helene Borg, Westonka; Nancy Atchison, Edina; Carolyn Cushing, Roseville.

Ms. McCoy announced that there would be a meeting of the Corrections committee May 30, 9:30 a.m., at the state office, and anyone interested in serving should leave her name.

Charee Carlson, New Brighton, asked that anyone wishing to work on the consensus process committee should contact Jerry Jenkins.

Ms. McCoy commended Crystal-New Hope, Robbinsdale and Brooklyn Park for their work at the Convention and thanked the delegates for their efforts.

A point of information about the audit report was raised. Ms. McCoy said it was not ready and asked that the Convention grant the state Board permission to receive and file the report. The Convention agreed to this procedure.

Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, commended the state Board for ending the Convention early.

At 4:00 p.m., May 17, 1973, the 44th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary



MEMO

May 30, 1973

To: Gloria - Equality of Opportunity  
Mary Watson - E.Q.  
Eleanor - Corrections  
Rosemary - Judiciary  
Helene - State Legislative Action

Sid - Finance  
Barbara S. - Election Laws, Voting Rights  
Barbara S. - Org. Gov't  
Barbara J. - Education

From: Liz

By June 12, or within a week later, you will need to prepare the Outlook for Work. (No more than one page, single space.) for your item: (look over old June Board MEMO to see the general content) Publications, Committee guides planned, workshops, other dates scheduled.

Detail for each item:

1. Title of item
2. Very short scope, history, what happened last session, what the League did.
3. What you anticipate coming up during the following year. What Sate League will do. What local Leagues should plan to do.
4. Helps to local Leagues - coming material; list past League studies, fact sheets, updates, etc. that the item chairman should have; outside information, ideas, bibliography.

Stress action possibilities, but the how tos of action should be listed under Helene's item.

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Copy for Program for Action is also needed, deadline mid-June (you can do it at the same time). Look over the old book. Be brief.

1. We need - Title of the item
  - italicized positions and detail (the official 1973 Convention wording)
  - brief discussion - history, action taken last session, area(s) still of League concern and possible action
2. Add National Program to the end of your item - HR, EQ, Voting Rights (Election Laws), Congress positions (Organization of State Government)
3. Prepare a very brief statement, for a new section on local action - what can be done, how to procede under National and State Program - EQ, HR, Education, Voting Rights, U.S. Congress
4. Xerox copy of the original position statement, dated - for appendix.

TO All Boarders  
FROM Mary Ann McCoy  
RE: proposed Plans for 2-day Board Meeting - June 12-13, 1973  
May 15, 1973

Here is a very tentative sketch of how time might be divided.  
We'll discuss (briefly) at our 1-hour Board Meeting, 5/15 and  
please contact Jerry Jenkins with your comments before 5/29.  
Thank you for your good head-work on all this!

Tuesday, June 12 - Orientation - Coffee 9:30-10 a.m.  
Session I - Role play on our Jobs and Orient to ways of work -  
2 hrs. on Convention decisions and how to organize to do job.  
10-12 (Divide into 3 groups: Service to Leagues (Jerry),  
Program & Action (Liz), Action Supporters ("Garter  
Group" - GG - Mary Ann)

Lunch

12-2 p.m.

Session II - Teams meet with 3 administrators to draft plan  
3 hrs. for Outlook - A. Together B. in 3 groups C. Report  
2-5 together.

Supper

5-7:30

Session III - Plan your own Outlook (each one has 2 on her committee  
2 hrs. with whom to consult) How can we schedule this?

7:30-

9:30

Wednesday, June 13 - STATE BOARD MEETING - Breakfast 7:30

Session IV - General Board Outlook decisions and Calendar set.  
3 hrs.

9-12

Lunch

12-2

Session V - Nuts and Bolts of getting material into office for  
2 hrs. Outlook and enclosures - plus July, Aug., & Sept. State  
2-4 Committee plans in some detail; also summer VOTER plans(?)

Total: 12 hours of Workshop

(average State Board meeting is 6 hours, so equivalent  
of 2 State Board meetings plus couple (?) meals and free  
time for nature walks, etc.)



MEMO

June 1, 1973

TO: ALL BOARDERS

From: MARY ANN McCOY

Re: This and That (Benson Reception, Whiting appointment)

1. All State Board members are cordially invited to attend the reception for Lucy Wilson Benson, President of the LWV-US, from 3:30 to 5, on Thursday, June 7 at the home of Mrs. Henry Helgen, 400 N. Lincoln, Northfield. As you will recall from the May Board MEMO, Lucy will be here to deliver the Commencement address at the College and League members were invited to attend. The Northfield League has arranged a reception for Lucy and they'd love to have State Board people there as well - and any local League members who would like to meet Lucy. Call the office if you'd like to arrange car pools. If you and a few from your local League are going, call Ann Ness, 507-645-5256, to let her know how many to expect, so they can have enough "goodies" on hand. I'm going and I'd like to have a many other State Board members there as possible to renew our acquaintance with Lucy and get to meet the Northfield Leaguers. (I'll be staying through part of the evening festivities so I won't be available for car pooling.)

2. Annette Whiting, State President 1963-7, has asked for LWV - MN support of her appointment to the new Minnesota Corrections Authority (full-time parole board). Annette was appointed by Governor Anderson on June 1, 1972, to the Adult Corrections Commission (parole board). She and the chairman are the only members of that Commission who seek appointment to the new Authority. Annette's activities in corrections and court reform cover much of the past decade, including numerous citizens advisory committees on crime, delinquency and the courts; appointment to the Governor's Executive Reorganization Commission; as well as experience in League related study, action and leadership.

To bring new boarders up to date, the State League Board has, in the past, recommended League leaders for appointment by the governor(s) including Marion Watson for the PCA.

No definite date for appointments is set in the new law, but indications are that the new Authority will be appointed very shortly. Since time is limited, I am asking each of you to let me know your thoughts on whether we may indicate League support for her appointment - drop me a note, call my house this weekend (612-377-4793), or call the office on Monday, June 4.

FROM: HARRIETT HERB

Yesterday we mailed notices to 25 local Leagues asking them to get their new Board lists in by return mail so that we could update the local League Presidents list. Those Leagues notified were: Albert Lea, Alexandria, Anoka, Bemidji, Buffalo, Cass Lake, Crookston, Deephaven, Fridley, Golden Valley, Hutchinson, Mid-Mesabi, Minneapolis, Mounds View, New Brighton, Rochester, Rock County, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, St. Peter, Stevens County, Wayzata Area, West Dakota County, Westonka, White Bear Lake.

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TO: Each Boarder

FROM: Mary Ann McCoy

SUBJECT Murphree - Program Management

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE June 4, 1973

Here is your copy of the Murphree speech at Council "FYI". Please read, be prepared to discuss, and bring to Board retreat June 12 & 13. We understand some of this information will be included in a National VOTER this summer.

Memo to Boarders

From Mary Ann Mc Coy

RE: Material Already Distributed to Boarders

June 7, 1973

Here is a checklist of material prepared and distributed to all of us prior to our June 12-13 Board Orientation and Meeting (some is included with this memo). If you have not received same, please call the office.

- ✓ General Information for State Board Members (May, 1971)
- ✓ Draft copy of proposed Board committee assignments
- ✓ Copy of Gwen Murphree's report on new ways to handle Program
- ✓ Calendar for OUTLOOK Planning, 1973-4
- ✓ Treasurer's Report for May, 1973
- ✓ Minutes of the May 15, 1973, Board Meeting
- ✓ Memo from Janet and Liz on Direction to State Board from Convention (May 29)
- ✓ Carolyn's report on suggestions to state Board from Annual Reports of Local Leagues
- ✓ Draft copy of Board roster
- ✓ Draft copy of State Program 1973-75 with wording of positions included
- ✓ Criteria/ Choosing Information - Establishing Legislative Priorities
- ✓ Outline for State Board Orientation Meeting - June 12-13
- ✓ State Budget 1973-74 as adopted plus local League pledges accepted

Please bring all of the above material with you to the June 12-13 meeting, plus your State Board Handbook, draft of your OUTLOOK for your portfolio.

Here are some other pieces sent earlier or included now:

Draft Job Description for Editorial Committee Chairman

VOTER Schedule - draft copy

Organization of State Government - Election Laws

Membership

(bring these, too!)

Memo To: All Boarders  
From: Jerry Jenkins  
Re: State Board Retreat, Camp Koinonia (phone # 1-236-7746)

June 7, 1973

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 - Time to MULL (to study or ruminate; ponder)

9:30 - Arrival, deposit bags. Living style: informal, dormitory.  
(West Cabin)

10:00 - Coffee and General Orientation  
(Small Dining Room, Main Bldg)

McCoy: Transition from local to state leadership

Nonpartisanship policy 11+12

Mechanics: 1. time of State Board meeting; 2. time pattern on Board Memo; 3. correspondence; 4. correcting minutes; 5. contributing to Board Memo, VOTER; 6. publications.

Moss: Office Relationships

Mechanics: 1. filing - personal, office; 2. expense vouchers;  
3. watching the budget in your area; 4. revision of the budget;  
5. how state Board members prepare for the next state budget. - by Sept+Oct

Jenkins: Difference between Board work and committee work - sent out ahead

Mechanics: 1. written reports - committee to Board; 2. consulting; 3. guidelines for changing community basis of LL; 4. attendance at workshops, LWV meetings and participation in same. - report for Carolyn + keep one + 2 more

Ebbott: Response to Convention direction

Mechanics: 1. action - Board's role in Congressional and legislative;  
2. phone pyramid

11:15 - Frontiers

Jenkins: New Ways of Handling Program

Nominatin Procedures - National, State

Ebbott: League's Response to Flexible Sessions - Focus, Lobby training,  
Capitol Letter, Youth Days New Voters

Borg: Action Priorities Reevaluation

12:00 - Lunch - Big Dining Room, Main Building - eat 2 Voter com.

1:30 - General Orientation on Outlook Planning (if you have specific, but not firm  
(Small Dining Room) dates in mind, post on blackboard)

- 1.) Fall Workshops - traveling - Cushing, Atchison - Discussion
- 2.) Columbus Day - Phillips
- 3.) Budget and Local Agenda Workshops - Jones, Moss
- 4.) 2-day State Council - McCoy Purpose of 2 days instead of 1; Preparation for National Convention  
Action, VS, Prog.
- 5.) Mini-Meetings with Presidents, Leadership Workshops - change? - one day in June? - Jenkins

2:30 - VOTER - Amundson structuring responsibility wksp

2:45 - Membership - Atchison - problem of non-resident members



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3:00 - Time to see and talk about interrelationships (now we start getting more specific; underlined are "floaters")

Group I - Field Service/ Program and Action  
(Small Dining Room)

Cushing, Borg, Ebbott, Jones, Moss, Phillips, Rockenbach, Steinkamp, Watson, Weber, Knutson

- Agenda:
1. What P and A see as "Local Research"
  2. Forming coalitions of Leagues for Action (school district, county, legislative, etc.)
  3. P and A help for provisionals
  4. P and A aids to IL - Program making
  5. Use of Field Service Committee in trial runs on consensus questions.

Group II - Publications/ VOTER/ V.S./ Development/ Other  
(Day Room - West Cabin)

Andersen, Amundson, Atchison, McCoy, Jenkins, Robertson, Waldo

- Agenda:
1. What goes to the printer this year?
  2. How price and number determined
  3. Who edits, etc?
  4. On and off Board readers

4:35

3:30 - New groups form

Group I - Fall Workshops/ Discussion Techniques/ Land Use  
(Small Dining Room)

Atchison, Cushing, Ebbott, Jenkins, McCoy, Phillips, Watson, Borg, Jones, Andersen, Steinkamp, Knutson

Group II - Development/ Corrections  
(Day Room - West Cabin)

Robertson, Weber, Rockenbach, Moss, Amundson, Ebbott, McCoy

5:00

4:00 - New Groups form

Group I - Education - Atchison, Ebbott, Jones  
(Library)

Group II - V.S./ P.R./ Development (15 min. for VS/Develop; 15 min VS/PR)  
(Day Room - West Cabin)

Waldo, Rockenbach, Robertson, Andersen, McCoy

Group III - Columbus Day Workshop/ Membership  
(Small Dining Room)

Atchison, Jenkins, Phillips, Moss, Watson, Weber, Steinkamp, Amundson, Cushing, Knutson

5:20

4:30 - Another New Group!

Group I - Budget/Local Agenda Workshop - Moss, Jones, Cushing, Atchison, Waldo,  
(Day Room - West Cabin) Ebbott, Andersen, Borg, Knutson

Group II - Observers - State Gov't/ IL (15 min) - Corrections (15 min)  
(Small Dining Room) McCoy, Weber, Phillips, Robertson, Rockenbach

5:50

Group III - Exploration - National Board Program People to MN/ Strengthening  
(Library) Program

Amundson, Watson, Steinkamp, Jenkins, Ebbott, McCoy

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8:30

5:00 - V.S. - Waldo - All  
(Day Room - West Cabin)

5:30 - 7:30 - Dinner (6:00) and Free Time

7:30 - 8:30 - Priorities

7:30 - 9:30 - Each individual work alone on Outlook or do Committee work  
President, 2 VPs available for consultation

9:00 - money

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 - Breakfast

S T A T E   B O A R D   M E E T I N G

Wednesday, June 13, 1973 - 9:30 a. m.  
(Pre-Board Meeting Orientation Tuesday, June 12, 10 a.m.)  
Camp Koinonia, Annandale, MN  
Lunch will be served

A G E N D A

MIN.

Minutes of the May 15, 1973, meeting\*

Treasurer's Report#

Revision of agenda

ACTION

Appointments - To State Board - Ann Andersen, Crystal-New Hope  
Ann Knutson, Bloomington  
Chairman, Ad Hoc Consensus Committee: Dottie Stone, New Brighton  
Chairman, Ad Hoc Revenue Sharing Committee: Pat Lucas, Shoreview, & Virginia Greenman, St. Paul, co-chairmen

2 Hrs.    OUTLOOK FOR WORK 1973-74, including: EQ - Watson  
          Priority Setting# - Borg  
          Approve wording of Program as adopted and listing  
          of positions\* - Ebbott  
          Constitutional Amendments -- Steinkamp  
          Calendar# , incl. fall workshops--focus, plans (Atchison)  
          Dates for Convention '75

DISCUSSION

15        VOTER Schedule - '73-'74 # - Amundson  
10        Education#- Jones (incl. Adv. Council on Voc. Ed.\*)  
20        Nonpartisanship Policy, State Board - see p. 11-15, State  
          Board Handbook, esp. p. 11-12)  
10        Editorial Committee Chairman - draft Job Description#  
15        Draft Committee Assignments\*

INFORMATION

Next State Board Meeting - August 14, State Office, 9:30 a. m.  
Joint Board Resource Chairmen-Lobbyists Meeting - June 15,  
at Liz Ebbott's, 10 a. m.  
May-June VOTER deadline - June 15.

Bring all \* and # to Board Meeting

(\* - Mailed earlier

# - Included with this mailing)

OUTLOOK FOR WORK Mailing Schedule calls for target date of June 22nd. Please bring your written material to Board Meeting--up to 1 page per portfolio. Also, please check your files for the Basic List of Publications each local League portfolio should have (we update this annually and send with OUTLOOK)--look over your portfolio counterpart section and be prepared to update list. 1972-73 OUTLOOK should be in your files, too, "FYI".

