League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop -- Bring your own "Bag"

AGENDA

Mins.

9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
Minutes of State Board Meeting, November 20, 1974#
Treasurer's Reports for November# and December 1974*
Revision of Agenda

ACTION*

5 Appointment of Convention chairman (Board) and Program Suggestions Committee chairman - McCoy
10 Approval of Lobbyists - Borg
30 Revision of 1974-1975 (current) Budget - Moss
40 Proposed Budget - 1975-1976 - Jan Dvorak, State Budget Committee Chairman
10 Minnesota Fast Day proposal - Borg
10 National Institute of Justice proposal - McCoy/Gross
5 Donation - Pig's Eye - see attached

DISCUSSION* Funding for Ad Hoc. Comm.

30 Total Board Responsibility: working with staff and committees - McCoy
30 Consultants: annual meetings - Cushing/Jenkins

INFORMATION*

5 Focus meeting on Indians - Ebbott
5 Development - McCoy

mailed earlier * included with Agenda
Next State Board Meeting - February 11, 1975
Board Memo Mailing - January 24 - please bring copy for Memo and enclosures to the Board meeting.
Upcoming committee meetings:
January 13 - 9:30 a.m. - Lobbyists - state office
January 16 - CMAL legislators' luncheon and general members meeting
January 21 - Focus on State Government
January 22 - 11:00 a.m. - Nominating Committee - state office
February 3 - Capitol Letter deadline - 1 p.m.
February 4 - 9:30 a.m. - President & Vice Presidents meet together - state office
Capitol Letter Committee
February 6 - 9:30 a.m. - CMAL - state office

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: approves the minutes of the State Board Meeting of November 20, 1974, as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Reports - to be filed for audit.
3. Appointments: motion: approves appointment of Janet Rosenbloom as Board Chairman for 1975 State Convention.

Background Information

The Board chairman is liaison with hostess League Convention chairman in planning physical arrangements for Convention. Convention Hostess League: Northfield; dates: June 3 and 4 (Presidents Workshop is June 2, all events at St. Olaf College, Northfield). Janet will also edit the Convention Workbook, to be mailed

to local Leagues in April.

Motion: approves appointment of Liz Ebbott as chairman of the State Program Recommendations Committee (1975-1977 Program).

Background Information

Liz will work with all state Program item chairmen to evaluate and report to the Board on Program suggestions submitted by local Leagues; deadline: March 3, 1975; the proposals will be discussed and approved at the March 11 State Board Meeting.

Motion: approves appointment of the League members as lobbyists during the 1975-77 legislative session - see list of names included with this Agenda.

4. Revision of the 1974-1975 (Current) Budget. Carefully review your portfolio's budget needs for January through March 31st (end of our fiscal year); suggest any cuts or additions you foresee; estimate what other sections of budget might be adjusted to reflect this new perspective in your portfolio needs. Come with realistic, written-down figures, please!

5. Proposed Budget - 1975-1976. See separate sheet attached to this Agenda.

6. Minnesota Fast Day proposal: motion: That the LWV join the coalition for a Minnesota Fast Day if they will permit us to participate as a noncontributing member financially, but in our more capable role as educators with emphasis on working toward legislation for food distribution.

Background Information

Several church groups, the Greater Federation and others, have joined together to promote a Minnesota Fast Day scheduled for February 16, 1975. Borg attended a Steering Committee meeting on December 30, 1974. Their goal is: "Give the people of Minnesota an opportunity to vote against hunger by fasting for one day or one meal - to symbolize their concern for world hunger in a tangible way--and by giving at least $1.00."

To be part of this coalition, an organization would provide a person to serve on the Steering Committee, contribute information to the coalition, distribute information to your own membership, and help underwrite the cost of the campaign. (A budget of $6,000 for a three-month campaign, starting in December, was proposed - for a coordinator, secretarial, telephone, mailing, materials, PR and mileage.) Each organization will submit an action plan by January 22, 1975, say what they will do with money if they are collecting any, contact Senators, Congressmen, legislators and municipal officials to ask for support, and encourage discussions on the Hunger Crisis in your organization.

They hope to have everyone in Minnesota participate and each participant will mark on a ballot (prepared by each organization), containing four possible hunger projects plus the organization's own project, where he/she wants his/her contribution spent.

We could support this project under our Welfare position (food within the country) or our Development (Aid) position (food to other countries). A plan for distribution of food should probably be our goal and pointing out the need for legislation to achieve this would probably be our greatest contribution. It seems unlikely that we could help underwrite the cost of the campaign. It seems unwise for us to participate unless there is a long-range goal. Using a Fast Day as an attention-getting device at the expense of antogonizing farmers and grocers could cause more harm than good. However, other Leagues are trying to do something about hunger and it is a problem that has reached crisis proportions.

There will be more up-to-date information on the progress of this group available the day of the Board meeting.

7. Justice proposal: motion: approves establishing a National Institute of Justice.

Background Information

LWVUS referred the American Bar Association to state Leagues (including Minnesota) with state judiciary positions when ABA appealed to LWVUS for aid in support of legislation (federal) to establish a National Institute of Justice. Lucy Benson is a member of the commission studying and recommending this proposal. Such an institute would provide means for researching problems like how citizens can obtain necessary legal services; what mechanisms can be used to resolve common citizen and consumer complaints without invoking expensive court processes; educating public about basis and operation of our legal system; review of governmental agency decisions as they affect individual citizens; it could also devise solutions to questions it researches. It would review our overall justice system, select areas requiring particular attention, and undertake research with eye toward developing creative approaches to the problems in these areas. A bill is drafted to create such an institute; if we approve this motion, we would be in a position to act on this bill, following guidelines on page 29 of Action (LWVUS publication.) Already serving a function like this in other areas are the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

DISCUSSION

1. Let's discuss ways we can strengthen our volunteer capabilities by maximizing the staff time available to assist us, including PERT planning, submitting copy for typing in neat, legible form. . .other ideas?

2. Consultants: this is part of our in-service training for Boarders, and we'll follow up on this fall's discussion of general consultantship by tackling our role at annual meeting time: this includes helping to interpret the proposed budget and pledge proposals, so it is basic to our total Board responsibility. Jerry and Carolyn will have special tips . . . let's reflect on this and bring some questions with us to discuss.

INFORMATION

This part of the Agenda is like a Mini-Boarder Bits, since we've had a seven-week layover since our last regular meeting together . . . that doesn't count all those irregular ones! Read through all the following--if you have questions, let us know; if not, we'll consider this your notice of these items:

1. Focus Meeting February 18 will be on Indians.

2. We are planning a state finance campaign the middle to end of February 1975, with follow-up calls in person during March; committee is now screening suggestions for corporations to contact, so any suggestions are welcome and should be sent to Mary Ann McCoy for referral to Development Committee. Proposal for grant submitted to Minnesota Humanities Commission (for a conference on community-based corrections) for consideration at their January meeting--some devoted, lengthy meetings by Eleanor Weber and her special committee prepared this comprehensive draft--working closely with cosponsoring groups: Jr. League of St. Paul and Church Women United of Minneapolis plus consultation with the MHC executive director

3. Annual report forms will be distributed in your folders when you come to the meeting January 14 (to save postage)--all are due in state office no later than March 25, 1975; if you have questions, please check with the president or vice president to whom you report (remember? If you are hazy on who it is, call Mary Ann!)

4. Field Service is working with Mary Ann on scheduling the next round of Presidents Mini-Meetings - tentative schedule: January 30 - metro, north and

east; January 31 - metro, west and south; February 26-28 - nonmetro, south (2), especially including Fairmont; March 24-26 - nonmetro, central/north (2). Keep these dates in mind--can you plan to ride along to one of them?? Let the office know.

5. Those "printed headings" we've used for our special in-League and some out-of-League committee guides, etc. are needing reordering; we'll use our new logo, for sure--and if you have special suggestions for the ones your portfolio uses, please let Mary Ann know. Here's a refresher on our color coding: red for Board Memo; gold for all within-the-League material except Voters Service, which is green and Program which is blue; purple is for news releases.

6. Forms for submitting names to the LWVUS Nominating Committee are available in the office; deadline for consideration for 1976-78 slate is April 1, 1975 in the national office.

7. Welfare coalition: Helene Borg met with representatives of the National Association of Social Workers, the Minnesota Resource Center on Social Work Education, Common Cause, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, Minnesota Social Services Association and MAVSSA (I can't remember what those intials stand for). We explored ways we could work together on legislation of common interest. For example, research of specific issues, including backgrounding on specific legislative proposals; summaries of hearings attended or other meetings that might be pertinent; coordination of testimony in areas of joint concern; etc. We discussed the possibility of a "League Desk" at the Capitol where public interest lobbyists could share information, coordinate activities, maybe share a phone, contact each other, etc. (initial feelers suggest that this is a possibility). Each of the women at this meeting is a League member, so working with and through the League is customary. They intend to have a central pick-up of daily agenda of committee hearings and House and Senate journals (which we already do) so one person can do this for everyone in the coalition. They would like to use our Phillips Service. As long as they are League members, I can see no objection to this, unless too many people started occupying the League office.

   Working in coalitions that aren't rigid gets more and more important as we try to cover more legislation with fewer people. Besides sharing the work, you have the opportunity to pick up information. In order to maintain contact, the participants in this coalition will meet briefly at the Capitol each Monday morning at 9:15.

   Another larger coalition of more diverse organizations is also meeting on Monday mornings trying to discover how they can be more effective by working together. Our smaller group will maintain contact with this larger group. Arlene Hystuen of the Minnetonka League is interested in doing some observing for us at this larger coalition's meetings.

10. We have been consulting with the Office of Local and Urban Affairs about a training calendar for local officials and citizen advisors to various local governmental groups. Copies of the calendar are now available - one per state Boarder and one per local League. Since size prohibits mailing, we'll be distributing them at CMAL and Focus meetings this month and as Field Service visits are made. Pick up your copy at the Board meeting. Ann Knutson is in charge of the distribution project.

The End . . and if this is a Mim-Border Bits, what is a real one? Thanks for bearing with us! Yer editor, Mary Ann.

January 1975

To: State Board
From: Helene Borg

Lobbyists and Observers for 1975-76 sessions

E.Q. -
Mary Poppleton
Carol MacLean
Marianne Curry
Pay Stein
Sally Foley
Nancy Latimer
Marilyn Deneen

Election Laws - Marie Sellars

H.R. - Sue Johnson
Lois DeSantis
Delores Hastings
Jeannette Kahlenberg
Louise Mathes

Pat Lucas

Education - Lorraine Clugg
Paula Goldberg
Marilyn Wrich

CMAL - Jerry Enders
Jan Del Calzo
Ann Thomas
Naomi Loper

Those filling out interest form at Lobbying Workshop and possible areas of lobbying and/or observing

Virginia J. Sande - New Brighton - legislative reform, size, pay.
Joan Greig - New Brighton -
Sally Simundson - Roseville - environment, mass transit
Gloria Froelich - Roseville - special education
Harriette Burkhalter - Mtka-Eden Prarie Area - Land Use, metro.
Georgeann R. Hall - Roseville - Housing, Education
Sheila Darsie - Austin - community based corrections - E.Q.
Marlys Berg - St. Anthony Village - HR
Diane Cooley - Anoka
Helen Lubenow - Shoreview

St Paul LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

CENTRAL MANOR
26 EAST EXCHANGE STREET
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101
222-3178

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January 9, 1975

Motion: LWVMN contribute $100.00.

Ms. Mary Ann McCoy and
Board of Directors of LWVMn
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Mary Ann:

The St. Paul League of Women Voters, in cooperation with the other organizations with whom we are involved in the lengthy P.C.A. public hearing regarding the granting of permits for a coal terminal for the St. Paul Port Authority, has tried in several ways to raise money to pay our lawyers. As you know, the extent of this action grew way beyond our expectations. We have incurred a debt of over $5,000. Our fund raising so far has grossed about $1,500. Since the hearing is to be reopened again it is very important that we acquire some more money soon toward this debt. Our lawyers cannot continue to represent us without some indication of additional money.

We are again appealing to you for any, and as much, help as you may be able to give us in this matter.

Any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mertyce Mayne
President

Marilyn Lundberg
Land Use Chairman

Background Information - We contributed $100.00 to the coalition last year.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 - January 1975

1975-76 PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	
A. Operating Costs		
1. Maintenance of Equipment	$300.00	
2. General Supplies	2750.00	
3. Postage	3300.00	
4. Telephone and Telegraph	1300.00)	1582.00
Spotmaster ?	282.00)	
5. Insurance	160.00	
6. Office Expenses		
a. Rent	3488.00	
b. Salaries, payroll taxes	20,165.00	
c. Copier	3370.00	
7. Bank and Miscellaneous Charges	25.00	
8. Audit Expenses	150.00	
0 9. Capital Expenditures	1550.00	775
0 Accrual for new Equipment	350.00	
B. Board and Administrative Committees		
1. President	350.00	
2. Secretary	650.00	
3. Treasurer	200.00	
2000 4. Board Tools and Expenses	2200.00	
5. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance	25.00	
b. Development 700	2200.00	
c. Membership	120.00	
2,975 d. Field Service	3250.00	
e. Local Agenda 75	110.00	
320 f. Public Relations 355	475.00	
g. Budget	170.00	
150 h. Nominating	200.00	
i. Office Management 25	50.00	
C. Delegates, Travel and Affiliations		
1. State Convention '75, Pre-Council '76	3000.00	
2. National Council '75 ($175.00 air fare, $6.50 meal allowance/day)	800.00	
3. National Conferences, Regional Meetings	530.00	
4. Affiliations	80.00	
D. National Services		
1. Support (pledge)	11,977.00	
2. Member-at-large dues (7 @ $4.25)	29.75	
E. VOTER		
2950 1. Printing, Addressing	3450.00	
2. Postage	500.00	
3. File Updating, Returns	100.00	
4. Committee Expenses	165.00	
F. Educational Activities		
1. Program Committees		
1200 a. New Study	3700.00	
b. Present Program Updates	500.00	
2. Citizen Information 500	600.00	
3100 G. Position Support (Action, including Lobbying)	3575.00	

St. Cloud Mary Carliss
Brooklyn Pk. Marty Doyle
New Brighton Dana Brandt
Hutchinson Sally Cone
Northfield Ruth Helgen

	BUDGET
H. Workshops	
1. Presidents Workshop	1000.00
2. October (Columbus Day) Workshop-Energy	1500.00
3. 5 Regional Workshops (3 out, 2 in) on Program/Organization	750.00
4. 4 Focus on State Government	400.00
I. Publications	
1. Committee Expenses	150.00
2. Educational, resale, complimentary	3500.00
3. Citizen Information	1000.00
4. Position Support (includes Capitol Letter)	3500.00
5. Sales Tax	25.00
6. Postage	350.00
GRAND TOTAL	$88,371.75

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INCOME	
A. Pledges	$68,881.75
B. Member-at-large dues	105.00
C. Contributions	
1. Cash	110.00
2. Noncash	1350.00
D. State Convention '75	2975.00
E. VOTER	50.00
F. Workshops	
a. Presidents	500.00
b. Energy	1500.00
c. Organization	750.00
d. 4 Focus on State Government	400.00
G. Publications	
1. General	5000.00
2. Capitol Letter	2750.00
3. DPMs/Board Memo subscriptions	500.00
H. National Conferences, Regional Meetings	250.00
I. Development	2500.00
J. Miscellaneous (postage, xeroxing, supplies)	750.00
GRAND TOTAL	$88,371.75

1750

790 ovst last yr. (postage -30%)

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 - Jan. 1975

EXPENDITURE BUDGET RESOURCE INFORMATION

A. Operating Costs

1. Maintenance of Equipment: Maintenance Agreement for IBM typewriters (3) $158.94; R.C. Allen typewriter repair $40.00 plus parts; Pitney Bowes postage meter repair $17.00 plus parts.

2. General Supplies - examples
   Regular size reams (white/colors) 3-400 reams/year presently $2.67/ream
   Legal size reams 10/year $3.10/ream present cost
   Mimeo Letterhead $10.85/ream (20 reams/year)
   Board Memo 25 reams/year $6.11/ream
   (The above is used for: monthly: Board Memo (11 pp./10 times/year), EQ Notes & Quotes, P.R. News, Action memos, Corrections Notes, Local Program inserts; Periodic: H.R. Newsletter, testimonies, finance drive letters (individually typed), local League Board training materials, consensus statement(s), CORRECTIONS inserts, Election Laws Committee Guide (10 pp), Citizen Information Guide, Action feedback form, Corrections feedback form, Citizen Information feedback form, sample speeches, press releases, Action Committee Guide, P.A.R., Caucus resolutions and media kits, Action lists/guidelines, legislative/congressional interviews, Times for Action, publications order blanks, meeting notices/ agenda/minutes, Annual Report (development), EQ Update (4pp), H.R. Committee Guide (6 pp), Role of Executive materials, budget, nominating, OUTLOOK FOR WORK, minutes, treasurer's reports, spot announcements, etc.)
   Labels $14/box (12 boxes/year)
   Envelopes: regular $123.76 for 10,000 (use about 15,000/year); clasp large $266.24 for 5,000; clasp small $113.12 for 2,500
   Memo pads $9/1000 sheets
   THE ABOVE PRICES ARE AS OF OUR LAST PURCHASE rather than present actual costs.
   NOTE: Does NOT include pencils, pens, typing paper(s), cups, towels, staples, etc.

3. Postage
   1st class 10¢/oz (4 sheets = 1 oz)
   Book Rate now 18¢ for 1st pound, 8¢ each additional pound
   3rd class now 10¢ to 64¢ for 1 oz through 15.99 oz.
   Parcel post now 72¢ for 1 - 2 pounds.
   (Examples: committee meeting agendas/minutes (requested 64 meetings, 157 persons), 1st class Board Memo mailing, 3rd class Board Memo & enclosure mailing, finance drive, Board mailings weekly, press/radio releases, coordinators postage, coordinators reports, Times for Action, speakers bureau letters, etc.)

4. Telephone and Telegraph
   Now have four phones $67.11 base/month; also includes calls to M-A-L unit(s), coordinators calls, advisor calls to provisional Leagues, long distance calls relating to program and organization, telegrams responding to Times for Action or in program areas, etc.

5. Insurance - comprehensive (including liability) and workman's compensation.

6. Office Expenses
   b. salaries and salary taxes: Herb $590/month; Merrell $3.70/hour, 18-22 hours/ week as clerk typist; Thompson $3.40/hour, 18 hours/week, as Oragnization clerk doing VOTER addressing, field service, citizen information, etc.; Lucas $3.20/hour, 18-20 hours/week, as Action Clerk; McKaig $3.00/hour on an as needed basis as assistant clerk typist.
      taxes: 5.85% employer share of FICA; .9% state unemployment; anout $70/year federal unemployment.
   c. copier: base is $270/month plus sales tax on copies made; $80 is rent and $190 is for copies (minimum)

7. Bank charges - check printing, stop payments, etc.

8. Audit expenses - professional auditor

9. Capital Expenditures - Typewriters (Two IBM Correcto-matic - $775.00 each)

B. All travel figures at 15¢/mile for car; actual for bus/train/plane. Based on as nearly accurate mileage as possible. Figured on basis of 12 meetings. Babysitting also reimbursed. All Boarders and the office get a DPM @ $20. Also includes incidental publications for the portfolio (Sight & Sound Image, Get & Keep Members, etc.)
Administrative Committees - same as above.
   1. Finance - chairman's travel only; will be a member of the Field Service Committee and use Field Service Committee members as Finance Committee too.
   2. Development - 11 people, 10 meetings (4 to be held in Duluth, Rochester, Morrhead, St. Cloud)
   3. Membership - same as Finance
   4. Field Service - DPMs for all consultants (3 in addition to Boarders); monthly visits to provisionals; quarterly visits to 1st-year Leagues; publications for provisional Leagues; Board and consultant visits to other Leagues; Ad Hoc committee advances; Pilot Program for 6 local LWVs, mini-presidents meetings.
   5. Local Agenda - same as Finance.
   6. PR - chairman's expenses; press releases are $28/release; entertaining editors/ TV people; TV programs.
   7. Budget - chairman plus 4 off-Board committee members.
   8. Nominating - at least one non-Metro member.
   9. Office Management - treasurer will serve as chairman.

C. Delegates, etc - the usual (travel, meals, lodging, registration, equalization)
Affiliations: UN Rally $25, Citizens League $25, National Municipal League $15, National Indian Education Association $10, JRLC $5.

E. VOTER
   2. Postage - 2nd class; if local LWVs keep lists up to date MONTHLY, we can hold postage costs down!
   3. File Updating - supplies only (scriptomatic cards) - $19.94/500 cards (used 2,000 this year).