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Board of Directors

June 13, 1973

MEETING PLACE: Camp Koinonia, Annandale, Minnesota, 9:30 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Moss, Borg, Waldo, Robertson, Watson, Steinkamp, Knutson, Andersen, Ebbott, Cushing, Atchison, Jones, Jenkins, Weber, Amundson, Phillips, Rockenbach, Rosenbloom.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 15 Board meeting.  
Mover: Phillips Second: Weber Carried

There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were filed as received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand 4/1/73 \$12,677.81  
Expenditures 4/1/73 to 5/31/73 7,356.19  
Income 4/1/73 to 5/31/73 11,135.98  
Balance on hand 5/31/73 16,457.60

Moss noted corrections on the Treasurer's Report: \$600 budgeted for DPM and <sup>600</sup>~~\$200~~ budgeted for national conferences, etc. and add reserve figure, \$14,789.42.

The Board agreed that non-cash contributions are to be listed under the category in which they were incurred.

MOTION: To leave to the discretion of the treasurer when to transfer funds from the cash balance to savings.  
Mover: Ebbott Second: Knutson Carried

APPOINTMENTS: McCoy announced the appointment of Ann Andersen to fill the chairmanship of the Editorial/Publications committee and Ann Knutson for Organization of State Government.

MOTION: To accept the above appointments.  
Mover: Jenkins Second: Weber Carried

McCoy presented the names of Pat Lucas and Virginia Greenman as co-chairmen for the Ad Hoc Revenue Sharing Committee.

MOTION: To accept the above appointments.  
Mover: Phillips Second: Weber Carried

McCoy presented the name of Dottie Stone as chairman of the Ad Hoc Consensus Committee.

MOTION: To approve the above appointment.  
Mover: Robertson Second: Weber Carried

MOTION: To appoint Robertson and Watson to state nominating committee.  
Mover: Weber Second: Phillips Carried

McCoy said she had not been able to contact the person she had in mind for budget chairman, but she hoped to have the nomination by the August Board meeting.

OUTLOOK FOR WORK: Ebbott asked if the wording of the Program as sent out was acceptable. She said it was to go out with the Outlook for Work. She noted that the Board was allowed editorial revision by the State Convention in the section on Organization of State Government. Steinkamp proposed changing the wording in the short form of



the item to "Minnesota Legislative and Executive Branches". The Board did not feel this change was necessary. Andersen is to check for internal consistency and grammar.

MOTION: To accept the wording of the state Program as adopted at Convention.  
Mover: Ebbott Second: Moss Carried

Steinkamp noted that with regard to the position under the Organization of State Government calling for improved organization of committees the idea was to limit committee assignments. McCoy said that this was not the time to discuss interpretations of positions. Ebbott said that when a question arises as to what the League can support under a position it is possible to support something even if it does not exactly match the position; that the position should not be changed. With regard to the Education position, Jones said that adding measures to correct socio-economic imbalance would change the whole consensus. She also said that when the wording was adopted the phrase "learning disabilities" was meant to encompass the whole range of disabilities, not just the more specialized meaning it has taken on lately.

CALENDAR:

July: Per Member Payment to national for second quarter due.  
No Board meeting

August 14: State Board meeting

September 11: State Board meeting  
20: CMAL general meeting  
18-20: Workshops - Mankato, Bemidji  
24-25: Workshops - St. Louis Park, Roseville

MOTION: To hold workshops on discussion techniques aimed at organization and Program chairmen to improve discussion and Program presentation.  
Mover: Moss Second: Amundson Carried

Atchison said she would have details on the workshops for the August Board meeting. She said she needed names of good discussion leaders.

The question of interim interviews was raised. Borg said she was setting up a committee guide including which bills have passed and which still need passing and the interview blanks. She said it would go out at the end of August with a due date of October 1.

October 1: Interim interviews due in state office  
Per Member Payment to national for third quarter due  
9: State Board meeting  
8-13: Membership week  
15: Local League membership lists due in state office  
24: UN rally  
27: VS Precinct Caucus Kit

MOTION: To declare October 8-13 as State Membership Week.  
Mover: Atchison Second: Waldo Carried

Atchison said she planned to use the PR chairman to get statewide publicity and visibility to illustrate how League membership benefits the individual and/or League accomplishments.

MOTION: To have a public workshop on October 8 on sex bias in education.  
Mover: Phillips Second: Weber Carried

McCoy noted that since this was in the Human Resources area Gloria Phillips would be general chairman. Moss asked how many people we could expect. It was felt there would be general interest, especially among people in education, administrators, school boards, etc. Cushing said it could be the highlight of Membership Week. It was urged to keep the price in the \$3.00 range. The possibility of avoiding a luncheon was raised. Robertson said she opposed having it in a church with bag lunches.

McCoy directed formation of a committee to plan the workshop including membership, field service, public relations, Education to work with Phillips.

MOTION: To prepare a Voters Service Precinct Caucus Kit.

Mover: Waldo

Second: Weber

Carried

It was emphasized that this kit was for the information of the general public and not League directed. Moss was to check quantities prepared in the past.

Three workshops for local Leagues were proposed for the last week in October and the first week in November. They are to include Environmental Quality, Local Agenda, Education and budget.

October 30

November 1: Workshop - EQ, Local Agenda, Education and budget

6: Workshop

13: State Board meeting

National Campaign Financing consensus due

McCoy said that dates for the national Campaign Financing consensus had not been received yet, and that she would call national for this information. She said information on the consensus would be in the National VOTER.

Steinkamp said she wanted a report on evaluation of election procedures due in the state office by December 1. She also suggested a VS peice prior to the election. Waldo said she planned to get out something as soon as possible but did not think it needed to be put on the calendar. It was decided not to put dates for local elections on the calendar because of variations. The ad hoc committee on consensus will be meeting in November, but it need not go on the calendar.

December 1: Report on evaluation of election procedures due in state office.

1: Capitol Letter subscriptions due.

No Board meeting

MOTION: To publish Capitol Letter during the second half of the legislative session.

Mover: Borg

Second: Watson

Carried

It was decided to publish seven issues. The question of price reduction was raised. It was decided that with the rising price of paper plus the possibility of having to hire a typist there could be no reduction. Borg suggested subscription tear-offs in the Sept.-Oct. VOTER.

January 1: Membership count due in state office

1: Per member payment to national last quarter due  
Budget committee meeting

8: State Board meeting

15: Legislature reconvenes

16: State budget sent to local Leagues

24: CMAL general meeting

29: Workshop on structuring responsive government  
"League Supports" kit for precinct caucuses

MOTION: To prepare a "League Supports" kit for League members for the precinct caucuses.  
Mover: Borg Second: Phillips Carried

It was noted that this item comes under the action budget. McCoy said material should be given to Borg in time for the kit to be available by January 1. Borg suggested a note in the Board Memo saying that it would be for sale earlier. Jenkins questioned whether it should be advertised for sale before it goes out to members. She suggested saying it would be for sale after that date.

MOTION: To hold a workshop on structuring responsive government on January 29.  
Mover: Ebbott Second: Weber Carried

The workshop is to explore ways to involve citizens in effective government. Mary Rollwagen, Minneapolis, will be general chairman. It was suggested that this might be a vehicle for development funds. Andersen asked if we were not having too many workshops. McCoy said this would take the place of a Focus on State Government forum. Amundson suggested the title be: "Citizen  $\longleftrightarrow$  Government".

February 1: National Program suggestions by Bylaw change proposals due (three months before National Convention)  
12: State Board meeting  
19: Focus on State Government  
15: Hope Washburn Award nominations due in state office  
26: Uniform precinct caucus date

MOTION: To have three Focus on State Government forums.  
Mover: Robertson Second: Phillips Carried

Details of the forums are to be left to the committee.

March 1: Local Leagues to report on local corrections facilities and program  
12: State Board meeting  
19: Focus on State Government  
21: CMAL  
Annual reports due

April 2: Focus on State Government  
1: First quarter per member payment to national due  
16-17: State Council. State Board may meet at same time

Jenkins said she was thinking of having workshops at Council on state Program, Voters Service, and National Convention delegate training. She said she hoped to get members other than delegates to Council in for the workshops. The first day of Council would have workshops with the first business session starting about 3:00-5:00 p.m., followed by a dinner. The second day would have two business sessions. Ebbott suggested traveling teams for workshops in round robin style. Borg suggested starting priority-setting discussion at Council if we were going to set priorities again.

May 6-10: National Convention, San Francisco  
14: State Board meeting  
20: Legislature adjourns ?  
21: School board elections  
28-29 Leadership workshops

MOTION: To have Leadership Workshops on May 28 and 29 with national Program staff invited.  
Mover: Jenkins Second: Weber Carried

The workshop on the first day would be for people new to local League Boards and the



second day would be for experienced Boarders.

June 6: CMAL Convention

11: State Board Meeting

PUBLICATIONS: Andersen asked who read the updated publications. McCoy said that Board readers are needed for Program for Action, and that the decision on quantity can be made at the August meeting.

MOTION: To appoint Amundson, Jenkins and Rosenbloom as Board readers for Program for Action.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Watson

Carried

McCoy said that "Facts About the Minnesota League of Women Voters" does not need Board decision on quantity but needs Board readers.

MOTION: To appoint Amundson, Rosenbloom and Ebbott as Board readers for FACTS.

Mover: Andersen

Second: Borg

Carried

On the Publications Catalog, no readers are needed, but each person is supposed to help in her area to compile publications.

Atchison asked who decided what went into New Member Kits. McCoy said that the state membership chairman made that decision.

Discussion of whether to update "How a Bill Becomes a Law" or to use the state version followed. Ebbott said she would have to see the state version before deciding. She added she did not like the League not having this type of material available to distribute. Borg said it might be possible to get a copy of the new Blue Book to each League.

The question of what to do with the old copies of "You Are the Government" was raised. There are about 175 left, and the Welcome School system wants to buy some.

MOTION: That the current "You Are the Government" booklets on hand not be distributed.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Knutson

Carried

The feeling was that there have been enough changes in state government to make the book obsolete. The Welcome School is to be informed that the publication is not available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Steinkamp asked which amendments the League could support.

She proposed support of the amendment to ease amending the constitution, saying that even though it was not the exact League position, it did ease the amending process which League supports. She also felt League could support the amendment on apportionment. Discussion ensued on what procedure is used to decide what bills to support. Ebbott said she thought Program people should know when to bring decisions to the Board and suggested that perhaps Steinkamp's committee could make this decision. Steinkamp answered that her committee did not feel it could make this decision. McCoy outlined the procedures for decision-making. Phillips asked if it were possible to appeal a decision. McCoy said it could be done by bringing it to the full Board. Ebbott suggested we look at how we communicate these decisions to local Leagues, and what the results of the decisions are. Moss noted that all testimony is on file in the office and Board members should check and read the material.

Discussion followed on who should speak for the League on the Campaign Financing issue. Steinkamp suggested Ele Colburn, Minneapolis. There was a question raised of possible conflict of interest because of Colburn's election to the board of the Citizens League. McCoy said that she (McCoy) was willing to be liaison spokesman on the issue with Ebbott

backing her up. Either McCoy or Ebbott could be present at meetings as the League representatives.

MOTION: To appoint Ele Colburn lobbyist for Campaign Financing.

Mover: Steinkamp

Second: Watson

Failed

Amundson pointed out that it was time the League to bring the "big brass" on Campaign Financing. It was stressed that this was in no way a reflection on Colburn.

PRIORITY SETTING: It was decided to continue as we have in the past. Jenkins pointed out that putting the "big brass" on Campaign Financing is a form of priority setting. Ebbott said we are still committed to the priority concept. Borg repeated her suggestion of bringing it up earlier at Council.

CONVENTION '75: It was suggested that Convention be held at a college to cut expenses, however, most colleges are not out early enough. June 2-4 was suggested as possibly being late enough to take advantage of a college facility. Other dates mentioned were May 13-15, 20-22, 27-29.

MOTION: To hold the 1975 State Convention June 2-4 at a college campus.

Mover: Cushing

Second: Andersen

Ebbott said we should define the priorities on Convention and leave the details to the committee. She suggested the first priority was a college location and the second that it be held as early as possible. Cushing withdrew her motion.

MOTION: To give the Convention committee discretion to set the State Convention within priorities: a college location no later than June 2-4, or failing that, a hotel May 13-15.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Jenkins

Carried

The committee will consist of Moss, chairman, Atchison, Cushing and Andersen. McCoy indicated that the committee could elect its own chairman if it so desired.

VOTER: Amundson outlined the contents of the May-June VOTER including: new state Program, Haope Washburn Award winner, appointments to the Board, a new state Board and portfolios, Bylaws changes, Mary Ann's memo, an article on Convention from a local League bulletin, an article on Fedlam visit, an article about the Convention dinner speaker.

The July-August VOTER will be a legislative wrap-up with Helene Borg in charge.

Andersen asked why VOTER dates were not on the calendar. Amundson answered that they were subject to change. It was decided to put the dates in Board Memos.

EDUCATION: Jones referred to the proposals sent to the League from the Advisory Council on Vocational Education. She recommended that we do nothing about them since we have not studied the issues involved. She did want Board approval to continue receiving material from the State Board of Education to be included in the Board Memo mailing. The Board agreed it wanted to continue to receive this material. Ebbott said that maybe we could get "Indian Focus" also.

NONPARTISANSHIP POLICY: McCoy said the state does not have a policy, that it uses the State Board Handbook and decides on individual cases. The

question of being a delegate to county and state conventions was raised. Amundson pointed out that delegates can be asked to raise money for the party. One of the positive aspects of being a convention delegate is the ability to propose League positions at conventions.

Cushing noted that the act of attending a precinct caucus identifies the person with a party. Moss said she thought the national ruling against this type of activity was clear. Weber made a strong plea for letting Board members be convention delegates. McCoy said it sometimes depends on the visibility of the person in the community and on the Board. McCoy said she did not see any policy emerging except a feeling that Board members could not accept office at precinct caucuses.

MOTION: To allow state Board members to be elected delegates at the precinct caucus to county and state conventions.

Mover: Weber

Second: Rockenbach

Failed, with dissent

Rockenbach asked what a League member would do if the party convention adopted a stand different from the League position. It was pointed out that at least the League position could be heard. Phillips noted that it could be valuable to get acquainted with candidates. McCoy noted that the State Board Handbook was contradictory on some of these points. Andersen asked how one could change the national position. McCoy said it could be done at National Convention.

Cushing asked about contributing to individual candidates. McCoy said that these were interpretations of the nonpartisanship policy, and that they can change, and that we have some discretion. She asked if the Board agreed that it was all right for Board members to give modest contributions to individual candidates. The Board agreed to that.

EDITORIAL/PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: McCoy presented the job description for the chairman. McCoy said the state plans to go to a pre-paid policy for publications as national had done. The chairman is to consult with the office manager and president on pricing policies.

COMMITTEES: The Board committee assignments, as previously sent out, were read and changes were noted. Voters Service added Knutson. Membership added Steinkamp. Rockenbach is not the chairman of Judiciary. Representative Government was changed to U.S. Congress and D.C. Home Rule and Direct Election of the President with Knutson as chairman. Steinkamp is chairman of Voting Rights. Education added Borg. Knutson is chairman of Organization of State Government. Financing State Government added Knutson and Waldo. Change Legislative Action to Action and add Knutson and Rockenbach. National Action is changed to Lobbying Congress with Ebbott as chairman and add Knutson. VOTER added Jenkins. Development added Waldo. The Ad Hoc Committee on Revenue Sharing: Moss, Phillips, Watson, Jones, Atchison, Jenkins and Ebbott. Committee on Consensus: McCoy, Ebbott and Weber.

MOTION: To appoint Moss, Robertson, Jenkins to the state budget committee.

Mover: Weber

Second: Cushing

Carried

MOTION: To continue Moss, Amundson, Robertson on the Leadership Memorial Fund Committee.

Mover: Jones

Second: Weber

Carried

INFORMATION: Weber announced a discussion of Justice for Children on NBC8s "Not for Women Only" on June 18 and 20.

Next Board is August 14.

June 15 is the deadline for the VOTER.

Joint Board Resource Chairmen-Lobbyists meeting June 15 at Ebbott's home.



McCoy outlined the procedure for committee meetings. She said to talk over the agenda with the appropriate vice president and send out the agenda ahead of time. Appoint a recorder and send minutes to committee members and Board if a decision is needed. She noted that slips for requesting time on the agenda are sent out before state Board meetings, and that this is a good practice for committee meetings. The Board can be kept informed by memo.

The Board decided to send a letter of commendation to the office manager, Harriett Herb, for her excellent work.

Jenkins commended McCoy for the handling of the State Convention.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Leadership Memorial Fund for funding the retreat.

Steinkamp suggested that a listing be made of publications coming to the state office. Amundson said she receives other state VOTERS and could pass them on to interested persons.

Moss reminded members to keep their files up to date, but not to remove things from them.

Meeting adjourned at 2L35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jante Rosenbloom, Secretary

BOARDER BITS

● Capsuled Happenings:

LWV has been invited to be a sponsor of a U. of M. - Community Seminar Series on revenue sharing. The programs are being organized by Walter Heller and Arthur Naftalin. There will be 6 or 7 sessions, Wednesdays, late afternoon - 4 - 6 p.m., on the University Campus, October and November. The speakers will be outstanding national figures. Other sponsoring organizations along with the LWV will be - League of Minnesota Municipalities, Citizens League, Metro Council.

Late July the Field Service Committee will be meeting with women in Fairmont to explore forming a new League.

The Foundations Subcommittee of the Development Committee will meet July 27, 1973, at 9:30 a.m. in the state office to review proposals for an application to the Minnesota Humanities Commission for a grant in 1973-74. Such grants are to be focused on their state theme: "Regionalism and the Individual". Other qualifications: involve academic humanist in program planning and presentation; be public and primarily for non-students; provide matching fund (these may be "in kind" services).

Annette Whiting was recommended by LWV to serve on the fulltime parole board. The letter has been referred to an advisory committee.

● LWV will have a booth at the State Fair in the government department building - via the Secretary of State. It will be in the League's name. Any ideas? - contact Mary Waldo.

Action: Letters on financing Indian education to Senator Bible, Rep. Julia Hansen.

Time for Action memo to Leagues in the 2nd District on D.C. home rule.

Letter to Ancher Nelsen on D.C.

Suggestion for an editorial on D.C. to the Mpls. TRIBUNE.

Testimony on school desegregation policy with comment on Indian schools - for the State Board of Education public hearing, July 20.

July 12, 9 a.m., State Office Building will be a Department of Human Resources hearing on the expanded coverage of the anti-discrimination legislation.

July 17, 9:30 a.m., hearing on Family Day Care standards at the Auditorium, Arts and Science Center.

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BOARDER BITS  
July 20, 1973

National is thinking of including the Sept./Oct. '72 Campaign Financing VOTER in its bibliography of materials for the new national study. We have copies available and have set the price at 40¢ a copy, postage and handling paid.

Consensus responses: Harriett asks our advice on how long the files of local League responses to state and national with copy to state consensus questions should be kept -- she has now located five. Please give some thought to this, let Liz, Jerry or Mary Ann know your ideas. Perhaps at the August Board meeting we can make a decision?

June Board Meeting Retreat Expenses: Reminder that Harriett needs to know all our expenses for same in order to complete a report on this venture-- please submit vouchers NOW!

Expense Vouchers - Monthly and Complete, Please! Reminder: if we are to make this gross budgeting work, Harriett needs to have "every last penny of their (Boarders') expenses - even if they don't want to be reimbursed - turned in monthly at Board meeting time." Our bookkeeper went on to say, "That's the only way we'll ever get realistic budgets of any sort."

Peggy Gross (Harvard), 5416 Queen Ave., S., Minneapolis 55410, 926-9087, Minneapolis League, has accepted the State Board position as chairman of the Judiciary item.

Legislative Mini-Sessions: Helene Borg has made arrangements to have Senate committee secretaries send meeting notices and/or agendas to the state office. Please check the bulletin board when you're in the office. "Inside the Interim", House of Representatives Newsletter, is also being provided.

A thank you letter was sent to WCCO-Radio's president, Larry Haeg, Sr., for their assistance with one of last year's Fair booths.

Files: By July 27, all files in the office will be ready for your review - cleaning out and deciding on appropriate format. Please arrange to spend some time (maybe 1/2 day) getting your portfolio's files in shape so we can be in a "very ready position" for the League year.

Vacations: Please let Harriett know your schedules so we know when you'll be away. That way if someone calls the office for you, we can refer them to someone else. Thanks.

Office Hours: Office hours for the weeks of July 29 and August 5 will be 9:00 to 2:30. Peggy will be in charge. Harriett's going to be on a community service project - learning about drug prevention programs which might be feasible in suburbia. Jessie will be on vacation for the month of August - available until August 9 for extreme emergencies.



The next State Board meeting of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
will be Tuesday , August 14, 1973 , 9:30 a.m.  
(day) (date) (time)

at the State Office, 555 Wabasha  
(place)

How much time do you wish on the Agenda? \_\_\_\_\_ Subject? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signed)

If you send a copy of your proposed plans to the state office, it will  
be duplicated to go out with Board agenda.

Please return to Mary Ann McCoy (Charles), 2312 Lake Place, Minneapolis  
55405 10 days before the next Board meeting.

# STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 14, 1973 - 9:30 a. m.

State Office - 555 Wabasha

Tea and Coffee will be served - bring your own "bag "

## A G E N D A

### MIN.

Minutes of the June 12, 1973, meeting\*

Treasurers Report - June & July\*

Revision of Agenda

### ACTION

Appointment of Peggy Gross to State Board

Appointment of Cathy Gerster as State Budget Chairman

- 8 Publications (incl. Program for Action--quantity, pricing-Andersen  
2 '75 State Convention Site - Moss - St. Olaf 4/2,3+4  
10 Grant Application to Minnesota Humanities Commission#- Rockenbach  
10 Task Force to study certification for school nurses#  
Consensus Com. report

### DISCUSSION

- 15 Fall Workshops\*- Atchison  
15 Office Management - Moss  
5 Minnesota VOTER - Amundson  
15 Reapportionment Position - Knutson  
5 Conference on Sex Bias in Education - Phillips (Including P.R.  
10 Legislative Outlook - Borg for membership  
15 EQ - Watson

Sex Bias in schools  
You Are What You Are Expected  
To Be  
Henn. Methodist Church lunch  
Toni McNorton 2:50  
50 3.50

### INFORMATION

- 5 State Fair Booth\* - Waldo  
10 Corrections Study - Weber  
10 Expense Vouchers - "how and why"- Office Manager Herb  
10 Travel Packages for National Convention #  
10 Revenue Sharing Series with U of M#

\* - Mailed earlier

# - Included with this mailing

Please bring all \* and # to the meeting.

Target date for Board Memo mailing is August 24th . . please bring material for the body of Board Memo with you to the meeting. Already some of the "enclosures" are in and being duplicated; please bring additional material to meeting or into office by Friday, August 17th.

Copy of MEMORANDUM from LWVUS

To: State League Presidents  
From: Gwen Murphree, Organization Chairman  
Re: Discussion of Nominating and Election Procedures in the  
League of Women Voters of the United States

During the past several years, the procedures set forth in the national bylaws for nominating and selecting the officers and directors of the national board of the League of Women Voters of the United States (Article XI) have been the subject of discussion in local Leagues and of bylaw amendment proposals at national conventions. We anticipate new discussions and bylaw proposals at the 1974 national convention.

During national council in May 1973, several state League delegates taped a discussion of the present national nominating and selection procedures and considered alternatives to the present system. This discussion has been reproduced on thirty minute cassettes, and includes a summary of the evolution of the nominating committee process, a review of how the nominating committee works, characteristics of the present system and some discussion of other means which could be used to identify and select national leaders.

To facilitate member consideration of the present system and of other possibilities, we are sending with this memo two copies of the cassette, a discussion outline, and a summary of the evolution of the system. We hope you will ask local Leagues to set aside some time between now and the end of 1973 during which their members can discuss this subject, so that their ideas can be incorporated into bylaw amendments which may be proposed for Convention consideration. (The deadline for submitting proposals to the national board is February 6.) State Leagues may lend the cassettes and written materials to local Leagues to help stimulate thought and discussion. The national board will also be pleased to hear from you.

DISCUSSION OUTLINE FOR LWVUS NOMINATING AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:  
CHOOSING NATIONAL LEADERS

I. Introduction: Brief Review

--Why are we having this discussion?

--hope to stimulate thinking and discussion to:

- 1) improve our ability to identify and select qualified leaders
- 2) increase opportunities for member participation in selection and election

--How does the present system work?

--What have been some of the changes over the years?

II. How do you feel about the present nominating system?

--What are some of its advantages?

--What are some of its drawbacks?

III. What are your suggestions for changing the present system of nominating leaders?



--Can you weigh the effects of these changes, i.e. their drawbacks and advantages?

#### IV. What about election of nominees?

--How would you change the present system?

--What would be the implications of those changes?

#### V. Summary

##### Evolution of Nominating Committee Procedure

1. The League has always used a nominating committee system in which a nominating committee drew up a single slate for a national board of directors and officers which was presented to and voted on by delegates to national Convention.

The number, composition and procedures of the committee have been modified, but the basic system has remained intact.

2. From 1920 to the mid-thirties, the national Board of Directors appointed a 5-7 member nominating committee, none of whose members could be members of the national Board. At that time, the League had Regional Divisions and the committee was composed of members from each Region. The affiliated Leagues submitted names of candidates for officers and directors and the nominating committee reported to the national Convention a slate proposed by the committee as well as the names of all other candidates received from the affiliated Leagues. Nominations could also be made from the Convention floor. Delegates to Convention voted.

A restriction was added in the mid-thirties which limited affiliated Leagues to proposing nominees for directors from their own regions, although the proviso did not apply to nominations for national officers. In 1936, regional directors were eliminated and the bylaws were amended to provide for appointed as well as elected directors, and in 1938 Regional Divisions were dropped.

A 1946 change in the bylaws called for a 5 member nominating committee, two members of which, but not the chairman, were to be members of the national Board. Local Leagues submitted suggestions for national officers and the elected Board directors as well as for the chairman of the succeeding nominating committee. The nominating committee reported a slate, but no longer also reported additional names of nominees submitted by the Leagues. Following Convention, the national Board of Directors named the appointed directors and the remaining four members of the new nominating committee.

In 1956 the bylaws were further amended to provide that the chairman and the two non-Board members of the succeeding nominating committee were to be proposed by the current nominating committee and elected by delegates to Convention. The bylaws also specified that individual League members could submit names to the nominating committee for Board officers, elected directors and the chairman and elected members of the nominating committee.

In 1970 the nominating committee was enlarged to 7 members, three of whom are Board members and the other 3 and chairman off-Board. The Board of Directors was also enlarged to include 7 officers, 8 elected directors and not more than 8 appointed directors.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
August 14, 1973

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minn., 9:30 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Ebbott, Jenkins, Moss, Amundson, Andersen, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Knutson, Phillips, Robertson, Rockenbach, Waldo, Watson, Weber, Gross.

Board Members Absent (excused): Jones, Rosenbloom.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 13 Board meeting.

Corrections: page 4, 2nd Motion, last sentence, should show: opposite arrows between "Citizen" and "Government".

page 1, Treasurer's Report, line 1 and 2, delete: \$200 budgeted for conferences, etc.

page 3, November, line 2, "Change:" "5th" to "6th".

Additions: Preceding OUTLOOK FOR WORK insert: In response to Convention direction: Delores Hastings, Brooklyn Center, will observe the State Human Rights Commission.

Co-chairmen, Pat Lucas, Shoreview, and Virginia Greenman, St. Paul, to head ad hoc committee to study revenue sharing (formal motion).

Mary Johnston, St. Paul, to do research on Minnesota's Mexican-American population.

Informational tools on housing for local Leagues to be sent out with the Board Memo and used in the VOTER.

Political Accountability Rating feasibility will be considered by the Action committee in consultation with the League lobbyists.

Sex bias in the schools will be the subject of a statewide workshop October 8 in conjunction with membership week. A committee will be determining what further actions Leagues should take.

The minutes were approved with corrections and additions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/73	\$12,677.81
(Moss)	Expenditures 4/1/73 to 6/30/73	14,545.61
	Income 4/1/73 to 6/30/73	13,600.22
	Balance on hand 6/30/73	11,734.42
	Balance on hand 4/1/73	\$12,677.81
	Expenditures 4/1/73 to 7/31/73	20,072.70
	Income 4/1/73 to 7/31/73	15,559.88
	Balance on hand 7/31/73	8,164.99

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add consensus report letter after Task Force - 2 min.

MOTION: To accept with regret the resignation of Barbara Steinkamp.

Mover: Jenkins

Second: Ebbott

Carried

MOTION: To accept the appointment to the state Board of Peggy Gross.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Jenkins

Carried

She will assume the Judiciary portfolio.

MOTION: To accept the appointment of Cathy Gerster, Woodbury, as chairman of the state budget committee.

Mover: Cushing

Second: Knutson

Carried

St. Paul, Hutchinson, Richfield will provide the other members of the committee in addition to the previously appointed Board members. They will be asked to have their budget or finance chairmen serve - not the presidents.

PUBLICATIONS: Comments on the amount of time involved in sending a publication through the (Andersen) channels of readers, to committee, to Board, etc. led to a request for everyone to allow ample time for this procedure.

FACTS: \$80 extra for colored stock. It was agreed to go to the "slim Jim" size and to use white stock with colored ink.

MOTION: To purchase 8000 FACTS from Chase Printing using #60 white stock and colored ink.  
Mover: Andersen Second: Waldo Carried

The committee will determine the unit price.

Program for Action: MOTION: To purchase 4000 copies of Program for Action from Chase Printing.  
Mover: Andersen Second: Watson Carried

The committee will determine colors.

MOTION: To produce by mimeograph an interfacing of state and national positions.  
Mover: Knutson Second: Borg

Discussion followed. A piece such as this will pull it all together, in one place, for local League reference. Program for Action doesn't need such in-depth material. It would be produced in a limited quantity. Weber suggested that local Leagues be polled after a few months on the value of this piece.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: That we review the usefulness of this material before re-doing.  
Mover: Atchison Second: Weber Carried

Vote: The original motion Carried.

'75 Convention: St. Cloud obtained information from St. John's and St. Benedict's. St. (Moss) Cloud State is not available. Northfield obtained information from St. Olaf. St. Scholastica in Duluth is not available. Other costs in Duluth are comparable to costs in the Twin Cities. St. Olaf was the choice of the committee. \$4.70 for three meals - cafeteria and at current prices; \$3.50 for a double room, no service. No charge for meeting rooms. There is a blanket 50¢ per person charge. Dates - June 2,3,4.

GRANT: MOTION: That we apply for a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission (Rockenbach) for 3-5 regional workshops on Regionalism: The Woman's role.  
Mover: Rockenbach Second: Weber

It was explained that the grant's purpose is to use the League to organize the workshop. The goal is community action and involvement. Questions arose of: how much League input and womanpower involved? Rockenbach said the program would have a chairman and committee. Local Leagues could serve. Local areas would do their own programming. The chairman need not be a League member. League is the instigator and overseer. The design is to touch on all areas of women's role in regionalism - government, employment, education, etc. Weber said she found the title difficult and suggested coming up with something different.