F. Education
Program covers committee meetings for new study and/or updating of previous studies if a new direction is requested or consensus sought. (Average 70 miles/person/ meeting/one way; @ 15¢/mile.) Also covers tools; attendance at meetings of other groups; interviewing; attending hearings; babysitting; meals and lodging if needed.
   2. Citizen Information: travel expenses; committee meetings; etc.

G. Action
Coordinator, committee, lobbying expenses. All coordinators receive national's Action Service @ $7.50. Includes other tools babysitting, meals, interviews with Congressional delegation. Covers Program costs/committee meeting where no new study, direction, consensus is expected. Cost of Phillips Legislative Services.

General Information:
We sell 32 DPMs; 79 Board Memo subscriptions; send 7 to members-at-large for their $15.00 dues; give away 18 to consultants, coordinators, budget chairman, nominating committee, national, and national Board members.

Committee meeting examples:
Field Service 19 members x 46 average "actual" miles x 15¢/mile - $131.10 meeting x 4 meetings/year = $524.40.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 14, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN, 9:45 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Ebbott, Jenkins, Rosenbloom, Moss, Amundson, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Gross, Jones, Knutson, Rockenbach, Waldo, Watson, Weber, Westmoreland.
Board Member Absent: (excused) Andersen.
Non-Board Member Present: Jan Dvorak, Budget Committee chairman.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 20, 1974 state Board meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/74	$11,064.44
Expenditures 4/1/74 to 11/30/74	52,829.29
Income 4/1/74 to 11/30/74	43,526.60
Balance on hand 11/30/74	1,761.75
Balance on hand 4/1/74	$11,064.44
Expenditures 4/1/74 to 12/30/74	56,023.57
Income 4/1/74 to 12/30/74	54,369.99
Balance on hand 12/30/74	9,410.86

It was announced that the full payment to national was being sent this month. The reports were filed for audit.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Move information on Focus meeting on Indians to start of meeting.
Move National Institute of Justice proposal to follow Focus report.
Add under Discussion Funding for Ad Hoc Committees.

FOCUS ON STATE GOVERNMENT: Ebbott announced that George Goodwin, executive director of the Chippewa tribe; Kent Tupper, legal councel to the Chippewa tribe; A.A. Clumpner, area branch chief, Division of Law Enforcement, BIA, will be the speakers for the February 18 Focus program. She said letters of invitation will be sent to legislators and the press. Ebbott will chair this session.

Ebbott also asked Board members for an indication of what items they would like abstracted from the Congressional Record.

Ebbott raised the issue of veterans preference in employment. She said the League may need to make a decision of affirmative action and abolishing veterans preference; that this might fall under the EO position. She wondered if local Leagues would support it. There is a suggestion that the present bill be modified to allow a one-time only veterans preference. It was pointed out that at one time the League supported veterans preference (25 years ago). It was felt that the Board did not have enough information to take action on this at present. Ebbott, Borg and Knutson have begun to research the issue.

MOTION: To prepare an information sheet on the implications of veterans preference for distribution to local Leagues.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Amundson Carried

Jenkins said this is an important issue; that it was the League position to get away from separatism. Borg said that the St. Paul League wants to act on the issue. McCoy said that the Minneapolis League has a position and has taken action on it. McCoy asked if the information sheet were meant for information only, or were we asking for agreement. Jenkins said she did not think we were ready for agreement yet. McCoy asked if we could assume local Leagues would contact state if they disagreed. It was felt that such an assumption was not necessarily valid. It was suggested that local Leagues be encouraged to discuss this at unit meetings and ask for reactions. Ebbott felt it would serve to give direction to the state Board. Weber said that an important principle, equality of opportunity, was involved, but it was hard to oppose the issue and must presented carefully. She felt that statistics would be hard to get since they would not reflect those who did not try for a job or advancement if they were not veterans. McCoy and Jenkins will check the completed information sheet.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE: Gross said that a bill to propose the establishment of such an institute is to be presented in Congress, and our support means that the LWVMN would be in a position to act on it. It was noted that we were not being asked for financial support but for the use of our name. Gross said that there would be a commission of sixteen members consisting of judges, lawyers and lay people plus a full-time executive director.

MOTION: To support the establishment of a National Institute of Justice.
Mover: Gross Second: Knutson Carried

APPOINTMENTS: MOTION: To approve the appointment of Janet Rosembloom as Board chairman for the 1975 State Convention.
Mover: Moss Second: Cushing Carried

The Board chairman acts as liaison with the hostess League Convention chairman. Rosenbloom will also edit the Convention Workbook.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Liz Ebbott as chairman of the State Program Recommendations Committee (1975-77) Program).
Mover: Jenkins Second: Jones Carried

Knutson, Weber, Gross, Waldo, Watson and Rosenbloom volunteered to be on the committee.

LOBBYISTS: Borg listed the following persons as proposed lobbyists for the 1975-76 legislative session: EQ - Mary Poppleton, Carol Mac Lean, Marianne Curry, Pat Stein, Sally Foley, Nancy Latimer, Marilyn Deneen; Election Laws - Marie Sellars; HR - Sue Johnson, Lois DeSantis, Delores Hastings, Jeanette Kahlenberg, Louise Mathes, Pat Lucas, Karlynn Fronek, Ann Oyes; Education - Lorraine Clugg, Paula Goldberg, Marilyn Wrich; CMAL - Jerry Enders, Jan Del Calzo, Ann Thomas, Naomi Loper.

MOTION: To approve the above list of League members as lobbyists during the 1975-76 legislative session.
Mover: Ebbott Second: Jenkins Carried

MOTION: That all state Board members be listed as officially designated lobbyists.
Mover: Ebbott Second: Weber Carried

Borg noted that Program chairmen are to be responsible for lobbyists in their areas and be alert for possible conflicts of interest. Jenkins reiterated the suggestion made at a previous Board meeting about the possibility of lobbying in conjunction with Board meetings. Borg said that when there are other meetings or workshops that bring outstate members we could use them to lobby or contact their legislators.

REVISION OF 1974-75 BUDGET: Moss presented the revised budget suggestions as appended. Moss was asked what was being done about Leagues which had not paid their pledge. She said that some pledges had come in in response to the appeal, and that consultants will be notified and asked to contact delinquent Leagues. Decision on the revised budget was postponed until the treasurer compiled the total figure.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1975-76: Jan Dvorak presented the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The Budget Committee consists of Mary Corliss, St. Cloud Area; Marty Doyle, Brooklyn Park; Dana Brandt, New Brighton; Sally Cone, Hutchison and Ruth Helgen, Northfield. Dvorak pointed out that the total expense figure is seven percent over this year's budget. She said the committee felt this was reasonable. The income to be raised by pledges was set at $68,881.75. It was noted that this year's pledges amounted to $49,140.32, and we were still trying to collect them. McCoy asked if the Board should try to keep its idealism and try to sell this budget to the local Leagues or trim it now. She noted that when some local Leagues do not accept their "fair share" pledge the total is not refigured which means that some Leagues are paying more than their "fair share". It was felt that the Board should attempt to cut back the budget since it would have more control at this stage than at Convention. It was pointed out that the budget included funds for 68 committee meetings involving 158 persons.

Amundson suggested that the income figure for Miscellaneous for renting the Xerox could be raised to $1750. Borg said that another organizarion is selling Xerox copies for less and that some organizations which had been using League's machine might go to them. Westmoreland suggested that we might get more DPM subscriptions. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to go back to Board Memos for each local Board member if at all possible. McCoy asked Dvorak to find out the cost of doing that so it could be presented to delegates at Convention. McCoy said she and Dvorak will prepare a report on the budget to go to local Leagues which will discuss the decisions and alternatives.

With regard to the figure for a new study, it was pointed out that it was hoped to recoup the cost of the study from the sale of the publication and that we did not do so on the Corrections study. It was suggested that the cost of the publication should be increased. Jenkins asked if the Program Suggestions Committee, instead of recommending a new study, could recommend implementation of current positions. Moss said that the Golden Vally LWV had complained about too many consensuses. Jenkins said that the local Leagues could study positions the League already has and study the tools of action to implement them. It was felt the $500 figure for position update was realistic. With membership turnover, it was felt that updates are needed. Weber said that if no new study were recommended it should not be presented on the basis of saving money; that this was a negative approach. She suggested it be put on the basis of acquiring depth in positions and reeducating League members on League positions.

McCoy said she felt a ten percent increase in pledges would be realistic which would bring the figure to $55,000 rather than $68,000, meaning that $13,000 would have to be cut from expenditures. Rockenbach said $120 for clipping service could be cut from the PR budget request. Jones said she felt the projected number of committee meetings was unrealistic. She suggested trying to schedule meetings so that more than one could be held on a day, especially those involving outstate members. It was felt that Development could be cut $700. It was noted that ABC reporting income would not be available this year and that there would not be as many publications to sell. The possibility of a per member payment to state was raised. Weber suggested the possibility of preparing two budgets: one idealistic and the other bare bones to show alternatives. It was felt that this was too confusing. Knutson suggested subtracting the fixed costs such as rent and salaries and cutting the rest by five percent. Jenkins said that as leaders the Board had an obligation to present alternatives. Knutson asked if two new typewriters were needed. McCoy said at some times all typewriters were in use. She suggested that by planning ahead on work it might be possible to avoid overloading the office. Rockenbach said that if two budgets were prepared we would have to explain the qualitative difference between them. Rosenbloom asked if the $3700 figure for a new study was for a two year period. McCoy said it was for the first year only.

MOTION: To support the budget as proposed with the possibility of a reduction in pledges through a reduction in expenditures.
Mover: Knutson Second: Rockenbach Carried

Knutson said we should explain that this budget is similar to the current one with no large increases in spending. McCoy added that this year's budget was balanced by non-recurring income. Atchison asked if the national DPM could be reduced. McCoy said that this was related to total Board responsibility for knowing what is happening in other areas of League. Jenkins said she thought too much was included in the state Board mailing, citing the copies of candidates questionnaires specifically.

It was decided to take the proposed budget item by item. It was felt by the Board that the Spotmaster (A.4) was expendable. Salaries included a five percent increase. The copier cost could be offset by a projected income of $1700. It was felt that one of the two new typewriters could be cut. The Board expenses were based on a 21 member Board. It was noted that the secretary will be from Moorhead which will increase travel expense. Moss said the Office Management Committee could get by on $25. The amount of the pledge to national is an estimate. Citizens Information was reduced to $500. It was decided to leave the position support figure as it was and cut later if necessary. McCoy noted that the Presidents Workshop has a $500 subsidy. It was asked what publications were projected to justify the $3500 figure. Dvorak will check with Herb to see if that large an amount is needed. Ebbott said that the reserves used in printing INDIANS should be reinvested; that the League has been living off publications.

Westmoreland asked if the budget really reflected League priorities, commenting that it seemed weighted toward salaries and supplies. Jenkins responded that these are services to local Leagues and reflects where volunteer organizations are now; that there are not enough volunteer hours available. Weber came up with a list of suggested cuts for discussion purposes. It included eliminating the two new typewriters and capital accrual and cutting the following: Board tools by $200; FS by $300; PR $35; Nominating $50; New Study, $2500; Position Support, $475; VOTER, one issue, $500; Publications, $2500. It was pointed out that the VOTER was down to six issues already which was felt to be a minimum. Weber said some amount should be left in for a new study because the Convention might vote for one. Amundson

McCoy said that she did not feel that salaries could be cut because League is in a competitive situation with regard to employment and does not give certain fringe benefits other employers do. Borg said she did not think another issue of the VOTER should be cut. Weber said she did not realize that the figure was for six issues instead of seven. McCoy asked if the Board would trust the Budget Chairman and herself to work out the figures with Board concerns in mind.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: That the proposed budget try to keep pledges within a ten percent increase.
Mover: Knutson Second: Rockenbach Carried

MOTION: That the Board recommends that there be no less than six issues of the VOTER.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Borg Carried

MOTION: That the Board urge the budget adjustment committee to seriously consider increasing salaries by ten percent rather than five percent.
Mover: Ebbott Second: Watson Failed

McCoy said if this were done we might have to lower the number of hours worked. Amundson said the Office Management Committee should decide this. McCoy said at the November Board meeting a five percent increase was agreed upon.

Weber proposed the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has tried faithfully to reflect Board wishes in its budget proposal, and
WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has conscientiously worked together on a budget proposal, and
WHEREAS, the Board is now returning the budget proposal to the budget committee for revision,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby expressed its support for and appreciation of the work of the committee and that all members of the committee be notified of this resolution.

MOTION: To adopt the above resolution.
Mover: Weber Second: Ebbott Carried

FAST DAY: Borg noted that the name had been changed to Minnesotans Share for Hunger. She said the League could participate in the coalition without financial obligation. She said arrangements were being made with a bank to accept individual contributions. She presented a list of organizations that were or were likely to support the coalition. Borg said the purposes of the coalition were: 1. to collect funds for the hungry; 2. give up one meal and send money for the hungry; 3. to encourage study action groups to study short and long range hunger problems; 4. urge Minnesotans to become informed and involved in formulating a National Food Policy; 5. to support farmers in their task of raising food; and, 6. to celebrate the life of the world community.

MOTION: That the LWVMN support Minnesotans Share for Hunger coalition.
Mover: Knutson Second: Watson Carried

Borg presented more information on the Welfare coalition. She said the group had been given permission to use the House Information Service room at the Capitol for information drops and telephone messages if the privilege is not abused.

CONTRIBUTION TO ST. PAUL LWV LITIGATION FUND: St. Paul is involved in a coalition which is litigating with regard to the granting of permits for a coal terminal for the St. Paul Port Authority. They have incurred lawyers' fees of $5000. (It is not clear whether that is the coalition debt or the St. Paul League's share.) More money will be necessary to carry this matter to a conclusion. St. Paul LWV is requesting financial aid from LWVMN. McCoy pointed out that the state has contributed $100 to St. Paul for this purpose. Borg said she was concerned about the ramifications of contributing and that in of the state League's financial difficulties, we should not be spending extra money.

MOTION: To contribute $100 to the St. Paul LWV to help defray expenses incurred in litigation.
Mover: Watson Second: Westmoreland Failed

It was noted that St. Paul did not realize what it was getting into; that it thought it could use non-lawyer interveners in the hearings. Atchison asked if this might be a civil liberties type problem with citizens groups being discriminated against in hearings. McCoy said she did not have enough information to answer that question but that possibly the MCLU should be informed and asked to look into it.

GUIDELINES FOR AD HOC COMMITTEES: Moss presented a report on tentative guidelines for fund raising for Ad Hoc Committees. She said the Hennepin County Ad Hoc Committee had requested permission to solicit funds from certain organizations for publishing its booklet. McCoy said she felt there should be guidelines for this type of activity. She said she did not know how much money the Hennepin County group is seeking. She noted that the state League was about to hold a finance campaign although it was not seeking tax deductible funds as was the Hennepin County Ad Hoc Committee. She suggested taking it on a case by case basis without hard and fast guidelines. Cushing suggested the possibility of seeking funds from the Hennepin County government to publish the material as a public service.

MOTION: To allow the Hennepin County Ad Hoc Committee to contact two corporations which are not on the state finance campaign list and to ask that they not contact others pending the state finance campaign.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Waldo Carried

MOTION: To approve the Development Committee recommendation that the state Board act as the fiscal agent for the Hennepin County Ad Hoc Committee for this one purpose.
Mover: Moss Second: Waldo Carried

Cushing suggested sending out the guideline that ad hoc committees must clear fund-raising with state and local Leagues. McCoy said the guidelines on being the fiscal agent for ad hoc committees and contributing to ad hoc committees were guidelines to the state Board and not to the committees.

TOTAL BOARD RESPONSIBILITY: McCoy discussed Board responsibility for using staff time wisely. She noted that on the whole the staff feels there is a good working relationship, but there are times when work bunches up. She said that by planning ahead (using PERT), bringing clean, legible copy, etc., maximum use of the available time will be achieved. She pointed out that it is a Board chairman's decision on when work must go out, and there are occasions when it might be necessary to bring in extra help to get everything done.

CONSULTANT TRAINING: Cushing said that many consultants are asked to come to the annual meetings of their consulting Leagues. She said that consultants should do their homework before attending. They should ask what is expected of them by the local League. They should familiarize themselves with the local League's budget and Program to help spot any possible problem areas. She said while at the meeting the consultant should make good use of her time by observing what is going on, how well prepared the meeting is, is there any dissent apparent, etc. Jenkins added that consultants are often asked to be parliamentarians at annual meetings. She said the goal should be to try to help the local League accomplish what it wants to do and to make sure everyone understands the issues.

REVISION OF BUDGET: Moss noted that Robbinsdale LWV had given an additional $100, the balance of 1973-74 pledges plus Maplewood's funds was $1469and that Publications income was set at $14,092.

Total expenditure on the revised budget will be:	$89,258.95
Total income:	86,981.24
Reserves to balance budget:	2,277.71

MOTION: To approve the revision of the 1974-75 budget as appended.
Mover: Moss Second: Borg Carried

Cushing asked how soon the new pledges would be available. Moss said they would be ready as soon as the new membership figures come in. Cushing urged that they be sent out as soon as possible.

CMAL: McCoy reported that CMAL is going to seek consensus on the question of the county study. She said there appears to be less interest in pushing for an elected Metropolitan Council and more interest in studying county government. She said she felt the sentiment toward disbanding CMAL appears to have waned.

Borg announced that there are three college lobbyist interns working with the League during this legislativ e session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

Memo to: Boarders and Spouses
Staff and Spouses
From: Mary Ann McCoy

RE: Holiday Happening, December 15, 1974
at 2312 Lake Place, Minneapolis

(Proceed to Hennepin Avenue [South] and 22nd Street [West]; go west on 22nd St. to Irving Avenue South; turn south on Irving for about one block to where Lake Place turns off to the right . . . third house on right.)

5:30 p.m. on and on and . . . .

December 3, 1974

With the customary irreverence for committee delegation you may have come to note in yours truly, I submit the following non-committee report on preparations for the above event:

Menu consists of:

Wets - punch, coffee, tea, skim milk

Sliceds - cheese, meat, poultry, fish

Arounds - bread, crax, chips (including dips)

Veg's/Fruits - tossed, cut, soaked, molded

Sweets - cookies, cake, pie, candy, concoctions, confections

The way I figure it, if McCoys take care of the wets, and if each Boarder brings one consignment of either Sliced, Arounds, Veg's/Fruits or Sweets . . . serving four . . . we ought to have an interesting evening . . . And after all the goal is fun 'n' fellowship? The objective is edible simplicity?

The question: can we manage? (After all, we get to eat regular meals every day - right out of our own bag lunches, right? So we can afford some innovation to show how f - l - e - x - or whatever we are, right?)

Consider this your invite: phone office with regrets only.
See you December 15 . . . with your selected consignment and spouse in tow. And goodness knows . . . if spouse is unavailable, plan to attend anyway! Bring a friend!

Ad Hoc Committee on Health in Ramsey County
Rita Mix, Co-chairman
2020 W. Skillman, Roseville, Mn. 55113 (631-1385)

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
February 11, 1975 Board Meeting

When the decision was made (Spring, 1974) to summarize current health information in the form of a booklet, the ad hoc committee also decided that such information should be available at no cost to the general public and to League members, and began to investigate possible sources of funding. (See minutes of June 26, 1974 Meeting.)

We received a verbal commitment from the Technical Director of Riker Laboratories, Inc., Division of 3M, to supply printing service, and, at his request we submitted a letter to the company's board of directors outlining our request and stating the purpose and content of the publication. Although we did not receive a response, we were continually assured by our committee contact that Riker would indeed print the publication.

Needless to say, we were somewhat surprised when on February 3, 1975 we found that our request had not been brought before the board and because of the political nature of the League of Women Voters and recent news regarding 3M political activities, it was unlikely that Riker would consider assisting us at this time.

Several other factors further complicate the situation that the committee finds itself in.

1. We had informed our Ramsey County Leagues last summer of our intention to offer the publication at no cost. Thus they have no money budgeted for purchase of it and we feel an obligation to follow through on our committment.

2. Our February 20 deadline is fast approaching! We must have the publication available in conjunction with our "Health Forum" and in order to provide needed information prior to consensus taking by all the Leagues involved.

3. We have heard from many sources that our procedures are inappropriate LWV procedures, but we are having a great deal of difficulty finding out what the correct procedures are.

Following are the steps the committee has taken since February 3 in an effort to get our publication rolling again:

1. We have made an appointment with Mr. Print of Roseville to print 1000 copies at a cost of $340.

2. We have applied for LWV Education Fund approval for the total project (including Forum, mailing and distribution costs) in the amount of $440.