Robertson noted that the program is not aimed just at women. Hopefully, it will focus men's attention on women's capabilities, etc.



Phillips said she would want Leagues to have pro-rated attendance if attendance was to be limited.

Watson questioned the position of Leagues in anti-regionalism communities. McCoy replied that a hostile meeting was possible; let them air their disagreements, etc.

Ebbott felt it could be a strain, in terms of workload, for the local Leagues.

MOTION: To table the motion and discuss the project with some local Leagues that might be involved and report back to the September Board meeting.

Mover: Weber

Second: Rockenbach

Carried

TASK FORCE: McCoy reported that the League has been asked to name a representative to (McCoy) serve on a task force set up to study the certifying of public school nurses.

MOTION: That the League of Women Voters appoint a representative to serve on a task force to study the certifying of public school nurses.

Mover: Moss

Second: Knutson

Carried

Discussion followed questioning the appropriateness of League representation. Perhaps the Board could just suggest some names to them. Some felt it was very possibly a self interest group; that they will expect support of positions arrived at.

MOTION: To call the question.

Mover: Rockenbach

Second: Weber

Carried

Vote: The original motion was Defeated.

CONSENSUS COMMITTEE: The committee would like to send a letter and questions (sent to (Jenkins) all Board members) to all local Leagues. The Board agreed it was a good way to get the information they want. Any suggestions about the questions should be given to Jenkins. The letter and questions will go with the August Board Memo.

MHD: The highway department now is required to have citizen input in their planning (Ebbott) They have set dates for a series of meetings around the state. They have requested League involvement - either to provide moderators and be in charge of the meetings or just to promote them. They have requested the list of local League presidents. Because of the League's land use study, we should keep abreast of planning and activity of the department. It was suggested that perhaps the greatest service we could offer is direction in the matter of establishing good citizen participation. Ebbott recommended that local Leagues be alerted to what's going on. Watson proposed a letter be sent to the MHD critical of their "master plan" and the way it was done with a copy to local Leagues. The Board agreed to this plan of action. If local Leagues want to moderate - fine. The degree of cooperation is up to them.

WORKSHOPS: On the basis of estimated costs and 300 participants, \$1.00 for registration (Atchison) will cover costs.

MOTION: That the registration fee for the fall workshops be set at \$1.00.

Mover: Atchison

Second: Jenkins

Carried

If necessary, they can be subsidized some.

Three Leagues will provide the option of a box lunch. Bemidji cannot. The New York booklet on discussion will be the basic publication used. One will be sent to each League.

Virginia Bodine, Edina, one member of the consensus committee, Weber, Jenkins, Cushing and Atchison will go to Bemidji. Local Leagues will provide backup people.

The consensus committee wishes to be informed of all workshops, etc. so they can have representatives attend. They want to have input from local League people.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: Workmen's Service is not doing an adequate job on VOTER changes.  
(Moss) There are two alternatives: We can make our own changes, taking the plates back and forth to Workmen's, or we can take over the entire operation.

MOTION: To purchase the small, manual addressograph package at \$89.  
Mover: Moss Second: Borg Carried

We will keep the plates in the office except during the VOTER mailing. All changes will be done in the office. This will require no additional funds. Savings on the changes made by Workmen's will pay for the machine.

We can have a folding machine for \$11.72 rental per month or \$395 nes. Part of the cost would be charged to Capitol Letter, part capital expenditures.

MOTION: To buy a folding machine.  
Mover: Rockenbach Second: Atchison Carried

The rental contract on the postage meter has expired. We can buy the present machine for \$45 or rent it for three more years for \$43.

MOTION: To rent the postage meter for three more years.  
Mover: Moss Second: Robertson Carried

REAPPORTIONMENT: A subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee wants League testimony (Knutson) on reapportionment. Knutson would recommend that we support the endorsed plan of the Constitutional Commission. She also recommended making a strong statement in support of the plan and lobbying for it. The legislature seems to be in no hurry. It would require a strong campaign, but it will be easier now than 1. We can chart a campaign for local Leagues and prepare a kit for them.

MOTION: That we take action in the form of support for the commission method of reapportionment through a constitutional amendment.  
Mover: Knutson Second: Borg Carried

SEX BIAS CONFERENCE: Conference is set for October 8 at Hennepin Methodist Church.  
(Phillips) Lunch is \$2.50; total cost - \$3.50. Tentative title is "Conference on Sex Bias in Schools: You Are What You Are Expected To Be".  
The keynote speaker will be Toni McNaron. Board members pay their own expenses. The Board will provide the printed programs. Expected attendance is anywhere from 200-400.

Rockenbach is using the conference as a promotion gimmick for the membership drive. The drive is the week of October 7-13. So far two TV spots are confirmed - 10/4 on Channel 9 we have the entire program. 10/5 on Channel 11 we are to be featured on "What's New".

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Borg proposed that a copy of all testimony be sent to each League, (Borg) and that each League receive a copy of Capitol Letter for its files. The Board agreed to this.

The task force on campaign financing is meeting again. The Secretary of State is initiating a court case on the rotation of names on the ballot. The task force may

to enter the case. The task force wants to form a committee that will request voluntary disclosure and that will supervise said disclosure through the Secretary of State's office. The monitoring would be done by League people and other public interest groups associated with the task force. The focus would be on the office of governor.

MOTION: That we participate in all the efforts of the task force.

Mover: Jenkins

Second: Rockenback

Yea - 10, Nay - 5

The motion Carried.

It was noted that League positions are always kept in mind in this sort of coalition effort. We have no position on rotation on the ballot. We can aid in the monitoring of disclosures. We will look at ethics bills as they develop.

The Board agreed to the feasibility of a mini-consensus or concurrence on the issue of rotation.

EQ: It was agreed to publicize to our local Leagues the new Sierra Club publication.  
(Watson)

The EPA has granted money to the Education Fund for a solid waste study. The funds are being allocated to different state Leagues. We declined because we felt we were enough ahead of other states to make it more worthwhile for some of those others to have a share of the grant.

The Water Resources Research Center is holding regional workshops. The first is scheduled for September 26 in the metro area. Local Leagues will be informed when we receive the entire schedule. They are designed to give laymen a chance to present their ideas on the direction to be taken in water research.

VOTERS SERVICE: Fair booth: It still needs volunteers on the week-ends. It was agreed  
(Waldo) that the FACTS on hand could be used for fair distribution. Also for distribution will be a single sheet on election law changes, membership promotion sheet in conjunction with the sex bias conference, possibly a revenue sharing piece.

CORRECTIONS: The committee's efforts have been concentrated on pulling together a study  
(Weber) guide. It will be out in September. The guide will include definitions, questions for agencies, an outline of the Department of Corrections. McEbbott, Jenkins and Andersen will read.

BOOKKEEPING: Vouchers: Herb will be keeping a record on non-cash contriutions and expenditures for the Program committees. It is to be done by committee and should so be indicated on the voucher. Everyone should break down amounts; don't just give lump sums.

VOTER: 1000 extra copies of the current VOTER have been ordered for membership  
(Amundson) promotion for local Leagues. The publications chairman and the VOTER editor will decide on unit cost and if it can be subsidized for a select give-away at the fair.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: Ebbott had suggested to national the possibility of a package travel  
(Ebbott) deal. National turned it back to state. Investigation disclosed that a better deal can be had if it includes the hotel booking; no differences otherwise; fares will be higher. We will indicate to local Leagues that arrangements can be made through state.



A national staff person is interested in a trip to Minnesota to meet with Indians. She will probably arrive in mid-October and arrangement for such a meeting will be made.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Thompson, Secretary, pro tem

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

To: Boarders "For Your Information"

From: Mary Ann

Re: Travel Arrangements for Convention '74 in San Francisco, May 6 - 10

Date: August 9, 1973

Liz and I have been receiving information about group travel arrangements that might be made available for League members traveling to the next National Convention. Liz may have more complete information from her sources when we talk at the 8/14 meeting; so far her info reads like this: Depart 8:30 am., Mon., May 6 and return on Fri., May 10 - Group fare: \$176.00 (\$46 saving over regular single fare). This is not a charter flight; regular flight, but saving is available due to people traveling as a group.

Sources reporting to me indicate a slightly different package: Depart 10 am., Sun., May 5 and return on May 10 (later date might be arranged at small extra charge, but group must all depart TC airport together, May 5. This, too, is not a charter flight; regular flight - saving due to the group travel options mentioned above apparently. Package includes air fare, 5 nights in El Cortez Hotel near Union Square, baggage handling, transportation from and to airport in SF, and may include a Grayline "familiarization" tour of SF (the latter indefinite at this writing!). Need at least 49 people to get the package rate of \$220.00 which includes all above.

Apparently the round trip air coach fare is now about \$222.

Either of these plans might be helpful to Leagues budgeting for delegates. We were unable to arrange any group rate packages for the '72 Convention in Atlanta. Approx 57 Minnesota Leaguers attended the '72 Convention.

To: All Boarders  
From: Harriett  
Re: This and That

We have finally gotten all files in order. So our request to you, see July 23, 1973, Boarder Bits, is now "operative". I know you're all just thrilled to death, but please help us help you more effectively and efficiently by reviewing your files. Thanks.

When you come to the Board meeting, please bring the list of your committee members. We need to know the names and addresses - phone numbers too - particularly of your off-Board members. We'd sure appreciate it.

The office staff is suffering from a mild case of amnesia. We can't recall exactly who is getting local League bulletins and sharing them with whomever. Jerry and Carolyn - could you please refresh our memories.

The office sent a letter to Cong. Bill Frenzel for Mary Ann requesting information on the Nationwide voter registration section of a committee Bill heads. We have his reply for those who really want to know. Copies of that letter to Bill were also sent to National Office and Ruth Cain.

Our refrigerator arrived on Monday. Jessie, Peg and I are surely enjoying our lunches more than ever. You all can try it out on Tuesday. It's great.

# memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

This is going on  
Duplicate Presidents Mailing

September 1, 1973

TO: Local and State League Presidents

FROM: Lucy Wilson Benson, President

## C A L L

To the 31st National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

The 31st National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States will be held in San Francisco, California, May 6th - 10th, 1974 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel.

Under Article IX, Section 5 of the National Bylaws the Convention is charged to "consider and authorize for action a Program, ... elect officers and directors, ... adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and ... transact such other business as may be presented."

Article XIII sets forth the procedures for program selection. The final date for local and state League recommendations to reach the national office is the 6th of February, 1974. The national board of Directors will submit the proposed program by the 25th of March.

The same dates will be observed for proposed bylaw changes.

As in the past, the report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors and chairman and three members of the Nominating Committee will be sent out two months prior to Convention (March 4, 1974).

The June/July '73 issue of the National VOTER contains background information on national program. The national board will send state and local Leagues a form for program recommendation reporting. The national board has decided not to issue a program-making Leaders Guide for the 1974 Convention. A limited number of the Leaders Guide for the 1972 Convention are available for background (Pub. #356, 25¢). National Board Reports and the National Voter will continue to provide information and direction about the 1974 Convention.

Plan now so you can have your full delegation at this 31st Convention.



The next State Board meeting of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
will be Tuesday, Septmeber 11, 1973, 9:30 a.m.  
(day) (date) (time)

at the State Office, 555 Wabasha  
(place)

How much time do you wish on the Agenda? \_\_\_\_\_ Subject? \_\_\_\_\_

Please have your agenda resolutions  
to the office by Sept. 6.

HH

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signed)

If you send a copy of your proposed plans to the state office, it will  
be duplicated to go out with Board agenda.

Please return to Mary Ann McCoy (Charles), 2312 Lake Place, Minneapolis  
55405 10 days before the next Board meeting.

ek = "Y" on Focus Days immediately - Call H.H. prior  
memo on wing - OCT 3

S T A T E   B O A R D   M E E T I N G

Get liaison person to H.H.

Tuesday, September 11, 1973 - 9:30 a.m.

State Office - 555 Wabasha Street

Coffee and Tea will be served -

bring your own "bag" (refrigerator available)

A G E N D A

Min.

Minutes of August 14, 1973 meeting\*  
Treasurer's Report#  
Revision of Agenda

ACTION

30 Guidelines for Development# - Robertson  
20 Financial Contribution to Environmental Services Bureau - Watson  
60 Report on Election Laws Committee Research: Ballot Position# - Nov. 1  
conclusion

DISCUSSION

30 Land Use Workshop Planning# - Watson - Cushing - go on chairman  
40 State Budget Priorities - 1974-5  
20 Corrections Guide# - Weber  
20 VOTER - Sept./Oct. '73 - Rosenbloom  
20 National Campaign Financing Study - Ebbott

INFORMATION

10 Field Service - Cushing  
10 CMAL - McCoy  
10 Voters Service - State Fair Wrapup - Waldo  
10 Legislative Action - Borg  
Judiciary - Peary  
Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 9

\* - Mailed to you earlier  
# - Included in this mailing  
Please bring all \* and # to the meeting.

Bring Board Memo material to meeting - both for content of  
Memo and to be enclosed as separate sheets. Mailing date for  
Memo - 9/21/73.

State Budget Priorities: Cathy Gerster, State Budget Committee Chairman,  
will be meeting with us this month as we make preliminary Budget plans  
and again in October when we draft State Board Budget Suggestions. Set  
your Thinking Cap\$ at a raki\$ tilt and think "Growth", "\$trength",  
"Live", "Action", "Service", "Member\$".

Memo to: Board Members  
From: Eleanor Weber  
Re: Corrections Committee Guide

Enclosed is the proposal for the Corrections Committee Guide.  
Please review it prior to the Board meeting of 9-11. Bring it with you  
to the meeting. Do you have changes of substance to discuss? Or a  
question about clarity of meaning? Or a needed addition (deletion) to  
the contents? If so- please note exact page and bring your comment to  
the Board meeting.

Re: Committee Guide From: H.H.  
Although the enclosed Guide looks in final form, it's the draft  
Eleanor refers to. We did it this way to give you an idea of the  
finished product.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Board of Directors

September 11, 1973

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minn., 9:30 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Moss, Phillips, Atchison, Waldo, Jones, Jenkins, Knutson, Weber, Robertson, Andersen, Ebbott, Cushing, Borg, Rockenbach, Rosenbloom, Gross.  
Non-Board Members Present: Mary Poppleton, for Mary Watson, Cathy Gerster, chairman, state budget committee.  
Board Members Absent (excused): Amundson, Watson.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 14 Board meeting.

Mover: Phillips

Second: Moss

Carried

Corrections: page 2, Convention '75, delete figures quoted and insert: "St. Olaf could not quote prices for two years hence. The rates for June 1973 were: \$4.70 per day for three meals (cafeteria), \$3.50 per day per person for a double room (no service), plus a \$.50 per day per person contingency charge. There were no charges for meeting rooms. Dates: June 2,3,4."

page 3, Motion to appoint a representative to serve on a task force to study the certifying of public school nurses, delete: "Carried".

The minutes were approved with the above corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand 4/1/73 \$12,677.81  
(Moss) Expenditures 4/1/73 to 8/31/73 22,408.64  
Income 4/1/73 to 8/31/73 18,792.79  
Balance on hand 8/31/73 9,061.96

Moss reported that a preliminary report on the State Convention shows a surplus of \$957.69. Ebbott noted that she had some bills from the Convention. McCoy indicated that it was intended to make money on Convention, but it was difficult to estimate attendance price realistically. She added that Council has operated at a loss.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add Judiciary report to Information section.  
Add Local Program to Land Use Workshop Planning.  
Move Land Use and Local Program Workshop Planning to follow Guidelines for Development.  
Delete Financial Contribution to Environmental Services Bureau -  
Watson not present to report on it.

DEVELOPMENT: Robertson reported that the Development Committee is working on a form on (Robertson) Development to go to local Leagues. She said it uses a question and answer format, raising and answering questions that local Leagues might have. It is scheduled to go with the Board Memo in October. She indicated they wanted local League reaction. Robertson said that they had had response from ten state Leagues which have tried Development. These Leagues recommended being very careful on guidelines so they don't cause later problems. Ebbott asked if we were talking about state level fund-raising or state education fund. Robertson responded that the discussion was about state level fund-raising; that a state educational fund would be uneconomical. She indicated the committee was interested in getting funds for the Corrections publication.



LAND USE WORKSHOP: Poppleton said the purpose of the workshops was to acquaint the out-state Leagues with what was happening in land use. Jenkins said she thought the suggested League attendance was unrealistic. Field service chairman, Cushing, will work out a regrouping. McCoy asked if the material would be specific to an area or general in scope. Poppleton said it would be general so that Leagues can be reassigned. Poppleton asked if a Human Resources person was coming. Phillips suggested Pat Lucas on housing. Local agenda chairman, Jones, noted that a number of Leagues have land use and development as local Program and wondered how they could attend both sections of the workshop. Poppleton said she was willing to repeat sections so everyone interested could get the information. She added that materials were being provided free. Ebbott said that the CMAL Land Use consensus was available and that action could be taken under it. She said that outstate Leagues had received copies of it and that an update is in progress and may be available by the workshops. McCoy appointed Cushing as general chairman. She is to set up a committee meeting to work out details. Moss indicated she wanted extra time at the upcoming field service workshops for budget. McCoy noted that there will be workshops in September and October as well as a conference in October and that she is having mini-presidents meetings including a meeting with the Rock County evening unit on October 23.

ELECTIONS LAWS COMMITTEE RESEARCH: McCoy presented the report from the State Election Laws Committee stating the arguments in favor of League support of rotation of names of candidates

for the same office on ballots. Ebbott said she thought some of the arguments were a bit strained. She added that we do have agreed to assumptions without consensus having been reached on them: democracy, equality, etc. She added that national faced the issue and established basic premises that are assumed all agree to without study or consensus. She cited the position in support of "enabling candidates to compete more equitably for public office". She said that rotation follows from that since it has been shown that the placement of a name on the ballot does make a difference. Ebbott asked if we wanted to go to the members for support of this conclusion. McCoy asked the Board if the report made clear to them that there is an advantage in being first on the ballot. The Board members indicated that it did. McCoy added that because of the advantage enjoyed by the candidate having his name first on all ballots, the one-man, one-vote principle was jeopardized; that an individual's vote is diluted by the unthinking percentage of voters who vote for the first name. She said, however, we would probably rely most heavily on the national position.

MOTION: That the LWV of Minnesota supports the rotation of names of candidates for the same office on ballots and seeks repeal of present state election statutes forbidding rotation of names on partisan ballots and that this support position be presented to local Leagues for concurrence.

Mover: Jenkins

Second: Jones

Carried

Knutson asked if this concurrence would be ready for the next Board meeting. McCoy said she did not think so. She indicated there is a possibility that the law might be declared unconstitutional. It was felt that there ought to be some deadline for local League response. It was decided to send information out with the Board mailing and ask for a November 1 deadline. It was indicated that it was not necessary to present this to a unit meeting; that the local Board could decide it. McCoy and Andersen will prepare a one page fact sheet on the question and procedure. Jenkins suggested a tear-off response sheet. McCoy pointed out that the Board was doing a momentous thing, using the concurrence method. Ebbott added that it proved that LWV could act fast.

STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES: McCoy said that last year we looked at goals and methods to reach them, choosing priorities and how to meet them. She added that it was not a completely successful approach given the fact that there is only a certain amount of money to spend. How to divide it is a question of priorities.

The approach this year will be to get a dollar budget from committees by October Board meeting. McCoy said one of her goals is a 21-member Board. She would like one more person in Program and the other in field service. She said it had not been budgeted for realistically. Atchison asked if this had hampered getting people for the Board. McCoy said it did not, but it limited sights and goals. Ebbott added that money spent on Board members comes back manyfold in terms of the work they do. McCoy asked Jenkins and Ebbott to think about adding money for extra Board persons in field service and Program.

McCoy asked what areas felt they needed more money to do a better job. She asked Gross what the Judiciary committee had in mind. Gross said keeping local Leagues informed on current happenings in the judiciary field. Borg said that a realistic budget called for a staff person to do legislative work and possibly Capitol letter. Ebbott said the action people should ask more from the staff. Phillips added that we use staff for clerical help, but we should have research help, too. Waldo pointed out that the state fair booth decimated the Voters Service budget, but the cost should be spread out over other categories and that perhaps there should be a special budget item for it.

Weber asked how much we had contemplated paying an additional action staff person. McCoy said originally we thought of \$300 a month while the legislature was in session, but with the flexible session and interim, we might need someone on a 12-month basis. It was pointed out that this salary figure was in line with that being paid for similar services by other organizations.

McCoy asked what field service saw as its needs, noting that Fairmont and Cottage Grove had indicated interest in forming Leagues. She asked if any Leagues wanted to become area Leagues and what were the costs involved. Cushing said that some Leagues used the area approach to help their Leagues but found that they just added problems. Poppleton noted that some suburban Leagues that had gone the area route now find that, with growth in the area, communities want to revert to local Leagues. Jenkins said that field service had not tried to push consolidation. McCoy pointed out that League membership covers a lot of state communities and legislative districts. Cushing added that field service has prepared a form asking what communities, school districts, etc. were represented in the local League.

Andersen asked if Editorial-publications should have a line item in the budget.

Weber asked if she could check on what other committees have spent. McCoy said to check with Moss and the office manager for that information.

Ebbott recommended giving Board members a definition of categories for their budget-making. Jenkins said the Land Use Workshops point up the need for Program people to go into the field and that in preparing the budget we should know if Program people are willing to go out. Ebbott suggested an analysis of the FS budget as to amount spent for Program and advising. Cushing asked if the state had ever had money to subsidize the sending of members from local Leagues to national conventions. The Board felt this was a good idea and that an item for this should be put in the FS budget proposal.

The budget committee meets in January and the final Board meeting for action prior to that is November.

CORRECTIONS GUIDE: Weber reported that 23 committee members met the previous day and (Weber) that committee meetings are planned twice a month with resource people from corrections - staff, inmates, etc. - and that research is also going on. Five people put the Guide together. She said the goal was to have the information in by March 1 with the publication at the printers by July 1. The Board reviewed the Study Guide and made suggestions. Andersen suggested putting the organizational charts after the section on the Department of Corrections.



Rockenbach asked for a clarification of "victimless crimes", possibly listing examples. McCoy suggested checking with the Department of Education's state library service to see if any of the books in the bibliography were available through them. It was suggested that the time the interviews are expected to take be put on the questionnaires so the interviewer can request adequate time. Andersen suggested separating the interview forms from the body of the Study Guide. Weber did not think that was a good idea. McCoy said the table of contents should state there is material with a deadline contained within. Ebbott suggested sending duplicate copies of the forms. Weber said that the covering letter would indicate that extra copies were available. There was some question about the clarity of the interview questions, whether the "you" meant the interviewer or interviewee. Weber said that if referred to the interviewee; that the committee wanted to get the opinions of the people working in the various corrections areas. It was pointed out that the committee must consider the possibility that some questionnaires might be left with individuals to fill out. Weber said the committee would indicate that the interviews are to be conducted personally. Andersen said the Guide should contain the name of the chairman and committee who prepared it.

VOTER: The September-October VOTER is to be an in-house issue. It will include (Rosenbloom) articles on CMAL, consensus, development, the conference on sex bias in education, revenue-sharing seminar, action in Albert Lea, Capitol Letter subscription announcement and tear-off. The question of price for the Capitol Letter was raised. It was pointed out that there was a surplus from the last subscription, but with rising costs of paper we could not count on another surplus. It was felt that the price should not be lowered.

MOTION: To set the subscription price for Capitol Letter at \$2.25.

Mover: Borg

Second: Jenkins

Carried

Other items suggested for the VOTER included an article on the state fair booth by Waldo, an announcement of the publication of Program for Action and FACTS by Andersen. Ebbott suggested an update on the Tax item for the November-December VOTER. Phillips will contact Nina Rothschild about an article on sex bias in public education.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FINANCING: Ebbott said the item did not need explanation; that the (Ebbott) National VOTER was adequate. She said there would be an update of the state Campaign Financing status in the Board Memo. Local Leagues are to let state know what they did on the study.

FIELD SERVICE: Board members were requested to let the FS committee know what contact (Cushing) they have had with consultant Leagues. She said that Fairmont may get a League going. Cushing noted that the Brooklyn Center League wrote all Leagues in the state noting that \$1.00 more per member would cover the state budget deficit and suggesting that all Leagues consider donating this much more. The response has not been overwhelming. Cushing will write a letter of appreciation to Brooklyn Center for their continuing concern for the state budget. It was noted that some Leagues are raising money by contracting with their municipality to register voters on election day.

Jenkins said that during her visit to the Mid-Mesabi League they expressed interest in the revenue-sharing seminar and wondered if they could get a report of the presentations. She suggested using the VOTER or a bulletin insert approach. It was pointed out that Virginia Greenman has asked to represent the League at the seminar, and it was suggested that perhaps she could write summaries of the sessions. Ebbott said it was the policy that persons attending meetings at League expense should give written reports on them.



McCoy said she had received tapes from national on nominating and election procedures in the LWVUS with the suggestion that state Leagues do something with them prior to the national Convention. Ebbott suggested they might be used at the workshops. Jenkins volunteered to listen to them and report back to the Board.

CMAL: McCoy noted that under its new status as an ILO, CMAL is an organization of (McCoy) members not delegates. She said it is cooperating with MPIRG on its highway petitions. She said the law school again is using the Land Use Puzzle as a text. She said that CMAL was sending people to the discussion workshop. Jenkins said they should have someone at the budget workshop. It was noted that CMAL needs a legislative action chairman.

VOTERS SERVICE: Waldo reported on the state fair booth. She noted that the teletype (Waldo) machine did not function too well in hot, humid weather. She did not have a figure yet on how many legislative profiles were given. Waldo said that she had many requests for a political accountability rating on legislators.

Waldo asked if the League should be at the fair on its own. She said if we decide to do it again we should budget for it and get in another building, pointing out that she spent about \$200, and that maybe we could spend that and get a smaller booth in a better location. McCoy said to put the request in writing for the budget committee. Andersen suggested contacting WCCO again. Rockenbach pointed out that WCCO was only interested in major political years, and do we want exposure only every two years. Jenkins said she felt it was more promotion than Voters Service. Ebbott said when she worked at the booth with WCCO it was a madhouse with little chance for communication with the public. Rockenbach suggested getting an agreement with WCCO, if we do it again, to interview League members on the air at regular intervals. Waldo asked whether the goal of a booth was VS or PR. Borg suggested the possibility of getting a subsidy for a separate booth.

A committee consisting of Waldo, chairman; Rockenbach, Robertson, Atchison and Borg was appointed to explore the matter and prepare a budget proposal. It was suggested that local Leagues be asked if they think this use of manpower is worthwhile. WCCO was to be contacted to see if they were interested in working with the League again.

Waldo explained that the Precinct C<sub>a</sub>ucus Kits were behind schedule because of the fair and expressed some concern about the VS budget. McCoy pointed out that these kits are not meant for members but are sold to other organizations such as labor unions, MEA, schools. She also noted that the price charged should cover the cost of the free ones. Members get a "League Supports" pamphlet for use at precinct caucuses.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Borg reported that the Minnesota Womens Political Caucus (MWPC) (Borg) was trying to set up babysitting services for lobbyists, and the idea is turning into a day care center. She said it is only in the planning stage and asked if there were any way League could cooperate in the venture. McCoy said she did not see any problem about supporting it by publicizing it and using the facilities but not by financial or personnel help. She suggested appointing a committee member to act as liaison.

Ebbott said that we need to approve new lobbyists. She also said we should consider more effective ways of testifying, especially with the more informal committee meetings of the interim session. An action committee meeting is set for October 3 at the Campus Club. There was some discussion of coordinators for congressional action. Borg suggested a field service consultant in the action area.

JUDICIARY: Gross said the committee wanted to keep local Leagues apprised of legislative action in the judiciary area, and they were planning a system of committee watching. Jenkins suggested a fence-mending action toward League that were upset by the Judiciary consensus questions, pointing out the value of that kind of consensus. Ebbott suggested expanding on areas which gave local Leagues trouble in consensus such as victimless crimes.

Atchison raised the question of whether or not state Board members are supposed to pay for workshops. She suggested that members could pay for lunches, but the state should pay registration fee. McCoy said that a certain number of Board members are budgeted into workshop expense as part of overhead. Phillips questioned whether at conferences Board members really contributed enough to justify paying their expenses. A question was raised about the local League workers helping at conferences - should they have to pay and how much. Gross said that she did not think the chairman and committee members for a conference should have to pay. Jones said that perhaps Board members could be reimbursed for League workshops

MOTION: That the state Board pay for state Board members' attendance at League workshops.

Mover: Phillips

Second: Moss

Tabled

A League workshop was defined as a workshop for League members only, not the public.

MOTION: To table the motion and ask the treasurer to check to see how much this would cost the League and report to the next Board meeting.

Mover: Weber

Second: Andersen

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

Tuesday, October 9, 1973 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha Street  
Coffee, Tea, Vanilla Skim Milk & Pop will be served  
Bring your own "bag"

Please bring Board Memo body copy to Board Meeting; separate material to accompany Board Memo due in state office by Tuesday, October 16th. Mailing target date: October 19th.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
October 9, 1973

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minn., 9:30 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Amundson, Borg, Phillips, Ebbott, Watson, Jones, Jenkins, Knutson, Waldo, Rockenbach, Cushing, Atchison, Andersen, Weber, Gross, Rosenbloom, Moss.  
Staff: Harriett Herb  
Non-Board Members Present: Cathy Gerster, chairman, state budget committee; Pam Berkwitz for Robertson.  
Board Member Absent (excused): Robertson.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 11, 1973 Board meeting.  
Mover: Jones Second: Jenkins Carried

Corrections: page 2, Land Use Workshop, Moss said she did not need time at a workshop but at a meeting.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand 4/1/73 \$12,667.81  
(Moss) Expenditures 4/1/73 to 9/30/73 27,767.44  
Income 4/1/73 to 9/30/73 21,509.49  
Balance on hand 9/30/73 6,419.86

It was noted that the item on file updating for the VOTER included weekend work on the files at home by the office manager.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Postpone Publications action until Andersen arrives.  
Delete Capitol Letter subscription rate revision.  
Reduce time allotted to request for contribution to Environmental Services.  
Add to discussion: ERA bracelet, tour to Netherlands.  
Add to information: Judiciary, CMAL, Burton visit, Action report.

McCoy thanked and commended the chairmen and committees involved in making the discussion techniques workshops and the conference on SEX Bias in Education so successful. She said she had heard good comments on them, and she noted the good PR coverage of the conference.

Watson presented the request for financial support of the Environmental Services Bureau. The ESB sent out legislative ratings on environmental issues, and the League has used them.