3. We have initiated contacts with the following groups asking for money or printing service contributions:

State Department of Health
Human Resources Planning Council
Economic Laboratories
Group Health of St. Paul
Metropolitan Council
H. B. Fuller Co.
Univac
Dayton's Good Works Department
American National Bank
Northwestern National Bank
Blue Cross
Minnesota Mutual

We would like the State Board to assist us at this time in exploring the avenues that are available to us, and providing the information we need to do so properly so that we can meet our deadline and complete our study.

COUNCIL 75

May 5–8

THIS IS GOING ON DPM

February 27, 1975

TO: Local and State League Presidents
FROM: Ruth C. Clusen, President, LWVUS
RE: 1975 National Council

This is the first call to the 1975 meeting of the National Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States to be held from 10 a.m. Monday, May 5, 1975, to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 1975, at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Under the provisions of Article X, Section 2, of the national bylaws the Council body consists of two delegates chosen by the board of each state League, two delegates chosen by the LWV of the District of Columbia, one delegate each from Puerto Rico and from the Virgin Islands, and the members of the national board. Each delegation may also include two visitors with the understanding that they will not participate in the travel equalization plan. Visitors' credentials may not be used until the state's delegate quota has been filled.

The bylaws provide that "Council shall give guidance to the Board on Program, methods of work, and budget as submitted by the Board of Directors. The Council is authorized to change the Program only in the event of an emergency, provided that notice of any proposed change shall have been sent to the presidents of local and state Leagues at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council. A two-thirds vote shall be required to adopt any change. The Council shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the Board."

MEMO

FROM: Pat Lucas

SUBJECT Approval of Pam Berkwitz to lobby for the State League

DATE Feb. 7, 1975

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
555 WABASHA
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102
PHONE: 224-5445

C R I S I S The big push is on for the veterans' preference bill - it is necessary to contact people on Monday and Tuesday ------Pam has not been approved by the State Board - it seems that you could allow her to lobby starting Monday and then take formal action on Tuesday. I would be happy to take calls at home - 484-9671 and get your permission to tell her that you would support her approval and would allow her to start lobbying on Monday. It is now 3:00 on Friday and I can't reach Liz or Helene to tell them about this ------ I have talked to Mary Watson and Jerry Jenkins and they say this would be OK with them.

Hazel Hoganson
2401 Callahan
Bmc
56601
218 751-1444

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

Mins.

9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
Minutes of the State Board Meeting, January 14, 1975#
Treasurer's Report*
Revision of Agenda

ACTION* Membership

5 Wells - organization basis change - Cushing
10 Fairmont - recognition as a local League - Cushing
5 Minnesota Farmers Union request for local LWV presidents list
5 Additional Lobbyist approval - Borg
15 Ramsey County Juvenile Center lobby permission - Stone
15 Proposed bylaw changes - Jones
15 Energy conservation legislation - Watson

Weber-Gross- Rockenbach-

DISCUSSION*

60 Recommendation to National for Annual Report, LWVMN - Jenkins
20 Ballot rotation of names update - Westmoreland
15 CMAL - Jenkins (Amundson, Ebbott, McCoy as resources)
10 InterLeague Information - Knutson
10 New Brighton and Health Study - Cushing

BREAK FOR LUNCH

30 Energy Conference#- Henrietta Britton, member LWVUS Energy Task Force & Watson
40 Legislative Action Report - Borg (with Program people as resources)

INFORMATION*

5 Development - McCoy, Weber
5 Interim reports: Cottage Grove, Detroit Lakes - Cushing
5 PMPs of local LWVS - Cushing
5 Tax check-off - Rockenbach
5 Exchange Bargain - McCoy
10 CIA & OEF - LWVUS

- reaction on TV
more than
custodial care

#mailed earlier *included with Agenda
Next State Board Meeting - March 11, 1975

Board Memo Mailing - Material for the March Board Memo (both body and enclosures) must be in McCoy's hands by Friday, Feb. 14. If for some reason, material will not be ready by that date, let McCoy know so that special arrangements can be made for prereading and for final typing. Please label all material submitted "draft copy".

Upcoming committee meetings: Feb. 12 - Frenzel Interview - 2 p.m. -his office (Mpls.)
Feb. 14 - Sabo and Program people - 9:00 a.m
Feb. 18 - Focus on State Government - 9:30 - YWCA of St. Paul
March 6 - CMAL - State Office - 9:30 a.m.

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: approves the minutes of the State Board Meeting of January 14, 1975, as circulated.

2. Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.

3. Wells: motion: recommends approval of Wells' request for a name change.

Background Information

Wells LWV is requesting a name change to East Faribault County LWV. This League presently has only two members living in Wells. They have called themselves the "Wells-Kiester League" persistently because the Kiester unit was the more active one. The name change would reflect the realities - they have operated as an area League for some time, with county studies, etc. Most of their members are in Kiester Township, but they do have some throughout the area.

4. Fairmont: motion: recommends recognition of the LWV of Fairmont.

Background Information

Fairmont has been a provisional LWV since October 1973. They have now submitted their application for recognition as a local LWV. They have been enthusiastic and energetic; they have done a good job handling new program and educating themselves on League positions; they have established good relations in the community. Their advisor sends a strong recommendation for approval. Their recent finance drive was not a success - they raised only $257 - but they did get $500 to publish their survey.

They have met all other requirements for qualifiying with one exception: membership growth. (See enclosure - white sheets) Membership dropped from 53 to present level of 37. Obviously, this is a matter for concern. In all other respects, they are ready for recognition.

5. MFU: motion: approves sending list of local LWV presidents to Minnesota Farmers Union, as per their request.

Background Information

MFU, in conjunction with the National Farmers Union, is in process of putting together a new program called National Alliance for Food, Employment and Resource Policy. They seek cooperation with groups and request mailing list of local LWV presidents in MN. Requests for our presidents list and even our membership list arrive periodically from organizations and individuals seeking use of our communications network; most are handled by Action/Field Service consultation. Because this request may relate to certain discussions of food policy begun at our Jan. meeting, we seek full Board discussion. An alternative to supplying the list is to offer to include their material, FYI, in a regular mailing of ours to local LWVs.

6. Lobbyists: motion: approves Pam Berkwitz (veterans preference), Arlene Nystuen (ERA), and Mary Alice Pearson (veterans preference backup) as lobbyists.

Background Information

Pam Berkwitz is vice-president of the Mpls. LWV and has been working with a coalition on veterans preference bills. Arlene Nystuen is Action chairman for the Minnetonak-Eden Prairie LWV. Mary Alice Pearson is Mpls.' HR chairman.

7. Ramsey County - see attached blue sheets.

8. Bylaws: motion: recommends to local LWVs the (attached - buff sheets) bylaws to local Leagues for adoption at Convention in June 1975.

9. Energy: motion: LWVMN continues its support of energy conservation legislation.

Background Information

Action during national convention gave approval to LWVs to act on energy issues under our present positions. Conservation of energy issues appears to be appropriate to support under our "improvement of air and water" positions. Gwen Murphree, testifying before the Federal Energy Administration Regional Hearings last October, supported: *rate structures that reward the small user

*energy conservation in contruction of public buildings
*durability of equipment
*identification of energy usage for appliances
*devices to discourage one-person car travel

Consequently, we testified in support of many of the identical measures before a subcommittee; we were one of the few citizen groups present and we would like to continue to show support for the legislation which has emerged. National has sent a statement for concurrence on energy conservation due April 1. It appears that we were "jumping the gun". We have three choices:

1. Ignore the state energy cinservation bills
2. Ask for state concurrence by March 1.
3. Continue to act, explaining to the LWVs that we feel it is logical under our present positions.

DISCUSSION

1. Annual Report: In preparing for discussion of recommendation to national, please think in terms of the question posed by LWVUS: Has your board suggestions for changes or improvements in policies, procedures and services of the national board? Please describe, giving reasons?"

2. Rotation: Several citizens groups and individuals are exploring the possibility of bringing a suit to restore rotation of names on the ballot for partisan offices. As you know, these are not now rotated and since party designation includes legislative races as well as statewide. MPIRG is interested in handling the suit but needs a board decision which will come in March. They were involved in the suit with Secretary of State Erdahl last year (the suit was dropped in order to avoid any confusion about ballot preparation in the 1974 election.) MCLU also needs board approval to take on the suit but feels positive such approval could be given. They only have one full time staff lawyer and would find a volunteer to take on the job. They also require that they be in sole charge of all statements and strategy in a lawsuit. Common Cause is still waiting for an answer from their national office about whether or not they can take on the suit. Another alternative being discussed is for all the groups involved to set up a coalition, raise funds, and retain lawyers to handle the suit. This, I think, is mostly a suggested from the individuals involved rather than the groups.

The League could be involved in this action in either of the following ways:
1. As one of the plaintiffs, representing the public interest -- i.e. an individual's vote is diluted by those falling to the person in first position on the ballot; without ballot rotation, only one candidate receives this "donkey vote," thereby diluting the vote of all those voting for other candidates.

Other plaintiffs could or might include incumbents who will be running in the 1976 election and might lose because of ballot placement, persons losing by a small margin in the 1974 election which could be attributed to ballot position, independent candidates who would never (according to the formula) be able to attain first position.

2. As an amicus curiae - "friend of the court." Refers to a person or organization permitted to file a brief with a court in order to better inform it about an issue in a case. An amicus is not considered a party to the suit.

I am seeking some direction from the Board as to what our position in a lawsuit could be, depending upon who takes on the suit, what their strategy is, etc. Some of the things that need to be considered are:

1. Ballot rotation was one of our priority issues. However, it is the first position we have arrived at by concurrence method. Is it the kind of issue that our members feel committed to, to the extent that we could become involved in litigation -- possibly eventually costing at least some money?

2. Is the League the deciding factor? In some areas, such as reapportionment, the League seems to be the only group pushing. However, JRLC, Common Cause, MPIRG,

MCLU, are all willing to fight the fight, too. It would not be a cop-put to continue our fight through legislative channels and through PR to inform the public and encourage their support. Other groups and individuals with the resources to carry through on a lawsuit appear ready to do so. Whether or not the League is involved does not appear to make the difference.

3. It will require the time, energy and dedication for the duration of a Leaguer -- do we have someone willing to take it on? Is the Board and the membership willing to back that person to the fullest over a long period of time? Is LWVMN (meaning our local Leagues) ready to become involved in litigation as an Action tool?

4. Our participation in the litigation could enhance our credibility as a group who will take whatever steps are needed to get action.

3. CMAL: oral report.

4. ILO:
   a. The committee agreed not to meet again unless so directed.
   b. The committee agreed that local Leagues need more help in interLeague action through Field Service and help from individual Board members. Hennepin County sees more structure for their group than other county associations.
   c. No additional Board person is recommended at this time.
   d. Outstate Leagues would like more research information from state. What's available and whom to contact.
   e. Financial support and membership commitment must be cultivated in local Leagues, especially at annual meetings. Support is there if understood by the members.

In addition, CMAL suggested they are the likely group to advise the county ad hoc. Is this appropriate? If so, would state give up some of its control over local Leagues?

The members in attendance seemd to gain a better understanding of cooperative action. Is this something that Field Service and Program people could deal with in mini-meetings throughout the year, or at Convention or Council?

Their reaction to the "we-they" attitude exists somewhat between locals and state due to work load; however, the attitude also exists between Leagues!

5. Health: Ramsey County Ad Hoc Health Committee is an outgrowth of a Roseville local study which concluded that action was most appropriate at the county level. All the Ramsey County Leagues except Mounds View have had representatives on this committee. They are presently preparing a publication and planning for consensus. New Brighton has become increasingly dissatisfied with this committee (as well as the 621 School Survey Committee) and has been pressuring for various changes. The other Ramsey County Leagues have continued to support the committee and its work. At their January (December?) Board meeting, New Brighton voted to withdraw from the health study.

6. Energy Conference: Remember to bring the big Energy background bundle mailed earlier.

With the interest in energy issues at a high level, Nancy Latimer, Energy Chairman, has done some background work on a possible conference on energy. She has contacted Citizens League, MEA, Univ. of MN, Upper Midwest Council, Energy Commission, Metro Council, Sierra Club, Greater Metropolitan Federation; all groups expressed interest in sponsoring such a conference. The tentative dates are April 12 or April 15.

7. Legislative Action: see attached.

8. Development: MHC proposal not approved, sob; training for State Finance Campaigners

held on schedule--local Leagues affected currently reviewing list of prospects for response by 2/11/75. Letters to go out last week of February, with follow-up calls in March, winding up by end of our fiscal year, 3/31/75.

9. Interim reports: see attached (on buff paper)

10. PMPs: see attached.

11. Tax Check-Off: Campaing cooperation with other citizen groups underway with Rosemary Rockenbach setting media contacts, including Ch. 9, Feb. 16, Jere Smith's show (viewing time 9 a.m.?). Shirley Westmoreland was on KTCR, and time on future talk shows on WDGY, WWTC (Carol Madden of Common Cause), and KEEY (Common Cause and LWV).

12. Exchange bargain: McCoy exchanges Dayton's for Election Judges training research for Secretary of State, beginning 2/5/75.

13. CIA & OEF: Yes, we may have stayed clean on the 3M contributions deal, but CIA and OEF have been linked in media---copy of memo from LWVUS attached in its entirety (apologies to all you paper savers!), FYI.

P.S. Received a very complimentary letter from Senator John Milton re "The Minnesota Miracle" - MN VOTER.

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QUALIFYING AS A LOCAL LEAGUE

Provisional Leagues must meet minimum requirements to qualify for recognition as local Leagues. The national board may issue guidelines interpreting the requirements. A provisional League is qualified to become a local League when it:

BYLAWS: has bylaws in confirmity with those of the League of Women Voters of the United States. The first three articles must be consistent with those of the LWVUS. The remaining articles must provide for democratic procedures.

NONPARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY: has observed the nonpartisan political policy of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP: has grown in membership; is carrying out plans to make its membership as representative as possible of the community, and is providing a variety of opportunities for members to participate in deciding and carrying out League activities and goals.

PROGRAM: has developed skills and techniques needed to manage program issues from selection to research, member decision and action.

has shown an understanding of politics and government essential to League action.

has carried out an action plan, with the approval of the state League.

has kept its members informed on existing League issues.

CITIZEN INFORMATION: has identified issues and helped citizens act to resolve them through governmental, electoral and political processes.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: has worked with other community groups and organizations and the media to achieve League goals.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT: has contributed to the financial support of the League as a whole.

has a budget adequate to carry out League operations.

has obtained income through a variety of ways from members and non-members in the community.

PROCEDURES: has held at lease one annual meeting to elect officers and adopt a budget.

has organized its board to achieve League aims and held regular board meetings to develop plans, determine activities and evaluate the progress of its League.

has submitted reports as requested.

has sent representatives to regional, state and national meetings as appropriate.

(Adopted by 1974 national convention)

Application for recognition as a Local League — January, 1975
LWV of Fairmont, Minnesota (Provisional)

Date of recognition as Provisional League October, 1973

Number of members at time or recognition 53 number now 37

Population of community 10,751

See attached sheet for names and addresses of members

Basis of organization: Municipal League

Description of pattern or organization of membership:

Number of units 2
Frequency of meeting for units 2 per month except in summer
Number of general meetings 5 in 1973-74 6 in '74-75
(not counting candidates meetings, 2 in all)
Degree of Member Participation 34 out of present 37 1974-75
66% in 1973-74

Committees:	Number in each 1973-74	1974-75
Membership	3	3
Corrections	4	3
Judiciary		3
Bulletin	2	2
Environmental Quality	4	3
Amendment Promotion		2
Publications	3	4
Human Resources	2	2
Local Study	6	16
Campaign Financing	4	2
Citizens' Participation	3	5

Local Government Survey

We published a pamphlet, Citizens' Handbook, with money secured from the City of Fairmont. 1,000 copies were printed and distributed to schools, city offices county offices, to contributors in the finance drive, in chamber of commerce office and to new teachers in the community. A neighboring school at Welcome purchased 40 copies at a nominal fee to use in their classroom in senior high government

16 people collected the information, one member sorted and edited, president further edited and worked with the publisher on page layouts. All the sources checked all facts before publication from page layouts. The community was impressed with the results. (See attached letter from superintendent of schools.)

Pamphlet attached.

To: Board of Directors, League of Women Voters of Minnesota

From: Ramsey County ad hoc Committee on Juvenile Justice

Subject: Action on Ramsey County Juvenile Center

Situation: A proposal currently facing the Ramsey County Board would allow for the building of a Ramsey County Juvenile Center to be located in downtown St. Paul. If passed by the County Board, the proposal (in bill form) would be sent to the Ramsey County delegation, and in turn to the legislature for special legislation allowing the county to float capital improvement bonds to fund the center.

Background: The proposed Juvenile Center would combine, in a single facility, the functions of juvenile court, juvenile intake, some juvenile probation, juvenile detention, and representatives of some helping agencies (welfare, YSB). From what we have seen, it is our committee's opinion that this center would be clearly better than what we now have. We think the center would provide for the following improvements:

24 hour intake; allowing children to be screened and possibly diverted on a round-the-clock basis

speedier initial hearings; perhaps the same day, if desired

more humane treatment and surroundings; no more handcuffs and paddy wagon rides

more efficient delivery of services to kids and parents; helping agencies will be located either on premises or in close proximity

a variety or alternative living situations within the detention facility--allowing for separation of certain types of juveniles (very sophisticated, dangerous, anti-social, etc.)

Action Proposal: The County Board is not now ready to decide on the center; they are still arguing about cost, site, design, and funding. Our committee is carefully monitoring this process. We are requesting State Board approval now for possible lobbying on the juvenile center bill within the Ramsey County delegation, and the legislature as a whole. If the proposal passes the County Board in a suitable form, we want to be ready to move immediately.

Lobbying activities might include giving testimony at delagation or committee meetings, calling on specific legislators, participating in coalitions, and attending committee meetings.

Position: We are proposing this possible action as being timely and appropriate under the LWVMn position on the Judiciary and the new (January, 1975) Ramsey County position on Juvenile Justice. (Copy attached.)

POSITION STATEMENT

Ramsey County Juvenile Justice

The Leagues of Women Voters of Ramsey County support juvenile justice facilities and systems that provide efficient delivery of services to troubled youth, programs that will aid the youth's personal adjustment, and a variety of facilities to serve the needs of individual children and the community.

The Leagues of Women Voters of Ramsey County support programs that prepare for the return to the community of juveniles from institutions and alternative programs; programs that focus on the individual youth, families, and schools.

The Leagues of Women Voters of Ramsey County support an evaluation system for the county's juvenile justice system utilizing a combination of clients, community representatives, self-evaluation by the system, and outside experts. Factors to be considered when evaluating are effect on individual, impact on community, accomplishment of stated goals, cost, and cooperation with other agencies.

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In order to assist the League of Women Voters in taking action, members established the following priorities.

Priorities in programs should be placed on those which focus on the individual youth. Other areas of consideration, in order of importance, are families, schools, community, employers, and institutions. (Note to State Board: the order of the last three is tentative. Accurate statistical ranking is being done but not yet complete.)

Members indicated that emphasis should be placed on delinquency/crime prevention and community education programs, and that unnecessary duplication of services should be avoided. Concerns about the cost of juvenile justice programs and services were expressed, and members stated a desire for cost comparisons of programs. They indicated that the greatest percentage of funds should be spent to provide direct services, and not on administrative overhead.