MOTION: That the LWVMN contribute \$15 to the work of the Environmental Services Bureau.  
Mover: Watson Second: Borg Carried

It was noted that this contribution would not mean that the League's name would be used, rather it was a contribution in return for the rating sheet service. Jenkins asked if \$15 were enough. Jones said we could give more later if the League used more services. McCoy indicated she thought the EQ committee could decide to contribute from its budget without needing Board approval.

BUDGET PROPOSALS: The office manager, Harriett Herb, presented the proposed operating costs section of the budget in the absence of the treasurer. Herb said there were questions the Board must decide before final cost figures could be reached. She asked what should go on the DPM, noting that there are 29 paid DPM subscriptions and the total number sent, including complimentary, etc., is 43. She also

asked if there should be a decision on what should be sent to members at large. She indicated that there had been no policy on DPMs, and she and the president just decided between themselves what should go. She asked if the Board Memo should be limited to two per League in view of rising paper costs and postage increases.

MOTION: To keep Board Memo and DPM mailings as they are.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Jones

Carried

It was noted that members at large get only the state and national VOTERS and major publications for their \$15. Suggestions as to what they should get included a modified DPM, all printed material (excluding memiographed material), state publications.

MOTION: That the Program and Membership chairmen decide what material should go to members at large.

Mover: Weber

Second: Atchison

Carried

The question of what should go into the DPM was raised. Cushing said she had not had any comment as field service chairman on the content. McCoy appointed the following committee to make recommendations as to the content of the DPM: Moss, Andersen, Cushing and Borg.

Knutson asked if the DPM were used for Program or administration. McCoy said it was intended for both purposes and that she was distressed to know that only 29 Leagues were using it. She wondered what the local League files were like without it.

Salaries: Herb noted that unemployment insurance may go up as the number of hours work goes up. The office management committee has not met yet to discuss salaries; it may plan for regular increments. She said we may need a typist if Peggy Thompson will be doing more legislative work. It was felt the office management committee should meet to get a dollar figure. Ebbott suggested including Borg as Action representative. It was suggested that the Action person should be under the salary section of the budget rather than in the Action budget. Ebbott suggested looking into a researcher type rather than a typist; that maybe we could take advantage of a program sponsored by the University whereby 80% of the salary of such a person is paid by the U.

McCoy pointed out that the national budget has salaries under the Action items and asked that the office management committee consider keeping the Action person under the Action budget. McCoy directed the office management committee and Borg to meet and make recommendations on salary and staff needs to the next Board meeting.

Herb said she was requesting a dolly for moving the mail downstairs because there were problems with the pickup service. The price was quoted at \$63.

Audit: It was noted that recently the League has had the audit donated which has created problems with the books being kept for a long time.

MOTION: To include \$150 in the budget for an audit.

Mover: Jenkins

Second: Amundson

Carried

It was asked if this was a realistic figure. Atchison suggested it might be nearer \$800. Ebbott suggested bringing back a figure for the November Board meeting. The last professional audit was done four years ago.

Capital Expenditures: Herb recommended buying a cassette tape recorder. It was noted that the secretary chairs were budgeted for this fiscal year but not yet purchased, and it was suggested there might be money to buy the cassette out of this year's budget. Ebbott raised the question of general procedure on capital expenditures, wondering if



there was any planning for unforeseen large expenditures. Herb recommended budgeting for additional expense on an accrual basis. McCoy requested that Herb make a list of capital expenditures with depreciation and expected use left for the November meeting.

Board Expenses: McCoy noted that the figures are based on a 22-member Board. The nominating committee budget was raised to \$250 because one member is from Duluth which increases the travel cost. McCoy said that Minnesota was one of the largest Leagues nationally but had a relatively small Board. She suggested that it might be time to recommend a Bylaws change to increase the number of elected Board members. Atchison said that with gross budgeting her committee appears to have spent all its budget allotment even though members are donating their travel and there is a cash balance unspent. She asked how to handle this situation. McCoy said to ask for a revision of the budget. Knutson asked if this kind of accounting could appear on the Treasurer's Report so committees could know how much is available. McCoy indicated that it would take a lot of extra time, and Ebbott noted that this information was available in the books. Jenkins asked if there could be an accrual fund for monies not spent by committees in their budget year. Herb pointed out that the increased cost of the Board included the Board retreat and the luncheon preceding the State Convention which were reimbursed. McCoy said that the Board would use the figure \$1176 to work with.

Finance and Development: There was no report available so last year's figures were used.

Membership: Atchison indicated that the committee put down the ideal. She said the committee members had donated expenses, but it was felt that the donated figure should be shown under gross budgeting. Another \$50 was added to committee expenses for a total of \$100. The committee also put down \$100 for seed money for a possible audio-visual presentation about the League, either film, slides or film strip. Ebbott said that a slide show was most practical since slide projectors were more readily available. Jenkins noted that part of the money might come from another budget area. Atchison added that the committee wanted a travelling display case that could be put up at meetings and workshops. She said that the committee felt the promotional ad for membership week could be financed by donations.

Field Service: Cushing said the committee was raising last year's figure by one-third. The committee suggested a meeting of delegates to the National Convention prior to the Convention for informational purposes. It was planned that this would take place at Council so there would be no extra travel expense, only cost for materials. An inter-League ad hoc committee fund was proposed to be available to start inter-League activities when the need might arise. It was indicated that this could be a revolving fund. Weber suggested that some of this money could come from Program areas as encouragement type money. The committee suggested a National Convention assistance fund per the recommendation made at the September Board meeting. It was felt it would encourage Leagues to think of sending delegates to National Convention. This would not apply for the '74 Convention, and it would be an accrual fund. Ebbott said it might be used for State Conventions. McCoy said that only a few local Leagues did not come to State Convention, and she did not think the reason was financial.

Public Relations: The PR chairman, Rockenbach, will attend a public relations seminar at the University of Minnesota with tuition of \$20. The committee also suggested preparing three half hour programs for Channel 17 which could be trial runs for programs on other TV stations. Rockenbach noted that personal contact is the most important part of PR and recommended taking media people to lunch. She asked that the action chairmen give the PR chairman specifics of what they are going to focus on so she can make a packet to present to the media. It was noted that the VOTER will have this information in the next issue, and that it might be used for this purpose. Ebbott suggested a how-to workshop for local League PR people, noting that some don't know how to write press releases, etc.



Budget Committee: The figure is raised by one third over last year to \$173.

Nominating Committee: It was recommended that \$250 would be a more realistic figure because of greater travel costs.

State Program-making Committee: Three meetings of this committee were foreseen at a cost of \$100.

Office Management Committee: The proposed figure was raised one third over last year to \$35.

State Council: It was noted that the Council does not pay for itself and that surplus from the State Convention has been used to make up the deficit.

National Convention: McCoy reported that a travel package to the National Convention is being worked out at a cost of \$303 per person. The state Board budgets for three delegates. Ebbott asked where the hotel was in relation to the Convention hotel. McCoy said she thought it was at most five or six blocks from it. Ebbott said there were advantages to being at the Convention hotel. It was pointed out that it is at the Hilton and rooms are very expensive. It was suggested that perhaps Minnesota could have a hospitality room at the Hilton.

MOTION: That the state Board offer a travel package to Minnesota delegates stand investigate having a hospitality room at the Convention hotel.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Cushing

Carried

McCoy said she would check with the travel agent on the distance of the tour hotel from the Convention hotel. The group would leave on Sunday morning and return on Thursday night.

National Conferences and Regional Meetings: The amount, \$530, is up one-third from last year. The amount was not used this year, but it was recommended that it be in the budget.

Affiliations: Ebbott suggested this category could be abolished and applied to the Program area. She pointed out that it must be something related to League function. It was decided to keep it at \$50.

National Services: No figure has been received from national at this time.

VOTER: Amundson said the VOTER proposal was based on seven issues including two six-page issues. She said she did not raise the estimate by one-third but was investigating cheaper paper. The printing estimate was \$2925 and Postage \$1000. She said the paid file updating was being eliminated and \$25 was budgeted for staff and volunteer updating. Committee expenses were raised to \$325. She noted there was income from subscriptions to the VOTER of \$75 and non-cash income of \$150.

Educational Activities: Ebbott proposed reordering this category to eliminate political action and League supported items so that soft money could be used in this area.

Corrections: Weber said she checked the figures of the Judiciary study to get a basis for her committee's budget. She estimated expenses for about six months at \$445. She estimated the publication at \$3000 and a workshop, if held, at \$500. She said \$357 had been spent so far. She asked if a workshop or conference should be held. The Board felt there should be one, but it was pointed out that it would be a self-supporting workshop. Phillips commented that she understood that the figure given at Convention for a new study was \$2400 for the complete study, not \$2400 per year, and the current budget would indicate that. Ebbott added that the \$2400 figure included salaries

paper and overhead costs which are allocated elsewhere to the actual cost would be less than \$1200 per year. Herb pointed out that it cost an average of \$14 per member to attend committee meetings. Weber said on that basis her committee expense would be up to \$8000. Phillips asked if all members were productive. Weber answered that she felt they were all important; that outstate members got a real sense of being part of League by participating on a study.

Voters Service: Waldo noted that the committee expense was raised because 1974 was an election year. McCoy said that we have not heard from ABC Reporting, and that it should not be included in the budget as income.

Waldo recommended that the state fair booth be a separate budget item. She said that state fair rules say that educational groups may get free booth space, possibly in the education building. The committee felt that the booth should be in a high visibility location. Jenkins pointed out that it can be included in the budget and that Council or Convention delegates can decide on whether to have a fair booth. She said the League has let the offer of free space determine the decision to participate rather than having a policy on it.

Position Support: It was decided to break down categories under position support into: 1. Action and 2. Staff. Borg suggested recruiting an extra staff person now since money had been budgeted this year for it. This would allow us to report to Council on how this arrangement is working. She said the role of district coordinators has been expanded to include state as well as national action. Borg noted that amendment promotion had not been included. She said the League had joined coalitions working for passage in past years. McCoy said this approach had been not altogether satisfactory and thought we should re-think it. Amendment promotion was added at \$500.

Workshops: Two fall workshops and a leadership workshop were budgeted for field service workshops at \$1000. State action workshops were budgeted at \$1700.

Editorial/Publications: Andersen said she did not know exactly how to figure her committee's needs and asked to report at the November Board meeting. She did say that she wanted to acquire a travelling display case for publications. The case is 28" by 44", weighs 11 pounds and is free standing. The cost would be \$200. It was indicated that the committee could buy this case out of the current budget. It was noted that membership had indicated interest in such a case and perhaps the committees could share it.

Income: This area was left to the budget committee.

Gross brought up the matter of whether Board members should be reimbursed for workshops and conferences.

MOTION: That it be the general policy of the state Board that state Board members will be expected to attend state Board functions and their way will be paid.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Phillips

Carried - 8 to 7.

Ebbott said she felt this expense should be included in pricing the event. Jenkins said that by budgeting for Board expense and budgeting in workshops we are, in effect, charging local Leagues twice. McCoy said that then Board expenses should be larger. Atchison said there should be a distinction between what one does as a Board member and as a League member. Amundson said she thought there should be a difference between a workshop and a conference for reimbursement purposes. It was pointed out that Board members are always on call at conferences or workshops; that they are not just another League member.

PUBLICATIONS: Andersen presented the recommendation of the Editorial/Publications (Andersen) committee on pricing policy for League publications. Ebbott asked who kept track of time. Andersen indicated that the office manager would do so. Andersen said the 10% complimentary figure had been used in the past. McCoy said there should be a line for promotion of the publications.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Editorial/Publications committee on pricing policy for League publications.  
Mover: Weber Second: Cushing Carried as amended

Ebbott asked where the margin that allowed discounts for quantity orders was figured. McCoy said pre-publication costs could be defined in many ways to include such a cushion. Andersen added that break-even pricing means allowing a cushion for unexpected things.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To include a line for contingency expenses in the pricing policy.  
Mover: Moss Second: Andersen Carried

The Publication Style Guide was approved as presented.

VOTER: Amundson asked if there should be a reminder or tear-off for the Capitol (Amundson) Letter in the Nov.-Dec. VOTER. It was decided not to include it because the deadline for subscriptions would be past by publication. The deadline for material is November 16 with printing set for December 3. McCoy suggested noting on the VOTER when it is printed. McCoy said it will be noted in the Board Memo that staff and volunteers are keeping the mailing list up to date. She said the date when the VOTER is mailed will also be put in the Board Memo. Action chairmen are to bring their material for the VOTER to the November Board meeting for Borg to check, along with their caucus resolutions.

McCoy said that the New York and Connecticut VOTERS had tear-off polls on whether men should be admitted to membership in the League and wondered if the Jan.-Feb. VOTER should include such a poll.

MOTION: To have a poll on whether to admit male members to the League in the VOTER.  
Mover: Amundson Second: Borg Carried with dissent

Amundson, Jenkins and Atchison were appointed to formulate questions for the poll.

LOCAL ACTION AT COUNTY LEVEL: Ebbott pointed out that Program for Action on p. 19, Local Action, No. 4, said that there must be agreement between the Leagues in a county before one can take action. She asked if that were really League policy, pointing out that this would give veto power to a local League. McCoy said that this was not the policy. Atchison said it would be a courtesy to inform other Leagues about proposed action. McCoy asked Ebbott to write an item for the Board Memo explaining that this provision should not hamstring a League but adding that it is more effective if Leagues work together.

Andersen added that this pointed up a flaw in the procedure for preparing final copy. She said that each reader makes suggestions, but they do not always agree, and she asked who makes the final decision. McCoy said that perhaps the president should read the final copy.

CORRECTIONS: Weber reported that the Corrections committee has been having regular (Weber) meetings with people in the corrections field and that tours of the correctional institutions are being planned. She added that the committee had been told it could not visit St. Cloud or Stillwater, but that it had learned



that the Junior League and the White Bear League had visited them so she was going to make further inquiry.

DEVELOPMENT: The report of the development committee was presented by Pam Berkwitz in (Berkwitz) the absence of Robertson. Changes in the wording of the statement to be included in the Board Memo were suggested: Use "development money" instead of "the money" in the first sentence. Change the second sentence to read: New projects will not be adopted solely because additional money is available.

MOTION: To amend the development committee motion on distribution of money by adding to the first sentence: With the exception of specific grants. . . , and to accept the motion as amended.

Mover: Ebbott

Second: Gross

Carried

Amundson asked about organizations which have offices in more than one area such as NSP or supermarket chains where more than one local League might be affected. Berkwitz said the committee decided that this would be determined by the location of the headquarters of the organization, but it would not preclude local Leagues from soliciting branch offices.

ERA BRACELETS: McCoy said the office has gotten calls about the bracelets and asked if the League should order some. Rockenbach suggested a low key promotional campaign. Weber suggested putting an ad in the Minnesota Daily.

MOTION: To order 100 ERA bracelets to be sold from the state office.

Motion: Amundson

Second: Phillips

Carried

It was suggested that a 25¢ postage and handling charge be added to the price. Details of promotion were to be handled by Phillips, Rockenbach and Amundson.

NETHERLANDS TOUR: The LWVN has been approached about sponsoring an eight-day trip to the Netherlands for \$330. The trip would feature land use tours and other aspects of interest to League members. McCoy asked if it were the function of League to promote such tours. It was pointed out that there have been tours in the past and some members felt they had value. The Board felt League should not use its energies to promote this type of thing.

MOTION: To reaffirm Board policy not to get involved in promoting foreign tours.

Mover: Weber

Second: Andersen

Withdrawn

Borg said she did not think a policy statement was needed; that we just did not have to act on the matter.

JUDICIARY: Gross said that there was not much happening in the legislature relating (Gross) to Judiciary at this time. She reported on recommendations of the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice.