League of Women Voters of U.S.
Per Member Payments

		1 Number of Members	2 Total PMP @ $4.25 per	3 Balance as of Dec 31, 1974
1	Minnesota			
2	Members at Large	6	$ 25.50	$ 25.50
3	Freeborn County	39	165.75	-0-
4	Alexandria	47	199.75	47.00
5	Anoka	36	153.00	38.25
6	Arden Hills	30	127.50	63.75
7	Austin	84	357.00	46.76
8	Battle Lake	15	63.75	63.75
9	Bemidji Area	58	246.50	14.50
10	Blaine	34	144.50	-0-
11	Bloomington	65	276.25	-0-
12	Brooklyn Center	37	157.25	-0-
13	Brooklyn Park	42	178.50	44.61
14	Buffalo	40	170.00	-0-
15	Cass Lake	23	97.75	(.01)
16	Chaska	51	216.75	216.75
17	Cloquet	30	127.50	63.75
18	Columbia Heights	34	144.50	-0-
19	Cottage Grove	56	238.00	178.50
20	Crosby	39	165.75	91.75
21	Crystal - New Hope	63	267.75	133.67
22	Detroit Lakes (Prev.) (39 hrs)	57	181.69	(49.06)
23	Duluth	188	799.00	199.75
24	Edina	178	756.50	198.25
25	Excelsior Deephaven area	75	318.75	63.75
26	Fairmont (Prev.)	53	225.25	(53.00)
27	Falcon Hgts.	37	157.25	-0-
28	Fridley	52	221.00	110.50
29	Golden Valley	94	399.50	199.74
30	Granite Falls	31	131.75	38.75
31	Hibbing	54	229.50	114.75
32	Hutchinson	23	97.75	31.75
33	Jackson - Sherburn area	45	191.25	-0-
34	Mahtomedi area	43	182.75	-0-
35	Mankato	57	242.25	-0-
36	Maplewood	21	89.25	89.25
37	Marshall	46	195.50	97.75
38	Mid Mesabi	57	242.25	121.13
39	Minneapolis	684	2907.00	726.75
40	Minnetonka - Eden Prairie	147	633.25	316.63

League of Women Voters of U.S.
Per member payments

		Number of members	Total @ $4.25 ea.	Balance as of Dec. 31, 1974
1	Minnesota cont'd.			
2	Moorhead	50	$ 212.50	$ 53.13
3	Mounds View	34	144.50	76.50
4	New Brighton	79	335.75	83.75
5	New Ulm	31	131.75	- o -
6	Northern Dakota County Area	55	233.75	- o -
7	Northfield	65	276.25	138.25
8	Owatonna	40	170.00	42.50
9	Red Wing	50	212.50	53.13
10	Richfield	69	293.25	73.31
11	Robbinsdale	44	187.00	- o -
12	Rochester	76	323.00	80.75
13	Rock County	32	136.00	72.00
14	Roseville	75	318.75	105.75
15	St Anthony Village	56	238.00	4.25
16	St Cloud area	73	310.25	- o -
17	St. Croix Valley	78	331.50	165.75
18	St Louis Park	133	565.25	282.63
19	St Paul	318	1351.50	675.76
20	St Peter	27	114.75	25.50
21	Shoreview	56	238.00	- o -
22	Silver Bay	23	97.75	97.75
23	Stevens County	60	255.00	105.00
24	Wayzata Area	36	153.00	153.00
25	Willmar	33	140.25	140.25
26	West Dakota Cty. area	87	369.75	108.75
27	Westonka	46	195.50	(4.25)
28	White Bear Lake	111	471.75	- o -
29	Willmar	36	153.00	45.00
30	Winona	80	340.00	85.00
31	Woodbury	57	242.25	242.25
32	Worthington	33	140.25	- o -
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Proposed By-law Changes 1975 Convention

FEB 6 1975

Notation:	Proposed change:	Reasons:
Principles Parag. 2	Add: "and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records available."	Conformity with national principles enacted at national convention.
Art. III Sec. 3	Eliminate "women" to read, "Voting members shall be those citizens at least 18 years of age...."	Action at national convention
Art. VII Sec. 1	Change of fiscal year from April 1 to July 1, to read, "shall commence on first of July."	After this was typed, HH conferred with Sid re reasons for this. Sid says that all LWVs should do it at the same time or it is unworkable. The advantage to having a July fiscal year is that we are not already spending moneys under a budget which is not yet adopted.
Sec. 2.	Last sentence to read: "budget be sent ..... at least three months in advance of convention and two months in advance of Council."	Preparation and timing very difficult in Council year. Would give budget committee January when membership lists are due and needed.
Art. X Sec. 3	Include chairman of budget committee in slate for convention, to read, " ...officers, directors chairman of budget committee, and the chairman..."	Timing, committment, financial situation would all be aided by early selection and appointment by convention. (Council year, appointed?)
Art. XI Sec. 2	Change "b" to "b.)action to implement principles," and current "b" becomes "c.)those state governmental ....."	Conform to action taken at national convention.

By-laws Committee
Barbara Jones, ch.
Janet Rosenbloom
Shirley Westmoreland

Non-recommended changes:
Enlargement of nominating committee
Enlargement of state board

2/7/75

INTERIM STATUS:

Cottage Grove - After wobbly beginnings and a little trouble getting a hook into Program, they're now moving along fine. They have generally very good unit attendance. They're making good use of their bulletin as a means of Program catch-up. They participated in state Program-making and all consensus. All chairmen - Program and others - operate with committees. There's some awkwardness in trying to handle consensus after they receive the reports from the units, but we're going to go over that at the next Board meeting.
Membership: They experienced a serious membership drop - from 56 down into the 30's. Their membership is now back to 45, and they should have been able to recover by the time they apply for recognition.
CI: Very active here last fall - even sponsored essay contest for seniors - "Why Bother?"
Finance Drive: Scheduled for late February - usual pre-drive jitters.
PR: Probably not as visible as the two outstate provisionals - not unusual. They try and with a new PR chairman, are doing quite a bit. Local survey is completed and being widely distributed - a very good one. They await the adoption of a local item with bated breath.
Board: Seems very comfortable with itself now. They were given a refresher on total responsibility, etc. The president feels they have a good grasp of League. They're concerned about more member involvement - feel they're having all the fun! - despite a very competent but rather "intense" president.

Detroit Lakes -
They suffer a certain feeling of isolation although they're not far from Moorhead, and their advisor - Mary Davies - meets with them regularly. They, too, gained much confidence in their ability to handle Program after meeting with the state Program team. They're not too pleased with unit attendance - about 50% and sometimes less.
Membership: Has grown to 62. They haven't reached the time for the second payment of dues.
CI and PR: very active. Great cooperation from paper and radio. They published their own voters guide. Good rapport with local officials. One of the first events was a "Meet Your Officials" picnic - open to the public and a great success. Their observer program is beginning to get underway.
Finance Drive: Went over the goal by about %50, however this budget did not have a very high non-member goal.
Board: By now, hopefully, more organized. Their general lack of experience showed in carelessness about motions, all talking at once albeit on the same subject. The advisor was asked to try to formalize them just a bit. She also felt they needed some discussion about their jobs and responsibilities, etc. They've had quite a bit of turnover. She was told she was well equipped to do it for them herself, and she had it scheduled. The advisor has indicated that she's satisfied with their progress. President feels there is good cooperation.
Local: Survey in progress with a possibility of printing it in conjunction with another organization - which one escapes me. Large committee on this, in fact all their committees are unusually large.

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memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

January 24, 1975

Read 1-27-75

TO: National Board and Staff
State League Presidents

FROM: Ruth C. Clusen

RE: Media Accounts of OEF/CIA Ties

Late yesterday the national offices of the LWV and the OEF learned that a former employee of OEF was the basis of a story linking sources of funds for OEF with CIA activities in other countries. As we understand it, a news release yesterday indicated a press conference today would reveal more as would the quarterly edition of a journal called "Counter-Spy" published by a group known as The Fifth Estate. We have subsequently attained a copy of the article and some information on the press conference.

This memo is intended to give you some background if there are any accounts of this in your media or if you have questions from League members. At this point I have refused all comment simply referring calls to the OEF office.

The article in Counter-Spy uses the name of the LWV is association with OEF and sometimes interchangeably. The base of the story rests on the fact that OEF has had funds from the Asia Foundation which the journal calls "a known conduit for CIA funds."

Although the press stories will confuse the LWVUS' role vis a vis the OEF, this misunderstanding is understandable. As you know, although members of the League's national Board automatically become trustees of the OEF our only responsibility is attendance at the annual meeting. OEF is incorporated as a separate entity, funds itself separately, and develops its own programs without any consultation with the LWV. As far as we know the charges and implications are unfounded.

The following statement was released today by the OEF. If you get calls from media or members, please refer them to OEF. Any further information which comes to us will be communicated to you immediately.

OEF has today obtained a copy of the article "The Inside Story of the Overseas Education Fund" appearing in Counter Spy (Winter, 1975 issue) published by Fifth Estate Security Education.

To our knowledge none of our work has been funded directly or indirectly by the CIA and we have never knowingly provided information, through our headquarters or field staff, for use by the CIA.

Ann Roberts identified as a source of information on which the article was in part based was an employee of OEF from July 29 through November 29, 1974. She apparently provided copies of letters and reports from OEF files as documentation for the article. Neither the President of our Board nor anyone on our staff to my knowledge was contacted to provide information.

Sources of our funds are published annually in our Annual Report which is available to the public.

Released by:
Caroline D. Wood
Executive Director

S.F. 95 Taxes

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Property Tax Service Charge - Certain Tax-Exempt Property

S.F.No. 95-Introduced by McCutcheon x(St. Paul) Stassen* (South St. Paul) Kleinbaum x(St. Cloud) Committee on Taxes and Tax Laws. New legislation providing for a service charge (tax) on tax exempt property which is not publicly owned or is not a church, house of worship or property used solely for educational purposes. Permits municipalities and towns to levy a service charge equal to their mill rates for fire and police protection times the assessed valuation of the property.

H.F. 56 Taxes - Housing

Income Tax Credit - Home Maintenance

H.F.No. 56-Introduced by Hanson x(St. Paul) Vento x(St. Paul) Osthoff x (St. Paul) Kahn x(Mpls) McCauley* (Winona) Committee on Taxes.

Lucas Moe

Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 290.984; 290.986; 290.988, Subd. 1; 290.989; and Chapter 290, by adding sections, relating to income tax rent credits. Creates an income tax home maintenance credit as an offset against income tax. Credit is limited to the lesser of cost of qualifying home maintenance actually expended and .25% of the assessed value of the structure if it is between 5 and 10 years old, .5% of assessed value if the structure is between 10 and 20 years old and 1% of assessed value if the sturcture is over 20 years old. Qualifying home maintenance consists of repairs and replacement of the basic building and its appurtenances.

are defined to include private power and gas companies, cooperatives and municipal utilities.

S.F. 22 Education
H.F. 96 Stanton, Smith, St. Onge Kostohryz, S. Adams

Regional Educational Cooperative Service Units

S.F.No. 22-Introduced by Hughes x(Maplewood) Siliers x(Moorhead) Humphrey x (New Hope) Committee on Education. New legislation authorizing establishment of ten Educational Cooperative Service Units based on regional development regions. Units are to assist in meeting specific educational needs of children in participating school districts which can be better provided by such units. Provides for membership of boards of such units, their powers and duties and lists programs which may be provided.

H.E 95 Education

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Schools - Bilingual Instruction

H.F.No. 95-Introduced by Stanton x(Arco) St. Onge x(Bemidji) Hokanson x(Richfield) George x(Mahtomedi) Philbrook x(St. Paul) Committee on Education. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 120.10, Subd. 2, and 126.07, relating to the definition of school for purposes of the compulsory attendance law and the use of English in schools. Permits use of language other than English to accomodate a bilingual program.

H.F. 84 Sex

S. F. 112 - McCutcheon, Coleman, Sillers - Govt. Operations

Limited Veterans Preference

H.F.No. 84-Introduced by Berglin x(Mpls) Tomlinson x(St. Paul) Kostohryz x (North St. Paul) Knickerbocker* (Minnetonka) Forsythe* (Edina) Committee on Local and Urban Affairs. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 43.30; and Chapter 197, by adding a section; repeals Section 197.45, relating to veterans' preference. Provides that disabled veterans shall have their examination scores augmented by 10 points and other veterans shall have their examination scores augmented by 5 points, but only if they achieved passing grades. Removes absolute preference for disabled veterans. Provides no veteran shall have an augmented score 10 years after bill passes or ten years after his discharge from service, and limits augmentation to one examination. Makes these preference rules apply to counties, cities, towns, school districts and political subdivisions.

S.F. 223 Vet. Pref.

Public Employment - Veterans Preference Limited

S.F.No. 223-Introduced by S. Keefe x(Mpls) Gearty x(Mpls) J. Keefe* (Hopkins) Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 197.45, Subd. 2 and 4; repeals Sections 43.30 and 197.45, Subd. 3, relating to veterans preference in public employment. Limits veterans preference to employment and deletes preference in promotion. Provides for 10 points additional on examination scores for disabled veterans and 5 points additional for other veterans, provided they attained passing scores. Provides for listing of veterans along with other applicants by order or scores achieved, including veterans augmentation. Eliminates absolute veterans preference. Committee on Governmental Operations.

H.F. 184 H.R.

Schools - Discrimination - Reduction in Aid - Compliance

H.F.No. 184-Introduced by Byrne x(St. Paul) Berglin x(Mpls) Heinitz* (Wayzata) Philbrook x(St. Paul) Stanton x(Arco) Committee on Education. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 124.15, Subd. 2 and 3, relating to violations of law by school districts and reductions in special state aid. Provides for reductions in state aid for noncompliance with state or federal laws prohibiting discrimination. Provides for regulations directing school districts to file certificates of compliance with state and federal discrimination laws.

Distinctions Based on Sex - Changing Surnames

H.F.No. 51-Introduced by Kahn x(Mpls) Faricy x(St. Paul) Suss x(Prior Lake) Meier x(Rice) Knickerbocker* (Minnetonka) Committee on Judiciary. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 259.10; 259.11; 517.08, Subd. 3; 518.27; and Chapter 517, by adding a section, relating to distinctions in the statutes based on sex. Permits judicial change of name without regard to marital status. Provides that there shall be no presumption based on sex that after marriage either party will take the name of the other. Permits court in dissolution of marriage to change the name of a party, whose name was changed by the marriage, back to former name.

H.F. 69 Sex
S.F. 91 - Tilton, Ashbach, Borden - Judiciary

Schools - Sports - Separation by Sex

H.F.No. 69-Introduced by Kahn x(Mpls) Reding x(Austin) Biersdorf* (Owatonna) Samuelson x(Brainerd) Dieterich x(St. Paul) Committee on Education. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 363.02, by adding a subdivision; repeals Laws 1974, Chapter 355, Section 68, Subd. 4, relating to exemptions from human rights laws. Permits separation based on sex in athletic teams operated by educational institutions or which use public accomodations under specifically listed circumstances.

H.F. 220 H. R.

No Discrimination in Employment Based on Age

H.F.No. 220-Introduced by Enebo x(Mpls) I. Anderson x(Int'l Falls) Skoglund x(Mpls) Mangan x(Anoka) Byrne x(St. Paul) Committee on Labor-Management Relations. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 363.01, by adding a subdivision; 363.02, Subd. 1; 363.03, Subd. 1, and by adding a subdivision; 363.115; and 363.12, Subd. 1, relating to unfair discriminatory practices. Makes it an unfair discriminatory practice to discriminate in employment against persons who are over 40 and under 65 based on their ages. Exempts bona fide apprenticeship programs. Provides that discrimination on account of age includes acts which interfere with an employee's opportunity to acquire pension credits or benefits.

MEMO

TO: State Board

FROM: Lois DeSantis (P. Lucas)

SUBJECT Legislation

DATE 2-3-75

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
555 WABASHA
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102
PHONE: 224-5445

There is not much in at this time.
The main area of activity will (hopefully) be with the human services ach. -

You will be kept informed

Will do something on human services ach for next ~~voters~~ "capital letter"

Legislature - 33 Senators - 99 Representatives

H.F.No. 12-Introduced by Enebo x(Mpls) Clark x(Mpls) A. Carlson *(Mpls) M. Sieben x(Newport) L. Carlson x(Brooklyn Center) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, relating to the size of the Legislature. Provides for a Senate of 33 members and a House of 99 members, effective with the Legislature elected to serve in 1979.

H.F. 14 Size

S.F. 184 - Humphrey, Kirchner, Schaaf — Govt. Op.

Legislature - 50 Senators - 100 Representatives

H.F.No. 14-Introduces by R. Kelly x(St. Paul) Philbrook x(St. Paul) Vento x(St. Paul) Luther x(Brooklyn Center) Vanasek x(New Prague) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, relating to the size of the Legislature. Provides for a Senate of 50 members and a House of 100 members, effective with the Legislature elected to serve in 1983.

H.F. 37 Org. of Govt.

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Legislature - 56 Senators - 112 Representatives

H.F.No. 37-Introduced by Faricy x(St. Paul) Hanson x(St. Paul) Knickerbocker* (Minnetonka) Stanton x(Arco) Vento x(St. Paul) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 2.021, relating to the Legislature. Provides for a Senate of 56 members and a House of 112 members, effective with the Legislature elected to serve in 1977.

H.F. 65 Org. of Govt.

Legislature - Senate of 55 - House of 110

H.F.No. 65-Introduced by M. Sieben x(Newport) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 2.021, relating to the size of the Legislature. Provides for a Senate of 55 members and a House of 110 members after the next apportionment.

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H.F. 72 Reappor.

Legislative Reapportionment - Apportionment Commission

H.F.No. 72-Introduced by M. Sieben x(Newport) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. New legislation providing for a bipartisan apportionment commission to apportion the Legislature after the decennial census. Commission to be composed of the principal executive officer of two political parties whose gubernatorial candidates received largest vote at last election and a third impartial member chosen by them.

Ann

S.F. 252

Apportionment of Districts 19A and 19B

S.F.No. 252-Introduced by Anderson x(North Branch). Includes all of Andover, except the part included in District 47A, in District 19B. Supersedes apportionment of Districts 19A and 19B provided by the U. S. District Court in Beens v. Erdahl. Committee on Transportation and General Legislation.

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S.F. 250 Govt. Op.

Citizens Committee for the Minnesota Legislature - $50,000

S.F.No. 250-Introduced by Coleman x(St. Paul) Ashbach (Arden Hills) Conzemius x (Cannon Falls). Creates the Citizens Committee for the Minnesota Legislature consisting of 30 members to study operations of the Legislature, including its organization, facilities, functions and needs. It is to report regularly to the Joint Coordinating Committee and make its final report by December 15th, 1976. Appropriates $50,000 for the purpose. Committee on Governmental Operations.

AK

H.F. 105

Ann

Constitutional Amendment - 55% Voting on Question

H.F.No. 105-Introduced by Vento x(St. Paul) Voss x(Blaine) W. Kelly x(East Grand Forks) Knickerbocker* (Minnetonka) R. Kelly x(St. Paul) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, relating to the majority necessary to pass constitutional amendments. Requires 55% of all electors voting on the question or a majority of all electors voting at the election to ratify an amendment to the Constitution.

S.F.No. 25-Introduced by Chenoweth x(St. Paul) J. Keefe *(Hopkins) Anderson x (North Branch) Committee on Governmental Operations. Amends the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, relating to the size of the Legislature. Provides for a Senate of 49 members and a House of 98 members for Legislatures meeting in 1983 and thereafter.

S.F. 140 Admin. Pro.

H.F. 247 - Erickson, Eckstein, DeGroat, Mann, Eken, - Govt. Operations

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Hearings Officer's Division

S.F.No. 140-Introduced by J. Olson (Worthington) Borden x(Brainerd) Ashbach* (Arden Hills) Committee on Governmental Operations. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 15.0412, Subd. 4; 15.0421; and Chapter 15, by adding sections, relating to administrative procedures. Provides for an administrative hearings officer's division in the Department of Administration, under a Chief Hearings Officer appointed by the Governor. Hearing officers of the division are to preside at all Chapter 15 hearings of state agencies.

S.F. 231. Admin. Pro.

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State Office of Hearing Examiners

S.F.No. 231-Introduced by Borden x(Brainerd). Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 15.0411, Subd. 1, and adds subdivisions; 15.0421; and Chapter 15, by adding sections, relating to the Administrative Procedures Act. Creates a State Office of Hearing Examiners under a chief hearing examiner appointed by the Governor for 6 years. Provides for appointment of hearing examiners by the chief examiner, with initial appointments to be made from persons who have been acting as examiners or referees for state agencies. Requires hearing examiners to be lawyers. Requires that all hearings of state agencies under Chapter 15 be conducted by a hearing examiner. Committee on Governmental Operations.

S.F. 272 Govt. Org.

Various Advisory Boards Repealed

S.F.No. 272-Introduced by North x(St. Paul) Stassen* (South St. Paul) Milton x(White Bear Lake). Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 116C.03, Subd. 2; 173.02, Subd. 4; 173.04, Subd. 2 and 3; 206.08; 241.045, Subd. 1; 256.482, Subd. 5; and 507.09; repeals Sections 12.12; 29.011; 29.013; 94.36 to 94.40; 115.17; 116C.04, Subd. 8 and 9; 116C.05; 136B.01; 136B.02; 173.04, Subd. 1; 176.621; 176.631; 332.36; and 507.08, relating to the Minnesota Commission for the Handicapped, the Uniform Conveyancing Blanks Commission, the Minnesota Voting Machine Commission, and others. Repeals laws providing for various advisory agencies, such as the Civil Defense Advisory Council, the Poultry Improvement Board, the Water Pollution Control Advisory Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Environmental Quality Council, the Midwestern Board for Medical and Allied Education, the Scenic Area Board, the Advisory Council on Rehabilitation of Injured Workers, the Bureau of Workmen's Rehabilitation, the Collection Agency Advisory Board, and the Uniform Conveyancing Blank Commission. Permits the Commissioner of Commerce to appoint an advisory committee on uniform conveyancing blanks. Gives the Secretary of State power to examine and approve voting machines and to appoint an advisory commission to advise her. The bill also deletes an advisory committee to aid the Governor in appointing members of the Corrections Authority. Committee on Governmental Operations.

H.F. 72 Reappor.

Legislative Reapportionment - Apportionment Commission

H.F.No. 72-Introduced by M. Sieben x(Newport) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. New legislation providing for a bipartisan apportionment commission to apportion the Legislature after the decennial census. Commission to be composed of the principal executive officer of two political parties whose gubernatorial candidates received largest vote at last election and a third impartial member chosen by them.

S.F. 15 E.Q. - can

Beer and Soft Drink Containers - Refunds Required

S.F.No. 15-Introduced by Borden x(Brainerd) Brown (Stillwater) Schaaf x (Fridley) Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. New legislation requiring that filled beverage containers, with exceptions, have refund values of 5¢ for containers of less than 16 ounces, of 10¢ for containers holding between 16 and 32 ounces and of 25¢ on containers holding 32 or more ounces. Containers are to have the refund value affixed to the container. Gives the Pollution Control Agency power to certify uniform containers. Applies to beer and soft drink containers. Makes other provisions.

H.F. 33 CAN

Refunds on Beer and Soft Drink Containers

H.F.No. 33-Introduced by K. Nelson x(Mpls) Norton x(St. Paul) Sherwood x (Pine River) Knickerbocker (Minnetonka) Novak x(New Brighton) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. New legislation requiring beer, soft drink and bottled water containers to have refund values of 5¢, if the container holds 16 ounces or less, of 10¢, if the container holds more than 16 ounces but under 32 ounces, and of 25¢ if the container holds 32 ounces or more. Retail dealers are to accept empty containers and pay refunds and distributors and bottlers are to pay refunds to retailers. Requires refund values to appear on containers. Forbids use of metal cans which have throw-away opener tabs.

H.F. 150 Solid Waste

$700,000 - Solid Waste Recovery Aid

H.F.No. 150-Introduced by Munger x(Duluth) Hanson x(St. Paul) I. Anderson x(Intl Falls) Biersdorf (Owatonna) Skoglund x(Mpls) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Appropriates $700,000 to the Pollution Control Agency to carry out provisions of Minnesota Statutes 116F, relating to recycling of solid waste. Provides that at least $550,000 be used for state and for development of solid waste recovery programs and facilities.

S.F. 84 - E.Q.

Drainage Ditch Criteria

S.F.No. 84-Introduced by Jensen* (Sleepy Eye) Renneke* (Le Sueur) Berg # (Chokio) Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 106.021, Subd. 6, and 106.091, Subd. 2, relating to criteria to be followed in establishment of county or judicial drainage ditches. Eliminates power of Commissioner of Natural Resources to establish drainage criteria. Eliminates direction to the Commissioner to report on matters which should be further investigated and evaluated. Lists criteria to be considered by county boards or courts in establishing or improving drainage ditches.

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Drainage - No Natural Resources Criteria

S.F.No. 203-Introduced by Patton* (Blue Earth) Purfeerst x(Faribault) H. Olson x (St. James). Repeals Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 106.021, Subd. 6, relating to criteria for proposed drainage systems. The proposed repeal would delete the power of the Commissioner of Natural Resources to promulgate criteria which must be considered by county boards or courts in establishing drainage systems. Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

S.F.215 Land Use

Mary

Minnesota Agricultural Districts Act

S.F.No. 215-Introduced by Nelson* (Golden Valley) Schrom x(Albany) Bernhagen* (Hutchinson). Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 273.13, Subd. 6 and 7, relating to assessment of agricultural land and homesteads. Generally new legislation authorizing the creation of agricultural districts within each county. Gives rules for petition, reference to planning and advisory boards and the Commissioner of Natural Resources, notices, hearings, etc. Gives the Commissioner of Natural Resources power to create agricultural districts composed of 2,000 or more acres in the future after notices, hearings, etc. Limits powers of local governments to regulate within agricultural districts and generally forbids special assessments for sewer, water, lights or non-farm drainage in agricultural districts. Provides that taxes to be paid on agricultural land within agricultural districts shall be reduced by 55% of the tax. Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. Re-referred to Committee on Rules & Administration.

S.F. 70 E.Q - Energy

Income Tax Deduction - Home Insulation

S.F.No. 70-Introduced by Doty x(Duluth) Olhoft x(Herman) Stumpf x(St. Paul) Committee on Taxes and Tax Laws. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 290.09, by adding a subdivision, relating to non-business deductions for income tax purposes. Permits the deduction of expenses incurred for home insulation or improvements in insulation.

H.F. 85 EQ - Energy

Real Property Tax - Solar Heating System Deduction

H.F.No. 85-Introduced by M. Sieben x(Newport) Committee on Taxes. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 273.13, by adding a subdivision, relating to the valuation and assessment of real property. Provides for deduction of the value of a solar heating or cooling system from the assessed value of real property or $2,000, whichever is less.

H.F. 137 E.Q. Tapes

Property and Sales Tax Exemption - Solar Heating and Cooling Systems

H.F.No. 137-Introduced by Forsythe* (Edina) Hanson x(St. Paul) Schreiber* (Brooklyn Park) Munger x(Duluth) Dieterich x(St. Paul) Committee on Taxes. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 272.02, Subd. 1; and 297A.25, Subd. 1, relating to tax exempt property and sales tax exemptions. Permits exemption from property taxes real and personal property constituting and used as a solar energy heating or cooling system for a building or structure. Application to be filed with the Commissioner of Revenue. Exempts from sales tax the gross receipts from personal property used in the construction, maintenance and repair of a solar energy heating or cooling system for a building or structure.

H.F. 34. EQ

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Constitutional Amendment - Right to Healthful Environment

H.F.No. 34-Introduced by Vento x(St. Paul) Hanson x(St. Paul) Kostohryz x (North St. Paul) Williamson x(Bloomington) Munger x(Duluth) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Amends Minnesota Constitution by adding a new Article which provides that the public policy of the state is to provide a healthful environment and that each person has a right to a healthful environment which he may enforce against any party, public or private.

Economic Impact Statement Act

S.F.No. 269-Introduced by Ueland* (North Mankato) Baldy Hansen x(Austin) Ashbach* (Arden Hills). New legislation requiring impact statements as to the result of enforcement of environmental standards. Requires the Commissioner of Economic Development to investigate the economic impact which might result from enforcement of an environmental standard, where 25 or more workers may be affected. Gives investigatory powers to the Commissioner. Delays effectiveness of environmental standards until due consideration has been given to economic impact. Requires that the Governor order enforcement of environmental standards affecting 100 or more workers. Makes other provisions. Committee on Labor and Commerce.

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Shirley

Presidential Primary Elections

H.F.No. 38-Introduced by Jude x(Mound) Wenzel x(Little Falls) Sarna x(Mpls) Knickerbocker* (Minnetonka) Jacobs x(Coon Rapids) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. New legislation providing for a Minnesota presidential primary election to be held on the first Tuesday in April in presidential election years. Candidates are to file themselves, authorize someone to file for them or are to be placed on the ballot by petition. Provides for apportionment of delegates to national party conventions based on primary vote. Makes other provisions.

H.F. 39 Elec Laws

S.F. 183 - Humphrey, Ogdahl, Borden - Judiciary

Shirley

Hold Elective Office - 18, 19 and 20 Year Olds

H.F.No. 39-Introduced by Stanton x(Arco) Suss x(Prior Lake) Knickerbocker* (Minnetonka) Jude x(Mound) Pehler x(St. Cloud) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Constitution, Article VII, Section 6, relating to eligibility to hold elective office. Constitutional amendment permitting 18, 19 and 20 year old persons to hold most elective offices. Question to be submitted at the 1976 general election.

H.F. 73 Elec Laws

Election Day - Prohibits Certain Activities

H.F.No. 73-Introduced by R. Kempe x(West St. Paul) Wenzel x(Little Falls) Jude x(Mound) White x(Farmington) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 204.15, relating to elections. Prohibits a school board, county board, town board or city council from conducting a meeting or a state college, state community college (unless permission has been granted) or elementary or secondary school from scheduling an event which will take place between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on an election day.

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H.F. 200 Elec. Laws

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H.F.No. 200-Introduced by George x(Mahtomedi) D. Johnson x(Cook) Beauchamp x (Moorhead) Philbrook x(St. Paul) Rice x(Mpls) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Constitutional amendment to permit 18, 19, and 20 year olds to hold most elective offices. Identical to H.F. No. 39.

Shirley

Elections - Rotation of Names on Ballots

S.F.No. 27-Introduced by Mel Hansen *(Mpls) Nelson *(Golden Valley) Berg #(Chokio) Committee on Transportation and General Legislation. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 203.34, Subdivision 1 and repeals Section 203.33, Subdivision 3, relating to general elections. Requires rotation of names on general election ballots for all offices.

S.F. - Shirley

Elections - Registration at the Polls - Oath - Has Not Voted

S.F.No. 200-Introduced by Mel Hansen* (Mpls) S. Keefe x(Mpls) Jensen* (Sleepy Eye). Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 201.061, Subd. 3; and 201.071, Subd. 1, relating to registrations at the polls on election days. Requires an oath on registration cards that the person registering on election day has not already voted and will not vote again. Committee on Transportation and General Legislation.

Shirley

Election Judges - Party Affiliations

S.F.No. 202-Introduced by Mel Hansen* (Mpls) S. Keefe x(Mpls) Kirchner* (Richfield) Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 203.21, by adding a subdivision, relating to judges of election. Requires county auditors to send to county chairmen of political parties a list of election judges which designates their party affiliations. Permits party chairmen to request withdrawal of a judge if the claim of party affiliation is false. Party affiliation of election judges is to be available at the polls for inspection by poll challengers. Committee on Transportation and General Legislation.

H.F. 75 Elec. Laws

S.F. 164 - S.Keefe, Brown, Olhoft - Trans + Gen. Legis

Recodification of Election Laws

H.F.No. 75-Introduced by Tomlinson x(St. Paul) Knickerbocker* (Minnetonka) Osthoff x(St. Paul) Sarna x(Mpls) Vento x(St. Paul) Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs. Amends Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 40.05, Subd. 3; 123.31, Subd. 2; 206.11; 206.18; 206.185, Subd 1; 365.51; 365.52; 375.20; and 382.28; repeals Chapters 202, 203, and 204; and Sections 210.02; 210.03; 210.07; 210.08; 210.09; 210.10; 210.12; 210.13; 210.15; and 210.16, relating to elections. Makes many changes in election laws relating to political parties, precinct caucuses & procedures at caucuses, filing for primary elections, filing by petition, general elections, special elections, ballots, canvassing of votes, registration of voters at polls, etc.

Shirley

1-23-amended pg. 115 recommended to be placed on concent Calendar 2nd reading.

1-24- Laid over on consent cal until 1-30 pg 141

1-30-Passed - 133 yeas 0 nays - pg. 160

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board Directors
February 11, 1975

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

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

Non-Board Members Present: Lorraine Frederickson, Charee Carlson, Dottie Stone, of the Ramsey County Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile Justice. Henrietta Britton and Nancy Latimer.

MINUTES: Corrections: page 2, add the following names to the list of approved lobbyists: Virginia Sande, New Brighton, legislative reform, size, pay; Joan Greig, New Brighton; Sally Simundson, Roseville, environment, mass transit; Gloria Froelich, Roseville, special education, metro; Georgeann Hall, Roseville, housing, education; Sheila Darsie, Austin, community based corrections, ER; Marlys Berg, St. Anthony, HR; Diane Cooley, Anoka; Helen Lubenow, Shoreview.
page 4, action on MOTION should read: "Carried as amended".
page 4, last sentence on page left out, should read: "Amundson asked if the amount spent for salaries could be cut because of the new Xerox."

It was noted that since all state Board members were officially designated as lobbyists, they have to fill out the lobbyist form.

TREASURER'S REPORT:		
	Balance on hand 4/1/74	$11,064.44
	Expenditures 4/1/74 to 1/31/75	73,578.71
	Income 4/1/74 to 1/31/75	71,428.61
	Balance on hand 1/31/75	8,914.34

Rosenbloom raised the issue of whether the state Board could revise the budget to increase the amount spent over that which Council delegates had approved. She said this had been discussed last year, and it was decided at that time to keep within the approved amount. McCoy said we were not necessarily bound by that decision and that the increase in expenditures is balanced by an increase in income. It was also pointed out that the final Treasurer's Report may show that the increased amount was not spent.

MOTION: To revise the current revised budget back to the Council approved total expenditure.
Mover: Atchison Second: Weber Carried

Moss was asked if this could be done. She said it could if spending were reduced. McCoy asked if this could be done for the March Board meeting, noting that it was still within this fiscal year, and since it was near the end of the FY, a more accurate appraisal of spending and income would be possible.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Action: Corrections Conference
Consenting Adults and Fair Employment Legislation
Common Cause request for support on Senate Rules
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Add to Information: Membership

MEMBERSHIP: McCoy requested that Atchison give her information on membership at the beginning of the meeting since it was so vital. Atchison reported that the January membership report was 4564, a drop of 1000 in the last few years even though several new Leagues had been added. She said last year's total was sightly over 5000. Moss said that national figured our pledge on the basis of 4697 members as of January 1, 1974, adding that they are not using the three year average any more.

ACTION: Borg said that the Common Cause lobbyist has requested our support before the Senate Rules Committee for a 72-hour notice for committee and sub-committee meetings. Common Cause feels that adequate notice has not been given, and important meetings have been missed as a result. Borg asked if our lobbyists had had similar problems, saying that specific instances were needed. Knutson said the House required 72-hour notice where practical and Common Cause wanted the Senate to do likewise. The action clerk, Pat Lucas, said that if a lobbyist were following a bill closely there was no problem. It was noted that Common Cause is the only organization following the Rules Committee. Ebbott said the 72-hour rule might not be practical in all situations, but we could express the hope that we be kept informed of meetings. Lobbyists were asked to keep a record of specific instances where meetings were missed because of inadequate notice and report them to Lucas. It was decided that League could not send a letter to support this since no specific instances were forthcoming.

FIELD SERVICE: MOTION: To approve the request of the LWV of Wells to change its name to East Faribault County LWV.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Knutson Carried

Jones said the name change reflected the realities of its membership and that it could not claim to be a Faribault County League since it did not include Blue Earth, the largest town in the county. Cushing is to notify national of the name change.

MOTION: To recommend recognition of the LWV of Fairmont.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Waldo Carried

FS reports that Fairmont has met all the criteria necessary for recognition except membership growth; its membership has declined from 53 to 37. Jenkins said the FS committee recommended a favorable vote. A letter will be sent to national with a copy to Fairmont reflecting our concern with membership.

MOTION: To approve sending a list of local League presidents to Minnesota Farmers Union in reponse to their request.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Knutson Carried 9-3

MFU wants the list for their new program called National Alliance for Food, Employment and Resources Policy. McCoy felt this was in line with our action supporting Minnesotans Share for Hunger. Borg said that MFU should not be allowed to pass the list on to other groups. It was noted that national had sold membership lists in selected instances. Jones said she was reluctant to approve the request because it appears to give League endorsement. Atchison said she thought League members were more likely to think League endorsed it if the material came in League mailings. Weber mentioned that the list of local League presidents had been given to the Corrections Service.

LOBBYISTS: MOTION: To approve Pam Berkwitz (veterans preference), Arlene Nystuen (ERA) and Mary Alyce Pearson (veterans preferance backup) as lobbyists.
Mover: Borg Seconded Carried

PERMISSION TO LOBBY: The Ramsey County Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile Justice requested state Board permission to lobby before the Legislature on legislation pertaining to a juvenile facility in St. Paul. Representing the ad hoc committee were Dottie Stone, Charee Carlson and Lorraine Fredrickson. A proposal is before the Ramsey County Board regarding this juvenile center, and the ad hoc committee wants to be in a position to lobby on it if it is presented to the Ramsey County legislative delegation. Stone said that the county board had not reached a decision yet; that they might reject the facility. However, she said if they do propose the center, the ad hoc committee wants permission to act if the legislation meets the consensus criteria.

MOTION: To grant permission to the Ramsey County Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile Justice to lobby at the Legislature.
Mover: Knutson Second: Westmoreland Carried ~~Tabled~~

Jenkins asked if only the New Brighton League were pushing this. Stone said that all involved Leagues were behind it. Jenkins asked if they realized they had to register as lobbyists. Borg said specific lobbyists will have to be approved. A discussion on what constitutes lobbying as distinguished from a response to T/As followed. Ebbott said a lobbyists was an officially designated spokesman for an organization who would appear before committees in support of a position. Individuals contacting their legislators are not considered lobbyists. She said there was a gray area when large delegations come to the Capitol in support of an issue. It was noted that League lobbyists have to file a monthly financial report or give the information to McCoy so she can do it for the League.

Atchison asked if a decision had to be made today. It was noted that the Ramsey County Board could make a decision soon and the ad hoc committee wanted to be in a position to act when it did. It was pointed out that the ad hoc committee did not need permission to lobby before the Ramsey County Board. Weber asked what procedure had been followed in reaching consensus, had each League been represented. She said that the president of the St. Paul League did not know that the ad hoc committee had made this request of the state Board, and Weber said she thought there had to be cooperation and involvement among the Leagues. Carlson replied that there were no written guidelines on how to proceed on a multi-League county study. The procedure used was that each League reached consensus which was sent on to its Board. A delegate body was created consisting of the president and item chairman from each local League to work out the consensus statement. She said they had not had any negative feedback from St. Paul. Jenkins said that the facility had to fit into the total St. Paul League position. Carlson said that the ad hoc committee did not necessarily support this facility. McCoy asked if the committee were prepared for the possibility that the St. Paul League would disapprove of the juvenile facility. Ebbott said they needed a clearly defined committee including a representative from St. Paul to feed information back to member Leagues. This monitoring group should be able to sense if and when the issue needed to be rereferred to the member Leagues to be sure they supported the action. Weber noted that there was a juvenile facility in Ramsey County and questioned whether another one was needed. Cushing said that consensus questions were general and not about specific items. Carlson repeated that the ad hoc committee had not decided to support the facility; that it may lobby against it. McCoy said its proposal made it sound as if it were supporting funding of the center. Frederickson said that as a

practical matter the committee could not be successful without the cooperation of the St. Paul League. It was asked if St. Paul felt it was not represented in the consensus process and did other Leagues have complaints. Carlson said there had been no complaints; that there was a trusting relationship. Rockenbach pointed out that all the statements about St. Paul's reactions were secondhand, and we really did not know what it thinks about this.

McCoy reiterated that the ad hoc committee can lobby before the county board without state Board permission, but it must keep other involved Leagues informed. Ebbott said she felt the state Board did have some responsibility for Leagues lobbying before local governmental bodies. McCoy said she sensed confusion and a desire for more information from the Board. Jenkins noted that monitoring the Ramsey County Board is a good first step and that the involved Leagues should be kept informed but questioned whether it was necessary for the state Board to take action before there was a specific bill in the legislature. Stone asked if referring specific questions back to local Leagues might create a precedent that all sticky questions had to be so handled. It was pointed out that this would not be the first time this happened and that sometimes it was a necessary procedure to make sure there will be member support for action. Atchison said that requests for state Board permission to lobby are usually more specific than this one. Jenkins asked if it were implicit in the motion that the committee will be lobbying on its statement of position. It was felt this should be stated explicitly in the motion.

MOTION: To permit Ramsey County Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile Justice to lobby at the Legislature in support of its position on juvenile justice.
Mover: Rockenbach Second: Westmoreland Tabled

MOTION: To table the above motion.
Mover: Ebbott Second: Knutson Carried

Ebbott said she did not think Board action was needed at this time. McCoy said that monitoring is essential. She added that the state consensus on the Corrections study will be ready soon and perhaps it was a good idea to table the matter pending that. Stone said that the decision may come up fast. McCoy responded that the Board has the mechanism to get a quick response.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES: Jones noted that the first two recommended changes were to bring the state Bylaws into conformity with national. The third was to change the fiscal year from April 1 to July 1. The fourth involves changing when the proposed budget would be sent to local Leagues. The fifth makes the Budget Committee chairman elective at Convention. The sixth conforms state to national on Action and Principles.