Moss said that Herb had suggested that Board members, in discussing the budget, should be concerned with making policy decisions concerning what should be in the budget and have the staff develop cost figures. Herb indicated willingness to do this.

MOTION: That only policy decisions be brought to the Board for budget discussion, and that the staff be charged with developing cost figures.

Mover: Moss

Second: Cushing

Carried - 6 to 5

Ebbott asked if this meant that there are no figures available when discussing the budget. Moss said committee chairmen could get together with Herb beforehand to get

some idea of cost. The motion was interpreted to mean that prior to the Board meeting on the budget committees should confer with the office manager to get dollar amounts. It was suggested that maybe the cost estimates could be on one sheet. Ebbott asked when the Board decided what gets priority. McCoy said that the Board makes the final decision on the budget to be proposed to Council or Convention delegates who then make the final decision on what they want in the budget.

CMAL: McCoy said there was a report in the Board Memo on CMAL. They are planning a conference in the spring with a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission. She added that they are proceeding slowly to expand their Board.

McCoy reported that Barbara Burton, staff member of L/VUS, would be in the state October 15. She is a specialist in Indian affairs. Phillips and Ebbott are in charge of her visit.

The consensus committee will meet November 5, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ACTION: Borg requested the appointment of a committee to investigate whether the (Borg) state League should do a political action rating. Borg suggested that it include non-Board members, perhaps some lobbyists and someone from a local League. Watson and Gross were appointed from the Board to serve with Borg. Rollwagen, Wood and Janssen were suggested as lobbyist representatives, and the Brooklyn Park president was suggested as a local League representative. Ebbott said that maybe we could publicize how legislators vote rather than do a rating. The committee was directed to report wometime before the 1975 Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

REQUEST FOR TIME ON STATE BOARD AGENDA

INSTRUCTIONS:

Action Items include all decisions needing Board approval.

Discussion Items include those involving informal Board directions; these items may become Action Items at a subsequent Board meeting.

Information Items are those on which no Board decisions per se are anticipated and Board members need only to be informed.

State motion exactly as you, or your committee, plan its proposal.

In background information, include all pertinent information needed for decision-making (i.e. statement of the problem; pros, cons, alternatives, summary and suggested solutions.)

Only materials received in the office by 4 p.m. the Wednesday preceeding Board meeting may be placed on the agenda.

The next state Board meeting of the League of Women Voters will be TUESDAY,  
(day)  
April 16, 1974, 10:00 a.m.  
(date) (time)

at ~~the~~ Camp Courage.  
(place)

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Tear off and return the following specific form to the office by April 10, 1974.

Include the following action, discussion or information (circle one) material in the agenda:

Motion:  
(for Action  
Items only)

Background information  
(use additional pages if necessary - attach to this form)

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Tear off and return the following general notice to Mary Ann McCoy, 2312 Lake Place,  
Minneapolis, MN 55405 before April 8, 1974.

How much time do you wish on the Agenda? \_\_\_\_\_. Subject? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Action, Discussion, Information

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_



S T A T E   B O A R D   M E E T I N G

Tuesday, November 13, 1973 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha Street  
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk, Pop - Bring your own "bag"

A G E N D A

Mins.

Minutes of October 9, 1973 Board meeting\*

Treasurer's Report#

Revision of Agenda

Action

*CMAA Conference*

5 Confirmation of EQ Lobbyists - Watson

5 Appointment of readers for Financing Government Update - Moss

15 Report on Election Laws: Rotation of Names on Ballot - McCoy

*Gasoline crisis*  
*Provision. Lg status for Fairman*      *Whitzhansz fellows scholars*  
Discussion

60 State Budget Proposals for 1974-5# - wrap up from October meeting  
including report of Office Management Committee - Moss

10 Citizen Participation - Pat Lucas

5 Editorial Policy - Andersen

60 National Nominating and Election Procedures (LWVUS) - tapes and  
discussion - Jenkins

10 VOTERS - November-December '73 - Borg and Rosenbloom  
January-February '74 - Rosenbloom

Information

10 Corrections Committee Activities - Weber

20 Action - Borg  
*CMAA + Min. Presidents report*

Next state Board meeting - January 8, 1974.

\* Mailed earlier

# Included in this mailing - please bring all \* and # to meeting.

Board Holiday Break Party - December 2 at Amundson's; \$5 per couple for  
beverages and dinner; 5:30 p.m.; sign up and pay to Jerry Jenkins at  
Board meeting. Party! Wow!

Next Action Committee meeting: 9:30, Tuesday, November 20th, state office.

Board Memo--Remember that this is the last Memo until the January '74 one,  
so think ahead with your notes to your counterparts! January is annual  
meeting-planning month--how does that relate to your counterpart? Bring  
body copy for Memo to Board meeting; separate material to accompany Board  
Memo due in state office, Tuesday, November 20. Mailing target date:

Monday, November 26 (whatever)

OFFICE CLOSED: THANKSGIVING DAY AND FRIDAY FOLLOWING, November 22 & 23.

Pink Memo to Boarders (enclosed): color indicates the "in the . ." condition  
a covet for all Boarders, 6 months after . .; read; digest; question; and  
please fill out the "Working Draft Copy" describing YOUR portfolio job--  
after consulting with your "ad-gal" and before November 30, 1973. Thanks!

Memo to All Boarders

From Mary Ann McCoy

November 8, 1973

Re: From May to November: A 6-Months Evaluation

Sounds like a song title? The following is a reprise (reprieve?!) to help us evaluate:

1. Our first 6 months as the 1973-75 Officers/Board of LWVMN
2. Our first 6 months under our new Administrative Plan  
(Each Boarder assigned, with her portfolio, to one of our "ad-gals": Pres., 1st VP or 2nd VP)
3. Where do we (can we? should we? shall we?) go in the next 6 months?  
or (alternate title) "From OUTLOOK 73-4 to OUTLOOK 74-5 in 6 Easy Months!" -- you've made the down payment, folks -- we zero in for the Big Balance.

Communication seems to be a priority need as we enter the second six (months, that is)--who tells who what when--how and where and why?

Since the president is involved in all of this (directly with the Boarders assigned her "team", ex officio with all other "teams") I feel it appropriate to sketch the several basics which I see operative; please keep these in mind as you evaluate your own activities. I would appreciate your thoughts and comments--to the VP to which you are assigned (to me--those on the president team) and through her to all three of us at our administrators conference the first week in December.

Basic #1 - Communication

- A. Boarder keeps in touch with her "ad-gal" (see first paragraph above) directly.
- B. Boarder and her portfolio committee keep in touch with her ad-gal
- C. Other Boarders contact the ad-gal in another Boarder's--often before they contact the Boarder, always at the same time as (copy of memo, phone call to update, invite ad-gal to your meeting, etc.)
- D. Boarder has responsibility to review and report on her portfolio committee to rest of Board; Boarder has responsibility to review and ask questions of other chairmen as you receive their portfolio committee reports/news.

Basic #2 - Clear all communications with local Leagues and the public through your ad-gal and the state president. (Reminder: your portfolio committee needs to review and is often an able sounding board for your first draft to your ad-gal!)

Basic #3 - Our major policy plan is our OUTLOOK FOR WORK. Refer to it often as your committee implements the plans which the total Board initially approved and sent out to our local Leagues in June as the OUTLOOK for June 1973 thru May 1974; any plans to implement without adding or changing the basic direction so approved are to be evolved with your committee and reported to the Board (by written minutes/ reports of committee meetings, progress reports en route, etc.)

Basic #4 - All Boarders read all such minutes/reports received under Basic #3 above! (The alternative? 2 to 3 day state Board meetings monthly to allow time for each Boarder to update and describe her works in progress--some state Boards with League population our size already meet regularly for 2-day meetings.)

Basic #5 - If your committee recommends a change from OUTLOOK FOR WORK as adopted, prepare background material, ask for time on the agenda of the state Board meeting for discussion, and send your proposal and background

information to all Boarders before the meeting; be prepared to supply additional resource material if needed as discussion proceeds. Bring the Board's decision back to your committee (part of the Board to Committee to Board to Committee continuum that makes up a part of "Total Board Responsibility" (see State Board Handbook)

To help us all focus on this 6-Months Evaluation--fore and aft--you are invited to use the enclosed "working draft copy"; please have your working draft copy (when completed!) duplicated on the Xerox as follows: 1 copy to you for your file; 1 copy to each of our three "ad-gals" (total of 4 copies). Please return your evaluation (thus duplicated) to the ad-gals (leave in their folders in office) before November 30, 1973 (about three weeks from now).

Please call your ad-gal as you draft your responses--you'll both have several question to resolve, I'm sure!

One goal of this review: we hope to develop an overall description of our several jobs to help us all make more effective use of time/energy toward the goals outlined by our 1973 Convention delegates and the national recognition standards for state Leagues. Copies of the "overall description" will be readied for all Board members "as soon as possible".

Many, many thanks for your splendid cooperation in each of these "first six" months, in this evaluation project, and in the ensuing "six" plus next twelve which will round out our 1973-1975 charges!



Memo to Board Members and Field Service Committee members, off Board  
From Mary Ann McCoy  
Re: Progress Report on Mini-Meetings of Presidents  
11-12-73

Two Mini-Meetings have been held to date:

October 23 - 9:30 - 12 noon - at Austin  
Leagues represented: Austin, Albert Lea, and Wells  
October 24 - 9:30 to 12:30 - at Luverne  
Leagues represented: Rock County and Marshall (Jackson-Sherburn  
unable to attend, family problem that day) Worthington invited  
but date not clear for president.

Agenda for both meetings:

Austin: National Convention attendance and delegate training  
(favored state Budget aid to Leagues on application)  
Nonpartisanship policy interpretation since Convention  
action in 1972  
Program for Action, p. 19 - action among Leagues; ad  
hoc committees - told them guidelines were being evolved  
Visits by Leaguers to state capitol? Washington? (they  
showed interest in strengthening contacts of members with  
our state capitol--spend whole day and overnight, with  
interpretive tours; then if this catches on, consider  
national capitol.  
DPMs - state - find them useful and these Leagues apparently  
are among the subscribers.  
PAR (state level) negative; do not feel it would be  
something they could deal with consequences locally--  
felt more publicity of votes by legislators but no  
rating of those votes might be a worthy service to  
members and community.  
Orientation of New Members - how to do it without boring  
experienced ones (suggested small groups, 1-1, apart  
from unit meetings.  
LWV Calendars (now purchasing from Missouri, would they  
be interested in purchasing from Mpls?) - some interest,  
but they are not buying many now anyway; suggested the  
calendar run from Sept. to Sept, as it is hard to have  
one available for the new year when we do our summer  
date planning!

Rock County (Luverne):

Most of the above touched upon; surprisingly (?) responses  
were very similar: favored aid to Leagues from budget on  
application to help them to go National Convention (money  
and time cited as reasons why Rock County has not gone;  
Marshall is budgeting for second conv. with del. there!)  
PAR- also negative on ratings; found idea of info on votes  
without rating the vote a sound one.  
Additional topics they discussed: ~~Kreak-ori~~ Local Program  
choice and development and finance drives--Marshall found  
a controversial item helpful in finance drive. Observers  
Program reviewed--Marshall is doing a glossary of terms  
used by each body to aid "watchers"--both League and  
other groups.

Communication with Bards (Pres. report is getting too  
lengthy in Marshall's meetings)--suggested a bulletin

containing these items to go out monthly with agenda to keep all current and save meeting time on "information" items

Evaluation: We had 5 people in Austin (incl. presidents of 2 of the 3 Leagues); we had both presidents in LuVerne plus about 6 of the Rock County Board in addition to their pres. We sat about a table with coffee and served about midway; informal, yet ample time to bring up special questions. All seemed enthusiastic; both mini-sessions resulted in immediate pooling of transp/Program/action planning!!

Future Plans: Carolyn Cushing and I have conferred about reaching the balance of the Leagues who are not in the 7-county area. She feels that this is a priority since metro-area League presidents see each other more frequently in regular course; we do plan meetings of this nature with them later--probably in the 1974-5 budget year.

Here is the next schedule (tentative--awaiting responses from the Leagues Carolyn is contacting:)

Tuesday, Nov. 27 - at Fertile: presidents of Crookston, Bemidji, Cass Lake, and Moorhead (aft.--1:30)

Wed., Nov. 28 - a. m. - at ~~Battle Lake~~; pres. of Battle Lake and Alexandria (9:00/15) → Alexandria

Nov. 28 - aft - 2:30 - at Willmar; Willmar and Granite Falls (Stevens County could come to either the Battle Alexandria or Willmar meeting)

Agenda: much like the earlier ones; any additions Boarders may wish to make are indeed welcomed! Sid Moss and Carolyn Cushing appear to have these dates open and will go with me.

No meetings are set for December; we hope to have a similar spread of two or three in Jan and in Feb and in March--heading in differing geo. areas. April and May will be left open for Council and Convention both involving the pres. in a special way--and a post-convention June-July swing could catch up and perhaps bring convention to Leagues not sending delegates.

AGENDAS? ACTION! PROGRAM? PLACES!! DELEGATES? ALL MEMBERS\* WHO? YOU!

COME AWAY WITH US TO SAN FRANCISCO-- Site of the 1974 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NATIONAL  
C O N V E N T I O N

\*(and your immediate family, too! You need not be a delegate to take advantage of this great travel happening.)

SUNDAY MAY 5 to FRIDAY MAY 10 1974

PLANS ARE NOW BEING MADE TO FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO ON SUNDAY, MAY 5; LEAVE TWIN CITIES ON WESTERN AIRLINES AT 10:00AM (lunch on the plane). ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO 11:30AM, BUSES WILL BE WAITING TO TRANSFER US AND OUR BAGGAGE TO THE EL CORTEZ HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO, CONVENIENT TO EVERYTHING -- JUST A SHORT WALK TO THE CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS.

National Convention Registration opens Sunday, May 5 -- so we can avoid the Monday AM registration rush on May 6, first day of CONVENTION '74.

WE HOPE MANY LEAGUE MEMBERS--DELEGATES AND VISITORS--(and their spouses/immediate family, same rates!) will plan now to attend this important League event.

THERE IS A DEFINITE SAVING TRAVELING WITH A GROUP SO WE HAVE MADE OUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS THIS WAY. THE DAY TOURIST CLASS FLIGHT ROUND TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO IS \$222 PER PERSON ALONE, AND OUR PROGRAM IS PRICED AT JUST \$260 PER PERSON, AND THAT INCLUDES;

ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION VIA WESTERN AIR LINES  
ARRIVAL BUS TRANSFER SERVICE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT TO  
OUR HOTEL, SAME ON OUR DEPARTURE.  
HANDLING OF ONE LARGE PIECE OF LUGGAGE PER PERSON (any additional  
will be your responsibility)  
FIVE NIGHTS SHARING TWIN ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE EL CORTEZ HOTEL.  
(Single rooms at additional cost upon your request)  
AIRPORT BAGGAGE TIPS IN SAN FRANCISCO  
HOTEL BAGGAGE TIPS AND HOTEL TAXES  
ESCORTED THROUGHOUT

THE GROUP PRICE IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 50 OF US TRAVELING TOGETHER, THERE IS A REDUCTION IF THE GROUP EXCEEDS 50.

ON THE RETURN FLIGHT WE ARE HOLDING RESERVATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 10 LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO 1:00PM WESTERN AIR LINES  
ARRIVE MINNEAPOLIS 6:10PM  
and  
MAY 11 LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO 1:00AM WESTERN AIR LINES  
ARRIVE MINNEAPOLIS 6:05AM

YOU MAY STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO LONGER THAN MAY 10 IF YOU WISH AT NO ADDITIONAL AIR FARE.