With regard to changing the fiscal year, it was noted that at present the fiscal year does not correspond to the activity year and that the Board is committing and spending funds beyond its term of office and from a budget not yet approved by Convention or Council. Moss pointed out that national changed its FY a while ago and had to change back to April 1 because the majority of Leagues would not go along with it. She said she thinks the change is unworkable unless all Leagues change also. Moss suggested that the change of fiscal year be presented to Convention for study and action next time. One problem would be how to fund the three-month interim during the changeover. It was felt that the change was not worth the effort and this Bylaw change should not be recommended.

Jenkins noted that she had worked with the Falcon Heights Bylaws. She said since the new standard form for local League Bylaws was not ready yet, she pieced together a Principle statement and an updated nonpartisan policy clean-up. She suggested this might be the time to suggest to local Leagues that they clean up their Bylaws.

With regard to making the Budget Committee elective, McCoy said it was the hardest job for the president to fill. It was noted that the Nominating Committee might find people willing to commit themselves to a short term job when they are looking for other candidates for the Board. It was also felt that getting people early before they were committed to some other job was important. It was decided to recommend that it be for a two year term.

Jones said the Bylaws Committee did not recommend Bylaw changes to enlarge the state Board of the Nominating Committee. It was noted that use of "she" and "her" will have to be changed now that men are admitted to membership. Rosenbloom asked if a Bylaws change would be needed if League decided to use " chairperson" rather than "chairman". It was felt that there were editing changes and could wait upon national's changes.

MOTION: To accept the recommendations of the Bylaws Committee as presented with the exception of the recommendation to change the fiscal year.
Mover: Jones Second: Amundson Carried

Jones asked about the recommendations from local leagues for Bylaw changes. They are to come to the state Board for consideration at the March meeting.

CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE: Weber presented a proposal for a Corrections conference which has been planned jointly by the League, Church Women United, St. Paul Junior League and Hamline University. It had been planned to get funding from the Minnesota Humanities Commission, but funds were not forthcoming. It was decided to go ahead anyway if the state Board would give its approval. The conference is to be self-supporting with a minimal charge of $1.00.

MOTION: To cosponsor a conference on community corrections entitled: "A Sense of Community, The Role of Community in the Corrections System", on April 26 at Hamline University.
Mover: Weber Second: Jenkins Carried

Westmoreland asked if this would duplicate the program for the MSSA. That program will be on juvenile justice. McCoy noted that the Corrections conference will be on a Saturday in line with requests for more Saturday meetings so people who work outside the home can attend. It was noted that this will fall in the new budget, but it is planned as an in and out budget item. If money is needed, it could be charged to the Action budget.

MOTION: That the LWVMN become a temporary cosponsor of the 22nd annual program meeting of the National Institute on Crime and Delinquency at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis June 15-18, 1975.
Mover: Weber Second: Atchison Carried

Weber said there will be no cost to the League. The cost of attending the meeting is not known. McCoy said local Leagues had reacted favorably to receiving reports from such meetings and that a League reporter might be funded.

JUDICIARY: MOTION: To support consenting adult and Fair Employment legislation.
Mover: Gross Second: Jenkins Carried

Gross said support could come under the Judiciary and/or Eo positions. She added that some cities have ordinances against discrimination against Gays and that large compaines are coming out with anti-discrimination policies on this issue. Gross said this legislation would not include public behavior. She said support may have to depend upon the order in which the bills are presented; that homosexuality may have to be decriminalized first in order to be able to support fair employment legislation. Board members were asked if they had received feedback from local Leagues on this issue. There has been some negative reaction and worry about how such a position might affect finance drives. McCoy talked with metro League presidents whose feelings seemed to be that the members were not ready for it. McCoy said that Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, had pointed out that delegates had endorsed the concept that equal rights applies to all citizens including Gays. It was noted that delegates are not always representative of the rank and file membership. Knutson asked if this were a priority area. Gross said we were reacting to a request. McCoy said that if we did not support this we would have to be prepared to explain why we were not. Borg asked if League support was important enough to passage of the legislation to make it worth the hassle with the membership, but she added we feared member reaction when we supported limiting vererans preference and there was no problem then. Jenkins suggested sending out the material we received on this issue through the Board mailing and asking for feedback from local Leagues by a certain date. McCoy said Berkwitz felt the excerpt from the 1973 Convention minutes dealing with this should be sent to members. Borg asked if the motion included the League being listed as an organization sponsoring gay rights; that support for the legislation did not mean that our name had to appear on the gay rights brochure. McCoy said we were not working in a coalition with gay rights groups. Jenkins said the membership has not evaluated gay rights, and we should go back to the members. Borg noted we could be more effective if we do not antagonize members. Atchison said she thought we were doing a disservice to our membership; that they are not so narrow-minded. It was decided that, while we would work to support the legislation, we would not have our name on the brochure. equal rights for all citizens could not be denied

ENERGY CONFERENCE: Henrietta Britton, Bemidji, who is serving on the LWVUS Task Force on Energy, reported on the Energy Conference held November 20-22. She said there were a number of outstanding expert speakers. She said the message of the conference was that the energy problem was not a "crisis" which would taper off but a long term situation which would get worse, and that the policies of the Ford administration were not addressing the problem adequately. Britton said a regional energy conference sponsored by HEW will be held in Chicago, April 11-12. She said there were no funds available from HEW to pay the way for participants from Minnesota, but if anyone wanted to go, she would drive since she would be reimbursed. The cost of the conference is $51.60. Watson asked Britton about the statement made by Gwen Murphree, LWVUS. She said she felt Murphree was committing League before the concurrence was in. Jenkins suggested Britton prepare an article on the Conference for the VOTER.

Nancy Latimer, St. Paul, Energy chairman for the EQ committee, presented some ideas for a local conference on energy to be presented this spring. She said she had been talking to various groups about it. It was not clear whether it should be a one or two day meeting. McCoy said the role of the League would have to be disseminating information and not supplying money. It was suggested that the planners go to various Twin Cities foundations with the proposal. Minnesota Farmers Union was mentioned as a possible source of funds. Weber suggested the possibility of using two succesive Saturdays for the conference. Watson asked about the possibility of funds from Development. McCoy indicated that the finance drive had not been too successful and that Ramsey and Hennepin County Leagues are also asking for funds. Latimer asked if the League could give seed money, say $50 or $100. McCoy said this would come under the new budget, but it could come from the Action budget. Jenkins asked if there were a number of conferences planned for this spring. Latimer said the issue was timely now and action might already have been taken by fall. Rockenbach said she thought the conference should be held as soon as arrangements can be made.

MOTION: That the LWVMN cosponsor a conference on energy conservation in Minnesota to be held in April.
Mover: Rockenbach Second: Weber Carried

Nancy Latimer will be the off-Board chairman for the League and will work with Watson to keep the Board informed of progress.

MOTION: That the LWVMN give $50 seed money from the current Action budget for the conference.
Mover: Borg Seconded Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS TO NATIONAL: Jenkins asked for Board recommendations for changes or improvements in policies, procedures and services of the national Board. It was suggested that a clarification of the difference between Citizens Information and Voters Service was needed. It was suggested that Board training by national be done when a new Board is coming in. Borg said she felt some national publications were repetitious. Amundson said she would like visits from national people - Board or staff. Cushing suggested a workshop in finance since there has been a great change in thinking on how to finance Leagues. Jenkins mentioned the possibility of a regional finance conference with states with similar problems. She asked if there were any role for national in the Midwest Regional Conference. McCoy said she had planned to set up a clearinghouse for how-to publications from the involved states but had not found the time to do so. She said that national staff could help in this area. Jenkins asked if the how-to publications were more important than study material. Weber said the studies from other states were important, especially for the bibliographies and methodology.

ELECTION LAWS: Several citizens groups and individuals are esploring the possibility of bringing suit to restore rotation of names on the ballot for partisan offices. McCoy asked if the LWVMN wanted to put money into such a lawsuit. Westmoreland noted that a lawsuit was another way to apply pressure to legislators. MPIRG was mentioned as the best possibility for carrying the suit. Borg said the Legislature is not pleased with MPIRG and might withdraw support from it. She said the League can support the issue in other ways such as publicizing the unfairness of the present method. Weber asked if there were any way to find out about how much it would cost. She said she did not want to get into the same situation as the St. Paul League. There was no decision to participate in a lawsuit.

DEVELOPMENT: McCoy gave a brief report on the Development drive. She said the overlap of fund drives was appalling. She said a number of organizations on the prospect list were defunct and that some communities do not want outsiders coming in to ask for funds. She said the outlook was not promising.

CMAL: Jenkins said there had been rumors that CMAL leaders no longer supported the concept of the Metropolitan Council and that they favored disbanding CMAL and the Metro Council and concentrating on a county level. The matter was brought into the open at a CMAL Board meeting and it was found that the dissent came mostly from one person who was not willing to go along with CMAL positions. She added that ILOs are in a state of flux with organizational problems.

Knutson discussed some of the problems of the ILOs. She said there should be sharing of problems between the state Board and ILOs including more Field Service aid and involvement. She said outstate Leagues wanted more research information such as FACTS AND ISSUES. She said Board members should be aware of outstate needs.

RAMSEY COUNTY AD HOC HEALTH STUDY COMMITTEE: This committee is an outgrowth of a Roseville League local study which concluded that action was most appropriate at the county level. All Ramsey County Leagues except Mounds View have had representatives on this committee. They are presently preparing a publication and planning for consensus. New Brighton LWV is dissatisfied with the study, and its Board has boted to withdraw from the study. This action was taken without referring it to the membership. The New Brighton Board will take this action to a membership meeting in the future. New Brighton will not take part in the consensus.

ACTION: Borg brought Board members up-to-date on legislation League is following so all members would be aware of what is happening. She also said that a student from St. Paul Academy had requested permission to be an intern to see how the League works and lobbies. Rockenbach said we should find out the goals of the student and see if we can meet them. Atchison asked how long a period the internship would cover. This was not known. Watson asked how the college interns work out. It was felt that the program had worked out well. Borg said she thought it was a good idea to encourage anyone wanting to learn about League. It was decided to respond favorably to the request.

It was reported that a TV program featuring Sen. Chmielewski which purported to be a response to an earlier program on Woman turned into a diatribe against ERA. It was suggested that the League might want to contact the station and ask for equal time to respond to it.

Watson asked if we could act on energy legislation since the concurrence is not taken yet. Britton said we could act under national positions and the concurrence would be reinforcement.

Election Laws: Westmoreland said legislation to reinstate a state presidential primary is being considered. She said the League has no position on this, but she will follow it and prepare a fact sheet.

Size of Legislature: Knutson said a number of bills have been considered setting various sizes. She said it appears the responsibility of setting the size and reapportioning will stay with the Legislature. She said no one bill has all the criteria the League wants. She said the League would probably support the one which appears to move. No Crucial decision appears imminent.

Education: Atchison mentioned the Cooperative Service Unit which would provide funds to assist school districts to get together in certain areas. Weber said the problem was how much authority the State Department of Education would have. Atchison said the funding was not all that much.

Westmoreland said that a constitutional amendment allowing 18, 19 and 20 year olds to hold most elective offices was being proposed. She asked if we had a position under which to support it. She indicated it was not a priority item, but she would follow it.

Judiciary: Gross presented the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Judiciary. She said they would keep the two-tiered court but would allow more flexibility in allowing judges to be assigned to handle all types of cases. The Select Committee also recommended that the salary of the County Court judges be paid by the state.

FIELD SERVICE: Cushing referred to a list of the status of PMP among the local Leagues and asked that consultants check their Leagues. If they are more than a quarter in arrears, the consultants are to call to see what the problem is.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Rockenbach is setting up a series of interviews and discussions on radio and TV to publicize the tax check-off. She also noted that one of the FSG speakers at the Indian session will appear on the Henry Wulff show. Rockenbach reminded Program people to let her know about items which could be used for public service information.

Cushing asked if anything was done on the Health Committee funding. The committee was told that it should work through the state Board.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 - March 1975

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

1975-77 Slate

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

Mins.

9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
Minutes of the state Board meeting, February 11, 1975#
Treasurer's Report*
Revision of Agenda

ACTION*

15 Ramsey County Juvenile Center lobby request - McCoy and Bellows
30 State Land Use Consensus - Mary Poppleton
15 1974-75 State Budget Revision - Moss
5 Approval of Cheri Straub as lobbyist - Gross
45 Proposed State Program, 1975-1977 - Knutson

BREAK FOR LUNCH

40 Convention '75 Registration, Rules, Order of Business - Rosenbloom and McCoy

DISCUSSION*

10 Presidents Workshop - Cushing
15 Recommendations to national for Annual Report, LWVMN - Jenkins
5 VOTER - Amundson
15 Selection of delegates to national Council, May 5-8

INFORMATION*

20 Update to Board on Consenting Adults and Fair Employment legislation - Gross
2 Energy Conservation Conference - Poppleton

mailed earlier * included with Agenda
Bring all * and # to the meeting

Next state Board meeting - April 8, 1975

Board Memo - Will be a mini; current OUTLOOK year draweth to wind-up, right? Bring all for body to Board meeting; will be maild 3/21

VOUCHERS - This fiscal years ends 3/31/75. Please submit all vouchers - and ask your committee members and lobbyists to do the same - whether or not you may wish to be reimbursed. This is the only way and accuracy in budgeting is possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

Convention '75 Workbook - Will be mailed 4/2; material must reach Janet Rosenbloom, ye editor, by March 15, to give ample time for readers, processing and office duplicating. Here are suggestions for contents:

- Report of County Auditors' Day - Waldo and Westmoreland
- Summary of Election '74 Citizen Information reports highlights - Waldo
- Publications sales summary and perhaps some bargains from among current expendables on shelves; tips on pushing sales of remaining publications? - Andersen
- Dues of other organizations - updated from list issued previous Council/ Convention - Jan Dvorak/Amundson
- Proposed Program, 1975-77, including listing of not recommended Program suggestions and "pitches" for proposed Program plus any other explanations committee chooses - Knutson

. Nomenclature report - Rosenbloom
. Ad Hoc Committee on Ad Hoc Committees report - Knutson
. Consensus Committee report - Dottie Stone

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: approves the minutes of the state Board meeting of February 11, 1975, as circulated.

2. Treasurer's Report: filed for audit.

3. Ramsey County LWVs: motion: approves the request of the Leagues of Women Voters of Ramsey County to lobby at the Legislature in the following areas:

a) To monitor and support a proposed Juvenile Service Center for Ramsey County. (Proposal is currently being considered by the Ramsey County Legislative Delegation)

Background Information

Position for Action: LWVMN position on the Judiciary and Leagues of Women Voters of Ramsey County position on Juvenile Justice. (See last month's Board material.)
Lobbyists would include:

Penny Chally, LWV of St. Paul	Dottie Stone, LWV of New Brighton
Bonnie Bellows, "	Lorraine Fredrickson, "
Jan Pettit, LWV of New Brighton	Virginia Sande "

b) To monitor and support amendments to the Community Corrections Act (see enclosed information sheet - on buff) to promote more effective citizen participation in the Corrections Advisory Board.

Background Information

Principles for Action: LWV principles on active participation of citizens in government and responsible government being responsible to the will of the people. Changes in existing law are being proposed before House Committee on Crime Prevention and Correction.
Lobbyists would include:

Mary Ann McCoy	Jan Pettit
Penny Chally	Dottie Stone
Bonnie Bellows	Lorraine Fredrickson
Charee Carlson	Virginia Sande

Also see additional buff sheets.

4. Land Use: motion: adopts the following statement on Land Use:
The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, recognizing the need for land protection, supports an overall state land use plan with maximum local decisions and state help to localities in developing and exercising land use management. Regions should plan and regulate on matters of more than local concern, and an appeals board should arbitrate conflicts between governmental bodies and between citizens and governmental bodies.

To implement that policy, a state plan should:
* be tied closely to ~~the state total~~ integrated overall planning
* be coordinated with plans and policies of local and regional agencies
* should require local governments to exercise at least a minimum level of planning and control
* recognize fragile or historic land, renewable resource lands and natural hazard lands as critical areas and subject them to at least minimal control
* recognize areas impacted by public investment and large scale private development as critical activites and subject them to at least minimal control
* require impact statements on major public and private development
* provide ~~increased~~ financial aid for research, technical assistance and state data for ~~localities~~
* provide authority to ~~localities~~ to exercise innovative planning and regulatory

techniques such as land banking, planned unit developments, transfer of development rights, timed development ordinances.

Background Information

The Land Use Committee has tabulated and analyzed the consensus questions, trying desperately to interpret exactly. The questions were both praised and damned; many were left unanswered. Fifty-five Leagues and 1800 members participated. There was no communication from : Alexandria, Blaine, Cloquet, Jackson-Sherburn, Maplewood, Moorhead, St. Anthony, White Bear Lake, Arden Hills. Mounds View and Winona objected to the questions and felt they were unable to answer them.
The committee feels that the above statement accurately and fairly represents the opinion of the Leagues.
There was some indication that regional bodies should be elected if they have review and veto power and power to tax, but no strong consensus was evident so we did not include it in the statement.

5. Budget Revision: motion: rescinds the 1974-75 budget revision adopted at the January 14, 1975 Board meeting.

Background Information

It is now so late in the year that we recommend the budget remain as adopted at Council. (This does not mean that spending is curtailed in any area where amounts expended equal or exceed budgeted amounts; nor does it mean that those who have not spent budgeted amounts should do so. Expenditures as of February 28, 1975 total $77,961.00 and total allowed expenditures as originally adopted are $82,476.65.) We feel that allowing the adopted budget to stand and showing actual amounts for every category will more accurately reflect true costs.

Please note and comply to the voucher request on page 1 of the Agenda. Harriett may be on federal jury duty (she's been summoned to report March 17; many are called and few are chosen) so YOUR COOPERATION IS VITAL.

6. Judiciary Lobbyist: motion: approves Cheri Straub as a lobbyist in Judiciary.

Background Information

Cheri is a member of the Minneapolis LWV, the off-Board Judiciary Committee, the Corrections Study Committee.

7. Proposed Program: motion: a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h.
(See enclosed FACTS for wording of each item - return FACTS to office, please.
See also enclosed green sheets: memos from DeSantis, Jenkins, Atchison.)

Background Information

Thirty-eight reports were tallied as of March 5, 1975. We attempted to judge Leagues' priority for Program, but in many cases Leagues did not define what was majority suggestion and minority suggestion.
Leagues did indicate an interest in update or restudy of current Program, implementation for Action; as well as mention those articles that were included in the Lively Issues. The areas of Education, Finance, Corrections and Migratory Workers rated the highest with Welfare of the Child very close and a study of statewide Transportation another strong recommendation.
The committee recommends no new study but potential expansions or re-evaluations of the current Program.

Refer to your PROGRAM FOR ACTION for wordings. Now is the time to suggest drops, expansions, rewording, etc.

1. Corrections: consensus following April 8 Board meeting. Potential study - community based facilities, juvenile justice and many just wanted to continue to absorb what we have been doing already.
2. Judiciary: Action - Some Leagues suggest meshing Corrections and Judiciary.
3. Environmental Quality: Action - continued information. 2 new land use consensus
4. Equality of Opportunity: Potential study or update on migratory workers.

5. Education: Potential study - see Nancy's memo. This covers areas mentioned by Leagues.
6. Election Laws: No change - a few Leagues suggest dropping party designation.
7. Organization of State Government: No change-Action. A few Leagues (outstate) suggest restudy of size and about as many suggest continued Action on reducing.
8. Financing Government: Further study of financing state government - areas of concern fall into two categories - tax structure and budgeting.

Committee non-recommended items:

Welfare of the Child - legal rights and/or abuse
Transportation
Indians in Minnesota
Health Care
Energy
Gun Control
Sexism in Education
Revenue Sharing
Consumer Rights
Finance Public Libraries
Unions-public Employees
Crime Victims
Regionalism
Welfare - restudy
Regionalization of Minnesota School Districts
State Agencies involved with Environment
How Legislative Committees Work
Rights of Privacy
Cable TV
Restructuring Local Government - Regional vs County
Affirmative Action for Women
Day Care
Rights of Women - status of the homemaker
Decentralization of State Institutions
Study of the Elderly
Public Financing of the Arts
Alcohol Dependency
Unicameral Legislature
Police Pay and Training
Mental Health - including rights of retarded
State Agencies Responsiveness to Public

The issue of migrant workers was mentioned frequently. See DeSantis memo; we can clarify this area as it relates to all persons. One League sent in a letter asking for inclusion of sexual preference for study. Are we obligated to give this area the same treatment as migrant workers in view of our recent stand and the many letters we are receiving?

Another part of the DeSantis memo suggests dividing Equal Opportunity into two parts. Give some thought to this.

8. Convention Registration: a) motion: To set the delegate price of the Convention at $17.50; registration $5.00, lunch $2.00, dinner $3.50.

Background Information

The minimum expense package from St. Olaf is $12.55 and includes one coffee with rolls, one breakfast, two lunches, and one dinner, all cafeteria style; room, double occupancy; and service charge. Extras include coffee, with or without rolls or cookies and a served dinner Tuesday night. With three coffee breaks and a served dinner, the cost would be $14.80. The motion incorporates the lower figure. (Registration fee covers copier/supply costs, folders, additional part-time salaries, postage, plaque, flowers, transportation, Board and staff meals and overnights, (new and old state, national Boards; migrant workers panel), VOTERS, parliamentarian fees - NO POOL.)

b) motion: Adopt the proposed rules for Convention - see enclosed salmon sheet.

c) motion: Adopt the proposed order of business for Convention '75:

Proposed Order of Business

June 3 (Tuesday)
8 to 9:30 - Coffee, rolls, registration
9:30 a.m. - 12 noon - 1st session
Welcome
Order of Business - adopt

Rules - adopt
Treasurer's Report
Budget Committee Report, Proposed Budget 1975-76
Nominating Committee Report, Election of officers and directors
(according to Roberts Rules - should be last item)
Bylaws Proposals
Proposed Program and any not recommended items voted consideration.

Janski Luncheon - 12:15 to 1:15, remain at tables for table disucssion of LWV-Ad Hocracy or other Organization-type discussion, until 2:15.

2:00 2:30 to 4:30 5 p.m. - 2nd session
President's Report
Council '75 Report
Legislative Report - 1st year of this biennium — ind. interim 1½ hr.
Consensus Committee Report

5:00 to 6:00 - free time

5:30 6:00 to 9:00 - dinner - 3rd general session
Program: panel presentation by St. Cloud, Crookston, Freeborn County and St. Paul LWVs on their migrant workers program activities.
Hope Washburn Award for 1975 presentation.

9:00 to ? - Program caucuses
State Board Party (!)

June 4 (Wednesday) - 4th session - 9-12 noon
All for Program debate and action

Luncheon - 12:15 to 1:15 - open, no speaker

2:00-4:00 - 5th and final session
Final action on budget
Direction on Program
Other business

DISCUSSION

1. Presidents Workshop: information not in yet - if comes before mailing, will be included.
2. Suggestions to national for Annual Report: see enclosed white sheets.
3. VOTER: Contents of the March-April VOTER: Budget, Corrections consensus, Interview of Irene Janski, Fairmont article.
4. Delegates to national Council: each state is allowed two delegates; two visitors are also allowed. Registration fee: $30 each; travel equalization for delegates only: $25 per delegate. Council opening session is at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 5; delegates and visitors will need to arrive on Sunday, May 4. Council closes at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, and all sessions are at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC.

INFORMATION

1. Consenting Adults/Fair Employment legislative proposals - Peggy Gross will give us news of these bills. Meanwhile, be advised that we have had negative responses to our intial mailings to local Leagues from the following Leagues: Winona, Mounds View, St. Croix Valley, White Bear Lake and Woodbury. We have had no positive feedback in writing, but verbal agreement or at least not opposition expressed by a few other League presidents in mini-meetings. (We were unable to reach Peggy Gross to see if other negative responses had been received.) Wayzata Rochester St. Anthony Brooklyn Center sort of Burnsville sort of
2. The Energy Conservation Conference is scheduled April 18 (evening) and 19 (all day); present optimistic plans call for Stuart Udall and John Sawhill, Mondale to be among the speakers. Successful financing remains the questionable factor. Do save the date; it should be excellent!

The Community Corrections Act of 1973

The administration and delivery of correctional services in Minnesota is presently characterized by a number of problems: lack of effective public protection, high costs of state institutionalization, duplication of services and their delivery, and inappropriate correctional solutions. In response to these and other problems, the Minn. Legislature passed the Community Corrections Act. This act provides for financial incentives for the systematic development and use of more beneficial, less costly services by county or multi-county units. The purpose of the Act is to promote the growth, support and use of community-based corrections through the reallocation of correctional resources. To date, four pilot counties (or multi-county units) are participating in the Act.

The Act operates with these provisions:

a) A county wishing to participate forms a CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD. This Board, whose membership is defined in the Act, consists of 17 members who represent the areas of law enforcement, corrections, prosecution, the judiciary, education, ethnic minorities, the social services, and lay citizens (4).

b) The Corrections Advisory Board prepares and submits a COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for the provision of all correctional services to the Commissioner of Corrections for his approval.

c) Following approval by the Commissioner, counties are eligible for a SUBSIDY based on the counties' needs, ability to pay, and population. Counties receiving this subsidy may not reduce their current level of spending for corrections.

d) Money for these subsidy payments comes from the COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND on deposit with the State Treasurer and from savings from regular Corrections Dept. appropriations.

e) Counties participating in the Act will have to pay PER DIEM COSTS for any offenders they commit to state institutions, except when sentences exceed five years.

f) County programs operated under the Act will be regulated and inspected by the Dept. of Corrections. Subsidy monies could be withdrawn if the programs didn't meet the Dept. STANDARDS.

Agenda - Bellows

St Paul LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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March 5, 1975

To the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of St. Paul would like permission to lobby in conjunction with the Ramsey County Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile Justice in the following two areas:

1) The changing of statutes dealing with Community Corrections Act. Specifically this relates to amendments to allow for more citizen participation on the Community Corrections Advisory Board; and
2) The down-town Juvenile Service Center.

On the first point, the Community Corrections Advisory Board is responsible for the drafting of the comprehensive corrections plan for the county involved with the Act, and approves funding and programs which implement the comprehensive plan. In order to implement the plan, the Community Corrections Advisory Board examines new proposals and existing programs. We would like more citizen input on this advisory board as a balance to the large number of correctional professionals on the board. Our particular interest stems from the fact that Ramsey County is now under the Community Corrections Act.

On the second point, we want to convey our ideas on the concept of a new Juvenile Service Center, which would include the court services, the services of the welfare agency, community support agencies (like the Youth Service Bureau) and lawyers for the youth, etc. We also have a concern as to indoor large muscle programs and equipment, and proper medical care and programs.

We feel the principle of encouraging citizen participation from the National LWV and the consensus arrived at by St. Paul and the Leagues within Ramsey County dealing with Juvenile Justice in Ramsey County covers our above positions.

Lobbyists from St. Paul: Penny Chally, Chairman; Bonnie Bellows, Ass't Chairman

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Mertyce Mayne, President

Penny Chally

Penny Chally, Chairman

Note: Cleared: Mary Ann McCoy, State LWV President; Ramsey County Juvenile Justice Ad Hoc Committee; St. Paul Board

1) drafting testimony - giving testimony before Ramsey County House Delegation, Wednesday, March 5, 1975
2) drafting testimony - giving testimony House Committee on Corrections, Monday, March 10, 1975

Ram Co. Ad Hoc Juvenile Justice

Testimony given before the Ramsey County House Delegation

March 5, 1975

Good afternoon. My name is Jan Pettit and I speak on behalf of the Leagues of Women Voters of the city of St. Paul and all suburban areas in Ramsey County. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to express our views here today.

For almost two years, the Leagues of Women Voters have studied the corrections system in Ramsey County. As a result of that study, we have formed some opinions about the proposed juvenile service center, and would like to share them with you.

As you know, our county's youth are currently being detained in Woodview Detention Home in Roseville and are transported in handcuffs to the juvenile court in downtown St. Paul. We believe that this process is inefficient and dehumanizing. We also believe that the existing situation makes screening, referring, and visiting difficult, and that it does not allow for adequate legal representation. Therefore, we support the concept of a downtown juvenile service center; one which is close to clientele and helping services, and which combines the functions of juvenile court, court services, attorneys, detention, and community agencies.

However, we do have some concerns about how this building would function, and urge that you and Ramsey County officials consider them in your deliberations about the proposed center. In keeping with the concept of community corrections, the center should be community-oriented. Space in the center should be readily available to youth and family-serving agencies, without prohibitive cost. Community groups acting as part of the juvenile service center team should have a voice in making decisions concerning policy and operations.

We also have concerns about medical services and recreation for detained youth. We urge that consideration be given to making available proper medical care and programs for juveniles in the center. The detention unit should provide programs, equipment, and space indoors for active physical exercise and recreation. With careful planning, we think this could be accomplished within the space included in the proposed plan.

Finally, we believe that it is most important that the center be operated with openness, cooperation and communication, utilizing a team approach in serving the youth, families, and community in Ramsey County.

March 3, 1975

TO: Ann Knutson

FROM: Lois DeSantis

In answer to your memo re suggestions for state program, I don't see how we can drop anything from Human Resources, although the magnitude of the program is almost overwhelming. Has there ever been any consideration of dividing it into two - Human Rights and Human Services? While there is some overlap, I think this would make a logical division. Then when we get a support position on Corrections, it might come under Human Services.

I don't particularly want to make any suggestions for expansion, but it seem to me that the area of migrant workers is kind of fuzzy - we step in and out of it. Technically between state and national our positions are so broad they might cover almost anything relating to migrant workers. Yet I notice a hesitancy on our part, and I think rightly so, to get too involved with migrant worker legislation unless we have some study of the problem.

You can see I am proposing no solutions - only raising questions. Big help, eh?

To: Ann Knutson
From: Jerry Jenkins

I'd like us to "fall back and regroup" - not adopt a <u>new</u> issue to study. Emphasize Action and implementation of the positions we already have. I'd like monitoring to be emphasized (with good how-to's on the process). I'd like updates on the positions we now have and special emphasis on what parts of our positions need clarification (like the less reliance on property tax being taken further to see where and what would be taxed - and <u>is</u> taxed - to reduce reliance on property tax). I'd like a clear notion of what parts of our present positions haven't been implemented.

This would require more flexibility on local LWVs part and more leadership on State Board's part. - we're used to definite consensus times being given at calendar planning time. Maybe we need to reassess all of our positions? - because of the transient membership and the work load?

To: LWVMN program committee

From: Nancy Atchison, Education Chairman

Our position on Education should be retained, even though presently it seems pretty well implemented. Integration and funding will continue to need attention and the position serves us well--as far as it goes.

I would like to see the item expanded as to financing.

I suggest: A consideration of foundation aid formula differentials
study
evaluation

focusing on cost differences caused by location and/or degree of urbanization,

- the effects of declining enrollments
- alternatives to seniority laws,
- an understanding of tenure laws as they apply in schools (public employment regulations)

While doing that we could ask oureelves whether we still belive that deprived children should receive more government aid in the form of school expenditures, whether suburban children actually need their expensive schools and if they do, why their parents don't approve referendums (a).

We might also be able to deal with the growing pwoer of teacher unions--at least get a handle on whether they are harming us while helping themselves.

We have supported the cooperative service units--which will be regarded by local school boards as a threat to their power--but which may make it possible for schools to cope both with declining enrollments and the establishment of better programs outstate. Which leads to my saying that I guess it isn't necessary now to deal with whether local boards are losing power. The teacher bargaining power is the greatdest threat. Do we dare include that in our list of things?

Sorry I can't be at your meeting--even tho I wasn't invited--it is my day to "volunteer" for a change.

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

The Parliamentarian will be available for consultation
in the convention hall prior to and after each business session.

CONVENTION RULES

1. Admission to Convention shall be limited to persons displaying official badges which must be worn at all meetings of the Convention.
2. Voting members and visitors shall sit in areas so designated. Although they may enter the convention hall after the Convention has started, they shall not be seated during an address. at times stated by the chair
3. Only local delegates and members of the State Board may vote ("voting members").
4. Only voting members and those authorized by the chair, or Convention, may address the assembly. During debate on a motion, no person may speak more than once on that question until all others who wish to speak have done so. After the original presentation, debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker.
5. A speaker shall use a microphone and announce her name and League when addressing the assembly.
6. Main motions and amendments of substantial length must be in writing in triplicate and signed by the mover; two copies shall be sent at once to the secretary and one copy retained by the mover.

7. The procedure for Program adoption shall be in the following order:
   a) Recommended subjects (Proposed Program) shall be moved for adoption at the second session. The presentation by the mover may be no longer than five minutes. Questions for clarification only may be asked at this time.
   Debate and amendments to the Proposed Program shall be in order only during the third session. Final disposition of the Proposed Program requires a majority vote.
   b) Not-Recommended Subjects may be moved for consideration following clarification of the Proposed Program during the second session. The subject must have been submitted to the State Board in the first round of Program suggestions and must be on the list of subjects not-recommended. Subjects must be presented in the wording originally submitted by a local League in the first round of Program suggestions. (A file of these subjects is available for delegate reference.)
   A delegate moving consideration of a not-recommended subject may make a brief statement, not to exceed 10 minutes. Two seconding speeches, not to exceed two minutes each, shall be in order. Questions for clarification only may be asked at this time.
   Adoption of the motion to consider a not-recommended subject requires a majority vote.
   Debate and amendments to the not-recommended subject shall be in order only during the third session. Adoption of a not-recommended subject requires a three-fifths vote.
   c) The chair shall establish the length of time to be allocated for debate of each subject, upon approval of the delegates. Rules for debate (See Rules 3, 4, 5, & 6 above).
   Subjects shall be open for debate and amendment in the following order:
      1) Proposed Program
      2) Not-Recommended Subjects in order in which they were voted consideration
   d) No vote will be taken on any subjects to be considered by the Convention until all have been debated at which time vote for adoption will be taken in the order in which they were debated.

Subject: Finance

Service

In service training

Organization

League: LWV of Minnesota

April 1, 1974-Mar. 31,'

Part D

Recommendations to national board

Praise: We were impressed with Irene Janski's recent notice on diversification in the finance area of LWV.

We need to enlarge our horizons on the state and local level and feel that a workshop(similar to the Action Workshop at Camp Courage in Minn. last fall which stretched us in Action) would be beneficial.

We feel that meetings of states which have many of the same characteristics would aid in state finance efforts.

We feel that local Leagues need stretching also but suggest that finance in-service training should be offered to LLs from one state only.

Comment: One state board member (Ann Anderson) said LLs do not look at Finance with "male minds" particularly in the amount set for dues.

Jerry Jenkins

VP II

acting scribe for

total board on recommendations

Subject: Changes in League policies re: PUBLICATIONS (both Ed Fund and LWVUS)

League: LWV of Minnesota

April 1, 1974-March 31, 1975

Part D
Recommendations to National Board

We suggest that a review board be established to consider all League publications. All planned publications should be evaluated separately and in relationship with all other LWV pubs We suggest that a list of questions be compiled to be used in the evaluation such as: 1) What is the goal of the pub? 2) What need does the pub fill for LWV member? for the public? 3) What affect on the reader is desired? 4) Does the pub fill an information gap? 4) Does the pub duplicate other pubs inside the LWV? Outside LWV?

Comment: One board member (Helene Borg) commented that recent publications are repetitious reading. She gave as examples:

Question: Can LWVUS pubs make more money?

When publications are financed by Educ. Fund they are sold to LWV members and others--we assume the moneys from the sale of these pubs are returned to Educ. Fund--is that correct?

Jerry Jenkins

VP II

acting scribe for total board on our recommendations

Subject: Organization

Improvements in Procedures for Multi-League cooperation

League: LWV of Minnesota

April 1, 1974-March 31, 1975

Part D

Recommendations to National Board

We recommend that national staff and board act as facilitator and clearing house for intra-state sharing of both organization and program materials.

Comment: Midwest boards at a meeting in Chicago last summer set up a committee to act as clearing house and to facilitate sharing of How-to pubs, bibliographies and methods of researching, presenting, etc of specific Program items. The desire was to avoid "reinventing the wheel" and expensive overlap. The Midwest Board committee has not functioned well--the task gets low priority because the people on the committee work "off the top of the pile" and in their primary state roles this means that the intra-state committee commitment is impossible to fulfill

Comment: In this day of using the concurrence method it becomes more and more important to share Program material not just organization how-to's.

Praise: We were very appreciative of list which came out of national organization department several years ago of How-to pubs from other states. We have ordered and used them instead of publishing our own. Example" Indiana's pub on Local Program, Michigan's How to be a consultant, NY's discussion tech workshop, Kansas" observer guide, etc The list had name of

pub, address of LWV and cost.

Jerry Jenkins

VP II

acting scribe for total board
on our recommendations

Subject: Publishing

Training and Howto guide
Services

League: LWV of Minnesota

April 1, 1974-Mar31, 1975

Part D Recommendations to national board

We recommend that training and a how-to guide on publishing be offered to state boards. We publish many things but we encounter pitfalls and experience pratfalls over and over again. We need guidance on the role of the committee, choosing type style, paper, etc., choosing a printer, pricing the pub, making a schedule, holding to schedule, handling personality problems, establishing standards, setting rules for on-board and off-board readers, etc.

Guidance is needed on copyrighting state and local League publications.

Jerry Jenkins

VPII

Acting scribe for total board

on recommendations

Subject: Voters Service-Citizen Info

Services needed from
National board andstaff

League: LWV of Minn.
April 1, 1974-March 31, 1975

Part D

We need help on clearly defining the difference between Voters Service and Citizen Information and how this change modifies local League behavior as well as LWV of Minn. behavior.

We feel we are in a transition period in state Citizen Information activities and that some local Leagues are too. Some local Leagues have done no more than say "Citizen Information (formerly Voters Service)" in their bulletins, minutes, etc. We all need direction on this one--not only how it relates to gross budgetting but also what dimensions open up in Citizen Information that weren't there when we called it Voters Service?

Jerry Jenkins
VP II
acting scribe for total
Board on our recommendations

Subject: Leadership Training

Organization

Services needed from
national board and staff

League: LWV of Minn.

April 1, 1974-March 31, 1975

Part D
Recommendations to National Board

We ~~recommend~~ recommend that ~~leadership~~ leadership training should be timed to accomodate newly elected and appointed board members

We feel that such training should be put on a cyclical basis.

We feel that more emphasis should be placed on how to train in people in a volunteer organization with special attention to fostering constructive attitudes about the problems of working with a constantly changing LWV population.

We request an organization chart of bd members + staff in terms of their jobs.

Jerry Jenkins

VP II

acting scribe for total board
on our recommendations

Subject: Action Services.

Follow-up on last fall's wkshop

League: LWV of Minnesota

April 1, 1974-Mar 31, 1975

Part D

Recommendations to national board

We recommend that there be a follow-up on Action Workshop at Camp Courage, Minnesota probably in printed form telling what effect the Workshop had on the League members participating and with emphasis on the monitoring process.

Comment: At Camp Courage workshop the paid staff (in particular) received highly favorable comments. This is not to underrate national board participants but to accent the feeling that--if nothing else--money is well spent on high quality staff.

Jerry Jenkins

VP II

Acting scribe for total board on recommendations

Subject: Organization
Services needed
updated standard LL
bylaws

League: LWV of Minnesota

April 1, 1974-Mar 31, 1975

Part D

Recommendations to national board

We need clean updated standard LL bylaws plus a current statement of principles plus quote from brown booklet Documents guiding LL's and state boards on acting on principles plus a current statement of nonpartisanship policy all in one package

We enclose an update Jenkins did for Falcon Heights LWV.

Jerry Jenkins
VP II

Acting scribe for total
board on recommendations

Subject: Morale-building
LL and state board contact
with national board and staff
Services of National board & office

League: LWV of Minnesota

April 1, 1974-Mar 31, 1975

Part D
Recommendations to national board

We feel that national board and staff members coming out into the field proves very beneficial because these people act in our name. Knowing them fosters confidence. We are more willing to spend money when we see ~~t~~what it is spent on ~~th~~ quality people.

Minn. board members reflected on past visits of national presidents and other board members and expressed three things:

1) "It cleanses the spirit."

2) "It gives sense of belonging."

3) "It breaks down the we-they feeling."

Jerry Jenkins
~~P~~ VP II
Acting scribe for total
board on recommendations

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 11, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102, 9:30 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Jenkins, Rosenbloom, Moss, Amundson, Andersen, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Gross, Jones, Knutson, Waldo.
Board Members Absent: Ebbott, Rockenbach, Watson, Weber, Westmoreland.
Non-Board Members Present: Mary Poppleton (for Mary Watson), Bonnie Bellows, St. Paul.

MINUTES: Corrections: page 3, Action on second motion should be: "failed".
page 5, paragraph 3, first sentence should be: "state Board or...".
page 7, paragraph 1, part left out of third to last sentence. Should read: "Jenkins asked if this conference could be held over until fall and be the Columbus Day workshop, noting that there were.....".
page 6, add to discussion of consenting adult and fair employment legislation Atchison comment that: "League supports equal rights for all persons, and we can't deny this position.".
page 1, Treasurer's Report discussion, last sentence, change: "may show" to "will show".