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION BLANK BELOW AND FORWARD WITH YOUR DEPOSIT BY JANUARY 15 1974. FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE APRIL 5. MAKE \$50 DEPOSIT PAYABLE TO LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA AND MAIL TO MARY ANN MCCOY, 2312 LAKE PLACE, MINNEAPOLIS MN 55405.

REGISTRATION BLANK FOR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION PACKAGE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I WISH TO ROOM WITH \_\_\_\_\_ REQUEST SINGLE \_\_\_\_\_  
(If no roommate preference given, we shall assign.) (at additional cost)

I WISH TO RETURN LATER THAN MAY 10 \_\_\_\_\_. I WISH FLIGHT ONLY AT \$177.27 \_\_\_\_\_

I PREFER THE 1:00PM RETURN FLIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ I PREFER THE 1:00AM RETURN FLIGHT \_\_\_\_\_



# CONVENTION

## '74

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 6-10

November 1973

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Duplicate Presidents Mailing

TO: Local, State and ILO Presidents  
FROM: Lucy Wilson Benson, President  
RE: Travel Equalization Plan, 1974 Convention, San Francisco, May 6 - 10

The purpose of the Travel Equalization Plan is to equalize as nearly as possible the travel costs paid by delegates and observers (representatives of provisional Leagues) attending convention.

### How the TEP Works

To explain briefly how it works: air coach fares from a transportation center in each state, plus our best estimate of attendance, furnish the basis for our calculations. This year \$285 will be the break-off point, regardless of mode of transportation. Delegates and observers whose actual fares are below \$285 will receive no reimbursement; those whose actual fares are above \$285 will be reimbursed transportation cost above this amount. The basis for figuring this amount will be direct air coach fare from the point of origin to San Francisco and direct return. The schedule for those paying varying amounts into the Fund follows. While there are bound to be inequities since it is impossible to figure fares on an individual League basis, we believe that the geographic rotation pattern of our convention sites (San Francisco in 1974, New York 1976, and Chicago 1978) provides ultimately a TEP which is fair for all.

According to our 1974 convention calculations, Leagues are to pay into the Fund the following amounts:

- ZONE 1: Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington: In addition to travel costs each delegate and observer will pay \$65 into the Fund and will receive no reimbursement.
- ZONE 2: Colorado and New Mexico: In addition to travel costs each delegate and observer will pay \$55 into the Fund and will receive no reimbursement.
- ZONE 3: Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming: In addition to travel costs each delegate and observer will pay \$45 into the Fund and will receive no reimbursement.
- ZONE 4: Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas: In addition to travel costs each delegate and observer will pay \$35 into the Fund and will receive no reimbursement.

ZONE 5: Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota: In addition to travel costs each delegate and observer will pay \$25 into the Fund and will receive no reimbursement.

ZONE 6: Arkansas, Hawaii and Missouri: In addition to travel costs each delegate and observer will pay \$15 into the Fund and will receive no reimbursement.

All other states do not pay into the Fund.

#### Travel Forms at Registration

A special effort was made by the national Board for the San Francisco convention to guarantee as fair and equitable travel equalization plan as possible. The special problem arose since League membership is concentrated east of the Mississippi. If the formula from prior years had been used, ZONE 1 would have had to pay \$85 into the Fund, an amount that seemed exorbitant. In order to lower the entire scale to a more realistic one, the decision was made to 1) encourage delegates to avail themselves of cheaper group air transport rates and 2) to request delegates to submit their ACTUAL travel costs. Heretofore, the cost of air fare from the transportation center of the state was used as the basis, regardless of whether a cheaper fare was actually paid. By encouraging delegates to explore cheaper rates and attendant possibility of increasing greater attendance, the fairness factor enters by payment for travel equalization for only those actually paying more than \$285, irrespective of distance.

Therefore, each person will present a travel form when she registers at convention indicating her ACTUAL transportation cost, air coach or mileage @ 9¢ per mile per car. Reimbursements will not be paid at convention...they will be processed at the national office soon after the convention period and refund checks will be mailed from here. The exact amount of refunds cannot be decided until the actual delegate body has been determined. If there turns out to be a surplus in the Fund, we could foresee the possibility of reimbursing those who have paid into it. Visitors do not share in the TEP.

#### Investigate the Cheapest Rates!

We would urge all Leagues to explore the multitude of special fares...group discounts, advance booking coast-to-coast reservations, low-cost charters. Price disparities are as wide as the traveling restrictions are ingenious...check with your travel agent for the latest information.

Reduced group rates: Typically, these group rates offer an average savings of 20% compared to regular coach fares, require 25 persons in each group to qualify, and allow individual travel on the return.

90-Day Advance Booking: Low cost advance reservation transcontinental, providing the cheapest scheduled fares available between the East and West coasts...involves discounts up to 48% (fares will vary by day of the week and season of the year)...between Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore/Washington on the East Coast, and San Francisco and Los Angeles on the West Coast. Under this plan the passenger must reserve space three months in advance for a specific day, but won't be able to select a departure and arrival time. The passenger must pay a \$20 non-refundable deposit for a one-way trip or \$40 for a round-trip. Two months before departure the airline will advise the passenger of the exact flight departure and arrival times, and collect the balance of the fare at that time.

Low-Cost Charter Flights: Worthwhile values are available through charters. Fare depends on how many fly; a travel agent markets the tickets. In addition to air fare, each passenger must pay a service charge, on a sliding basis, to the travel agent who organizes the trip.

If you are planning charter service, will you please let us know approximate number of people, date and time of arrival. With enough time ahead for arrangements to be made, the San Francisco Hilton at the other end can do much to expedite group registration. In making your travel plans, we would urge you to consider Sunday afternoon arrival. This will allow "settling down" time before the 1:00 p.m. opening session on Monday afternoon...you will have plenty to do before the first sound of the gavel. The convention will adjourn Friday at 12:00 Noon.

Prefer the Train?

We do not intend this memo to become a travelogue, but perhaps some would prefer cross-country train travel. It is possible to get a train from New York to Chicago, leaving May 2nd, and connect there with the San Francisco Zephyr which arrives in San Francisco Sunday, May 5th. One-way fare, roomette, New York to Chicago is \$90 and from Chicago to San Francisco, roomette, one-way \$148.80. This works out to be more expensive and time-consuming than plane travel, but allows unlimited stop-overs.

Other Convention Costs:

REGISTRATION FEE: The registration fee for all delegates, observers, and visitors has been increased from \$30 to \$35 reflecting rising costs in all areas of the convention operation.

HOTEL RATES: Headquarters hotel will be the San Francisco Hilton which can accommodate our entire convention, including housing and all meeting space, under one roof. The majority will be housed in the Main Building. Rates as follows:

MAIN BUILDING		TOWER	
Singles	\$23 - \$39	Singles	\$33 - \$48
Doubles	\$32 - \$48	Doubles	\$42 - \$57
Twins	\$32 - \$48	Twins	\$42 - \$57
Suites	\$74 and Up	Suites	\$95 and Up

\$9.00 Charge for Each Extra Person

Hotel reservation forms and more detailed information will reach you nearer to the time of convention.



League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Memo to Boarders

From Mary Ann McCoy

Re: Preparation for January 8, 1974 Board meeting

November 20, 1973

Agenda: Five key items have priority this month: approve budget for 1974-5; revise current budget to reflect realities of spending + income; recommendations for national Program 1974-1975; recommendations for changes in national bylaws for consideration at Convention '74; selection of state Board delegates to Convention '74 (3 delegates; 3 alternates; visitors?)

How to cover this in one five-hour meeting? Pre-meeting homework and discipline!

Homework:

Budget Committee - Boarders on committee include Moss, Robertson, Jenkins will meet January 3 to consider and recommend proposed budget; you'll receive copy before January 8 Board meeting--read, if you have questions, contact a committee member before meeting.

Budget (current) revisions: Get your requests and suggestions to Sid before December 11 so she can go over them all and send out a proposed revision for your comments before the final proposed revision goes out with agenda; call or write your comments to Sid before January 3rd.

National Program: committee appointed: Phillips, chairman; Watson, Andersen; Liz as ex officio (plus McCoy, as usual!) to meet December 5 (or close to that) to draft proposed suggestions and mail them to you week of December 14. When you receive their draft, read it, mark it up with your comments and send it back to the office before December 26th; committee will go over your comments and send 2nd round back to you with agenda for your discussion at the meeting.

National Bylaws: committee appointed: Cushing, chairman; Amundson, Gross, Jerry as ex officio (plus McCoy, as usual). Procedure same as for national Program--draft of their suggestions to you December 14; your comments to them before December 26; final draft goes with agenda for discussion and decision at January 8th meeting.

National Convention Delegates: Delegates in 1972 were president, Liz Ebbott and Sid Moss; Council delegates were president and Jerry Jenkins. We are entitled to three: attending have been president and two other delegates. We can also have visitors; if you are interested and available for service as a delegate, please contact me and I shall send summary of this information with agenda; also what do you think of applying to the Leadership Memorial Fund(LMF) for aid in getting state Board visitors (who up to now have had no aid in expenses of attending--Rosemary attended as visitor in 1972) to Convention? Delegates have expenses paid; would you favor asking LMF for \$100 aid per visitor? \$150? \$35 (registration fee - visitors do not pay into the equalization fund) \$165 (/½ of the package plus \$35 registration fee? - total \$165)? Please let me know your thinking and I'll furnish a composite with the agenda.

Note: Enclosed with this memo is a revised "pink slip" request form for time on the next Board meeting agenda--next Board meeting: January 8, 1974 (Happy New Year!). In the spirit of the new year, look this over carefully. The intent of such agenda planning has been (at least over the almost 10 years

with which I've observed Board policy) has been to organize an agenda reflecting current topics for action and discussion, giving advance notice so that Board members may prepare for same and ask questions of their colleagues for information and clarification even before the meeting opens (hence the advance mailing of the agenda with topic and Boarder listed).

The time slot listed as "revision of agenda" has puzzled me in its actual intent; I realize that it has been employed variously, if consistently, over these years, to allow additions (often substantive) to the agenda as well as rearrangements of the sequence of items. These Board-meeting-day additions often do not have accompanying written statistics or proposals; resulting discussion is often confusing and may delay full consideration of items duly written into the agenda according to the policy inherent in the "pink slip" request form.

Research in Roberts Rules of Order and a telephone conference with Rose Dhein, parliamentarian, has yielded interesting information. Mrs. Dhein observed that our "revision" time is perhaps misnamed but that is irrelevant; it is, in point of fact, the time our Board has for "for the general welfare" of our Board/Organization when items of concern for the organization that might find no other spot on the agenda might be considered. The advance-request form of agenda-building which is inherent in our policy, however, Mrs. Dhein pointed out is a policy which has apparently fallen into disuse. Adherence to a preplanned, published agenda with written proposals and background information submitted to Boarders is in the broad interest of getting the business accomplished which we are set to do. To secure the rights as stipulated, such a policy must be enforced. Beginning with the next Board meeting (January 8, 1974) we shall adhere to this policy; the revised request form aims to aid your preparation of items you bring to the meeting for consideration. Please give me your comments on its usefulness after a few meetings.

Plan to clear your calendar for January 8 NOW so that you can arrive on time (9:30 sharp--traffic does tend to move at 50 mph now, so allow!) and stay to the end of the meeting--possibly four or five p.m.; out-of-towners, consider staying overnight (there's money in the budget!) to avoid night travel/weather--maybe schedule a committee meeting for the following a.m.? We need this time as a Board to deliberate on these key issues (see the five items above under "homework") plus the other items which may surface in the meantime. Return your "pink slip" to me by December 30, 1973 for agenda space (10 days before the meeting).

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Memo to: State Board members

From: Bylaw Committee

Re: Possible changes in national bylaws  
for your consideration  
December 5, 1973

Please return to  
office with your  
comments by  
December 26.

1. Membership - allow men to become regular voting members.

- a) Delete reference to "women" from Article III, Section 2 (a)  
"Voting members shall be those (women) citizens at least 18 years  
of age who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues."

Comment:

- b) Delete all reference to "women" in name, making it League of Voters.  
(Would not be necessary even if change above was made, but might be  
considered.)

Comment:

2. Political policy - interpretation of Article II, Section 2:

"The League may take action on government measures and policies in the  
public interest. It shall not support or oppose any political party  
or any candidate."

Board members should be free to undertake political activities other  
than running for office in communities where this would not endanger  
the nonpartisan image of League.

(Underlining section is same wording voted down at 1972 Convention.)

Comment:

(over)



3. Convention Resolutions - Add wording to Article IX, Section 5 which lists powers of Convention.

"The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a Program, shall elect officers and directors, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented."

Add: Resolutions of other than a courtesy nature shall not be allowed."

Comment:

Other changes you would recommend:

Bylaw Committee:  
Shirley Amundson  
Carolyn Cushing  
Peggy Gross  
Jerry Jenkins  
Mary Ann McCoy

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

December 13, 1973

Dear President:

Once again it is time to send nominations in for the Hope Washburn Award. It will be presented at the state Council in April.

For those who are not familiar with the Award, it was established in 1956 for the outstanding service Hope Washburn had given to St. Paul and Minnesota Leagues. It is presented each year to an outstanding Leaguer in Minnesota. Nominations may be made by any individual in the League and she may nominate anyone who has served at any level of League activity. In other words, the nominee could be someone who has been active on the local level or state level or both.

The enclosed form is for your convenience; if you prefer, please feel free to use your own format. You may nominate more than one person if you wish and have all nominations sent to Mrs. Lucas by February 15, 1974.

The Nominating Committee will select two from the list of nominees, then each of the five members of the Nominating Committee will send her vote by secret ballot to last year's recipient. Only she will know who is to receive the award until time of presentation at the state Council.

Please read the above to your Board members and/or publish the above in your bulletin.

Sincerely,

The Nominating Committee  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
Pat Lucas, Chairman  
Jane Olin  
Elsie Thurow  
Mary Watson  
Phyllis Robertson



League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102  
December 1973

NOMINATION FOR THE HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

League \_\_\_\_\_

List her League activities and positions held. Please indicate approximate dates:

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List other community activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please give reasons why this person is nominated in 50 words or less.

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

League \_\_\_\_\_

Return by February 15, 1974 to: Pat Lucas (Mrs. Russell)  
3264 N. Victoria  
St. Paul, MN 55112



To: State Board Members  
From: Harriett Herb  
Re: Reminders/This and That  
December 14, 1973

1. Budget revisions were due to Sid Moss by December 11. Did you get yours in? That's for current budget not forthcoming one.
2. Bylaws and national Program suggestions are due to the respective chairpersons by December 26.
3. Return bottom part of pink agenda slip to Mary Ann by Dec. 29 and have the materials to the office by Jan. 2.
4. Sealed bids are being taken - either by me or by Sid - for the sofa and two chairs in the office. Since we will be getting additional staff, we will need to use that space for another desk. They're in good shape and would be ideal in somebody's recreation room - or as furniture for newly married offspring - or those about to be!
5. The office will be closed from 4 p.m. December 21 to 9 a.m. January 2. Peggy might be in for a few hours on either the 26 and 27 or the 27 and 28. If there is an emergency, you could call Peggy at home. The office manager and clerk-typist will be totally unavailable - taking a much needed rest and relaxation break.
6. Please make the following changes on you list of Action Chairmen:  
Northern Dakota County - Marcie Lewis 454-2276  
Willmar -- Carol Dahl 235-0836  
St. Anthony - Roscella Connelly 788-3423