The minutes of the Board meeting of February 11, 1975 were approved with the above additions and corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT:		
	Balance on hand 4/1/74	$11,064.44
	Expenditures 4/1/74 to 2/28/75	77,961.00
	Income 4/1/74 to 2/28/75	76,633.92
	Balance on hand 2/28/75	9,737.36

Moss said with reference to the budget revision that the total amount authorized by Council to be spent was not changed but individual items were. She added that League received more income than anticipated mostly in the publications and non-cash contributions areas. She said we did not need to use any money from reserves.

The report was filed for audit.

Moss presented the name of Otto Palmer for approval as auditor of the League books. She noted he is the husband of a League member.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Otto Palmer as auditor.
Mover: Moss Second: Andersen Carried

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add under Discussion: Action report.
Move Discussion of Presidents Workshop to before lunch break.

PERMISSION TO LOBBY: Bonnie Bellows, St. Paul, representing the Ramsey County Leagues, presented the following proposal for Board approval: To lobby at the legislature in the following areas: a) To monitor and support a proposed Juvenile Service Center for Ramsey County. Lobbyists would be Penny Chally

and Bonnie Bellows of St. Paul; and Jan Pettit, Dottie Stone, Lorraine Frederickson and Virginia Sande of New Brighton. b) To monitor and support amendments to the Community Corrections Act to promote more effective citizen participation in the Corrections Advisory Board. Lobbyists would be Mary Ann McCoy, Penny Chally, Bonnie Bellows, Charee Carlson, Jan Pettit, Dottie Stone, Lorraine Frederickson and Virginia Sande.

MOTION: To approve the request of the Leagues of Ramsey County to lobby at the Legislature in the above areas with said lobbyists.
Mover: Borg Second: Knutson Carried

Borg asked if this would cause conflict with the Corrections study. McCoy said that Weber thought there might be a problem when a local study comes out in the middle of a state study in the same area. The problem of separating League members from League positions when they speak as individuals to their legislators was discussed. There is a likelihood that the person will be seen as a representative of the state League even when otherwise identified, especially if the member is a chairman of a state study. Jenkins said she differed with Weber's contention that she was free to speak to her legislators as a private citizen on this subject. Jenkins said you could not divorce the individual from the study. McCoy asked if confusion would be created in the minds of legislators if this permission to lobby is granted. She said testimony would have to be reviewed carefully and cleared with her. Atchison asked if the legislators would be confused by Ramsey County League positions and LWVMN positions. Bellows responded that the issues dealt only with Ramsey County issues and there was not much overlap with state concerns. It was noted that Rep. North has said that the county could not afford separate juvenile and adult building facilities. McCoy asked if the Ramsey County Leagues were willing to compromise on separate facilities in the same building or would they insist on separate buildings. Bellows said it depended upon what is meant by separate; that the Leagues definitely want separate staff and housing, but they could share a building site and heating plant for instance. Jenkins recommended that the Leagues not get in a box of demanding a separate building. The separate building is not in the study. McCoy said that League positions are purposely general to allow flexibility on specifics and that with the economic situation it was not a good time to insist on a separate building if arrangements could be made to keep juveniles and adults physically separate otherwise. McCoy asked if site localtion were a problem. Bellows said that the Leagues wanted it to be close to other services to juveniles and for convenient visiting.

Bellows was asked to remind the lobbyists that they are representatives of an organization and are not to inject their personal opinions when lobbying. They should be especially careful about this in question periods. McCoy said that they should report on extemporaneous lobbying as well as formal testimony. Borg noted that the Action committee has a form for this. McCoy said there should be training for the lobbyists and there should be a chairman responsible for the lobbyists in both areas. Jenkins noted that lobbying is used to cover a broad range of activities such as monitoring and listening to legislators expound their positions. Borg was delegated to set up a training session for the lobbyists. She asked that Bellows arrange with them for a mutually convenient time and also asked for the names of the chairmen. Jenkins added that lobbyists will get questions which are not in their subject area and that she should direct them to the appropriate state person so that a response can be made.

LAND USE CONSENSUS: Mary Poppleton, substituting for Mary Watson, presented the following statement of Land Use consensus:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, recognizing the need for land protection, supports an overall state land use plan with maximum local decisions and state help to localities in developing and exercising land use management. Regions should plan and regulate on matters of more than local concern, and an appeals board should arbitrate conflicts between governmental bodies and between citizens and governmental bodies.

To implement that policy, a state plan should:

*be tied closely to integrated overall planning
*be coordinated with plans and policies of local and regional agencies
*should require local governments to exercise at least a minimum level of planning and control
* recognize fragile or historic land, renewable resource lands and natural hazard lands as critical areas and subject them to at least minimal control
*recognize areas impacted by public investment and large scale private development as critical activities and subject them to at least minimal control
*require impact statements on major public and private development
*provide increased financial aid for research, technical assistance and state data for localities and regional governmental units.
*provide authority to localities to exercise innovative planning and regulatory techniques such as land banking, planned unit developments, transfer of development rights, timed development ordinances.

MOTION: To adopt the above statement on Land Use.
Mover: Knutson Second: Borg Carried as edited

Poppleton said it was a difficult statement to prepare. She said the committee had a lot of beedback on the difficulty of the questions; that it was hard to separate land use philosophy from tax strucutre. She said she thinks the statement accurately reflects the response received. She noted that the Environmental Quality Council came out with a study which arrived at similar general conclusions so she felt members did understand the issues. Poppleton said that some Leagues had commented on the absence of the copper-nickel mining question. McCoy said it was not included because the Board felt the state moratorium had made its inclusion unnecessary at this time. She said that Leagues can follow the issue. Poppleton said that 55 Leagues responded and that 1800 members had taken part in the consensus.

McCoy asked Poppleton to prepare a statement for the press and a plan for release. She is to work with Rockenbach to get maximum coverage. Amundson said it should be in the VOTER. McCoysaid local Leagues should know about it before it is released to the media. Poppleton will prepare an item for the Board Memo.

LOBBYIST: MOTION: To approve the appointment of Cheri Straub as a lobbyist as a lobbyists for Judiciary.
Mover: Gross Second: Waldo Carried

PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM: Knutson said it was difficult to determine what local Leagues really wanted since most did not list priorities. She said most recommended additional study in Corrections centering on juveniles and community corrections. Borg asked if any Leagues specifically recommended no new study. Knutson said some had done so. Atchison said many Leagues use first round Program suggestions as a chance to get their two cents in and don't attempt to

prioritize. Knutson said the committee recommended that there be no new study but that there be updates in three areas of present Program. She said the new studies most often recommended were welfare of the child, migrant workers and transportation. Moss reminded the Board that the proposed budget did not include a full-scale new study. McCoy said that should not deter us if a new study seemed imperative; that money could be found. Poppleton asked if any Leagues had suggested a study of the effect of tax structure on land use since this seemed to be an issue raised in the consensus returns. Knutson said that none had although there was some support for more study in the financing government area. Knutson said that she felt there should not be a Lively Issues VOTER; that it seemed to direct and limit thinking on new Program. Knutson asked if all suggestions received should be listed in the return to local Leagues. McCoy said they should be, but it could be indicated how many Leagues supported each. McCoy said that outstate Leagues seem to feel that metro Leagues lead the LWVMN and that studies are not related to outstate needs. Knutson said the responses did not seem to separate that way. McCoy pointed out that the action taken on Program would be the recommended Program, and this was the time to consider changing or dropping present Programs.

MOTION: To continue the Corrections item (incorporating the consensus statement) with continued study in areas such as community corrections and juvenile justice.
Mover: Knutson Seconded Carried

Knutson said community corrections and juvenile justice were suggested as needing further study and many Leagues noted they needed more time to absorb the information already presented. Jenkins suggested the need to monitor and reevaluate after a consensus and the possibility of having a mini-consensus after the first year that will deal more with specifics. This can be built into the Outlook for Work. Jones said that if the Outlook for Work only calls for action the local Leagues will not do updating on their own. Waldo said she would like another word in place of updating which would imply more depth to the study. Gross asked if the juvenile justice concurrence had been reached before the Program suggestions were in. Knutson said they came in the middle of concurrence. McCoy indicated that there may be problems with the juvenile justice concurrence.

Jenkins reminded the Board to keep in mind the national priorities and the vertical action possibilities. McCoy cited the New Brighton study of sexism in education as unnecessary; that they could act without a local study. Borg said they were studying it on the local level. Jenkins said that is monitoring, seeing what applies to a state or national position and then taking action on it locally. McCoy said Knutson should prepare something on this to be sent with the second round Program suggestions. Waldo said it needed to be said in several places. Knutson is to have it ready for the Board Memo also.

MOTION: To continue the Judiciary as worded.
Mover: Knutson Second: Andersen Carried

Gross said there had been some thought of merging the Judiciary and Corrections items. It was felt that consideration of this should wait until the Corrections consensus had been reached and the item had been absorbed.

MOTION: To continue the Environmental Quality item as worded with the addition of the Land Use consensus statement.
Mover: Knutson Second: Andersen Carried

The short form of the Land Use consensus to be stated: "Support of overall state land use plan with maximum decision-making at the local level." There was a minority feeling on the EQ committee that the reference to the national position should be deleted, but Watson did not agree. It was decided to leave it in since the state does not have a state position.

MOTION: To continue the Equality of Opportunity item as worded with a recommended study of the special needs of migrant workers.
Mover: Moss Second: Cushing Carried

Lois DeSantis, who is working with the EO item since Phillips left, suggested the possibility of dividing the item into two sections: Human Services and Human Rights. It was pointed out that there would be much overlap and the question of whether it would split well was raised. It was noted that DeSantis was looking at the item from the Human Resources point of view of national whereas it is EO on the state level. A straw vote on the matter showed the Board in favor of keeping the item as is.

A study of migrant workers was recommended. It was asked if a consensus was needed on migrants to act or would we gather information and act on the present position. Knutson noted that migrants are not residents of the state, but Waldo added that our position covers all persons, not just citizens or residents. McCoy said it should not be studied as a separate item; that the League already supports equal rights. What we should do is get facts about the situation in response to local League concern about the issue. Borg said a committee will be needed and it will amount to almost a full study. McCoy noted that there will be a panel discussing migrant workers at Convention.

MOTION: To continue the Education item as worded plus a further consideration of foundation aid formula differentials focusing on cost of living differences caused by location and/or degree of urbanization, the effects of declining enrollments, alternatives to seniority laws, an understanding of tenure laws as they apply to schools, and the impact of teacher bargaining on schools.
Mover: Atchison Second: Andersen Carried

Atchison said she felt the impetus for study of foundation aid came mostly from the suburban areas. McCoy said she liked the idea of studying the impact of teacher bargaining. Atchison noted that teachers are a powerful group. Cushing said this was an issue that needed citizen input. It was felt that League would be out in front of the issue by studying it now. Atchison was asked if she could have material ready for a January 1976 consensus. Atchison felt she needed the fall of 1975 to prepare and the material would not be ready before December 1975. This would mean a March 1976 consensus. It was suggested the material could be printed in a six-page VOTER issue. After consideration, Atchison said she thought the material on funding could be ready by December 1975 for a March 1976 consensus and the material on alternatives to seniority laws, tenure and teacher bargaining for a March 1977 consensus.

MOTION: To continue the Election Laws item as worded.
Mover: Knutson Second: Moss Carried as amended

Knutson said there was some feeling that the party designation position should be dropped since that had been accomplished. McCoy noted that it had been retained in case there had been a move in the legislature to change back. She said that she had been asked about the League position on party designation for other elective offices. She said she favored dropping it now since we have accomplished the goal and since we have not studied party designation for other offices.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To drop "Support of party designation for legislators." from Election Laws item.
Mover: Jones Second: Moss Carried

MOTION: To continue the Organization of State Government item as worded.
Mover: Knutson Second: Gross Carried as amended and edited

Borg suggested dropping support of the short ballot. It was felt there was confusion on what "short ballot" meant and no agreement on which constitutional offices should be appointive. The study is outdated, and it was felt that other issues have taken precedence.

AMENDMENT OT MOTION: To drop "Support of the short ballot." from the Organization of State Government item.
Mover: Borg Second: Gross Carried

There was discussion on whether to drop or change the position of "realistic compensation for legislators" since we don't know what is realistic. The "increased research assistance" position was questioned since the staff has been expanded greatly since its adoption and there was some doubt about the effectiveness of the added personnel. Knutson said more information is needed in this area and suggested an update.

It was felt that "easing" was a poor choice of words in connection with the amending process; that, in fact, it had played a part in the defeat at the last election of the constitutional amendment to accomplish this end. The position statement was edited to read: "Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature, Executive Branch, and amending the state Constitution."

With regard to the Financing State Government item, Knutson said the feeling seemed to be to update it or throw it out; that the current position is not enough to act on. Moss recommended studying the income tax. Knutson said that the local Leagues favored studying tax structure and budget and priority setting. McCoy asked if we have the resources to do a study; that while many Leagues indicate interest, there are no individuals who come forward to help. Andersen suggested listing it under the not-recommended items and stating why. She said if the feeling for a study is really strong, the Convention can vote the study.

Motion: To adopt as Financing Government item "Study of effects of the tax shifts and the distribution of revenue."
Mover: Knutson Second: Waldo Carried

It was felt this would be a preliminary two year study with no consensus involving a minimum of Board and local local League time, with three or four committee meetings to prepare background material. The possibility of a workshop on this item was mentioned. Borg asked if there really was more interest in this item now. McCoy said she thought there was; that it was a pocketbook issue.

PRESIDENTS WORKSHOP: Cushing distributed the tentative schedule for the Presidents Workshop at the state Convention. Cushing noted that she wanted to make use of new Board members as well as the old ones. Cushing said that the after dinner discussion would deal with local League problems and solutions. She asked Board members to supply her with examples. She said use of some of the leadership management material presented to the Board at Spring Hill would be used. She added she hoped to generate real participation from the presidents. McCoy suggested letting national know that we were using the leadership material this way. Members were urged to come up with creative ideas for a skit. Jenkins said she was working on the idea of using Wonderwoman or Superwoman as a basis for a skit.

STATE CONVENTION: MOTION: To set the delegate package for Convention at $17.50; registration $5.00; lunch $2.00; dinner $3.50.
Mover: Moss Seconded Carried

The package includes one breakfast, two lunches, one dinner (all cafeteria style), one coffee break, room (double occupancy) and service charge plus League overhead. The fact that room is included is to emphasized so lelegates will know that there is a savings involved in being on a campus.

MOTION: To adopt the proposed Rules of the Convention as amended and edited.
Mover: Borg Second: Knutson Carried

The question of whether to seat people during sessions was raised. The rule was changed to read: "They may enter the convention hall after the Convention has started at times designated by the chair." Rosenbloom asked about resolutions. It had been decided two years ago not to allow them and that policy has been continued. She asked how discussion on nomenclature was to be handled. McCoy said that could come in under "Other Business". The president was authorized to edit the Rules to make sessions conform to the Order of Business.

McCoy presented the proposed Order of Business and asked if anything needed to be added. Amundson suggested taking advantage of Irene Janski's presence at Convention, possibly at the first luncheon. It was felt she could speak on organization or respond to questions from delegates. Time for dinner was changed to 5:30 because of the cafeteria serving. The afternoon session was changed to 2:00 to 4:30 to accommodate the dinner hour.

MOTION: To adopt the proposed Order of Business as amended.
Mover: Moss Second: Waldo Carried

McCoy said that rosenbloom had pointed out that the Convention Workbook for the 1973 Convention had been pared to essentials and that adding some of the suggested items was a step in the wrong direction. Rosenbloom said that some of the suggested items could be used in the VOTER.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO NATIONAL: Moss recommended leaving out the question on money earned by Ed Fund publications. She said there are guidelines on how the money is used, and we are supposed to know them. Borg said she did not have specific instances of repetitious publications. In the multi-League cooperation area, McCoy said she would be willing to stay with the project after her term of office expires. An organization chart listing national Board and staff was requested. Rosenbloom asked about the updated local League Bylaws

that Jenkins did for her local League which is being sent to national. McCoy said they were not mandatory but a guideline. It was recommended that national put the Principles on the Bylaws. It was also recommended that national answer its mail more promptly.

McCoy announced that Pat Lucas, Action clerk, will act as office manager while Herb is on federal jury duty. She also announced that Pat Stein, solid waste chairman of the EQ committee, has been invited to a EPA sponsored conference in Washington, D.C.

ACTION REPORT: McCoy said that League had joined the ERA coalition to request equal time on TV to respond to Sen. Chmielewski's anti-ERA comments (see last month's minutes). Our representative, Pam Berkwitz, made the official statement. The request for equal time was rejected, and there are plans to contact the FCC. McCoy said a representative of the TV station, KSTP, called to ask how the League became involved in this action, whether we had formal approval of the action. McCoy told him there was authority to act in this area. She suggested a motion might be in order to formally support this action.

MOTION: To reaffirm LWVMN support for the ERA Coalition in its action to seek equal TV time to answer the anti-ERA statements of Sen. Chmielewski.
Mover: Waldo Seconded Carried

McCoy said Berkwitz thinks League should be giving more active support to ERA. The question is whether more action will give more publicity to the senator's bill to rescind Minnesota's approval of ERA. It was noted that there are no co-authors for his bill and no companion bill in the House. It was felt we should not underestimate the problem; that we should lay the groundwork for support now by preparing a fact sheet answering points raised against ERA. Borg had a repring from a magazine which she felt covered the subject well. It was decided to order a quantity of reprints to have available. It was decided to send a letter to the chairman of the Senate committee which would consider the rescission bill supporting him and offering any help we could give.

Borg said we had a letter from Sen. Mondale expressing regret that he had not been able to meet with us yet. She also said that the Minneapolis LWV wants permission to lobby for funding for regional libraries under its local position. It was felt that we did not have enough information on this and since this a statewide issue and the state had no position on it, we could not give permission at this time. The St. Paul president, Mertyce Mayne, wrote a letter requesting permission to lobby on issues which affect only St. Paul.

MOTION: To grant permission to LWV of St. Paul to lobby before the legislature on local issues relating only to St. Paul.
Mover: Borg Second: Jenkins Carried

McCoy related the details of a meeting she attended last week. She said she felt she should inform the Board because of possible repercussions. The meeting was called by the Commissioner of Human Rights to discuss the Kahn bill to allow schools to have separate athletic teams for boys and girls above the elementary school level. She said there were militant feminists and black women in attendance.

The Commissioner stated his opposition to the bill and the meeting polarized with the black women opposing the bill as a throwback to racial segregation and the feminists supporting it. McCoy said the meeting deterioted into a shouting match for awhile. One of the white women feels she was threatened and wants to bring charges against one of the black women. Some participants think the Governor should be informed that the Commissioner did nothing to control the group. McCoy said she did not think there was any basis for charges being brought against the black woman. The feeling of the Board was that League should not go to the Govenor. McCoy said the Commissioner did not say anything untoward but failed to act to stop abuse.

Waldo said she thought perhaps we should reconsider our participation in the Womens Skills Bank. McCoy asked her to keep the Board informed about its activities.

VOTER: Amundson said the March-April VOTER will contain pre-Convention information, the Land Use consensus and an article on the energy conference as well as the items listed in the agenda. She said it might be a six-page issue. It will not be used in the Convention Workbook. Amundson said she had received a lengthy letter to the editor and was not sure whether to edit it or save it for another issue. McCoy suggested the VOTER committee might develop a policy on letters, that space in the VOTER is expensive. Rosenbloom asked that a brief article on nomenclature be included so that delegates could be alerted to the issue. She suggested that Jenkins might do it.

NATIONAL COUNCIL: McCoy said the Council will start Monday morning, May 5, and will run till Thursday, May 8. She said she did not plan to go as a delegate although she hoped to go as a visitor.

MOTION: To appoint Jenkins and Watson as delegates to national Council.
Mover: Moss Second: Jones Carried

MOTION: To appoint Atchison as alternate delegate to national Council.
Mover: Amundson Second: Waldo Carried

CONSENTING ADULTS AND FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION: A number of Leagues have expressed opinions on this legislation, mostly unfavorable to League support, but there have been some supportive responses. Gross said she thought we were asking for League opinion but not necessarily for League approval. She said she planned to prepare a response to some specific questions raised. Some opponents said they did not feel bound by action of the state Convention when it changed the wording of the EO position from "citizen" to "person". The Board said that the state Convention actions were binding on Leagues; that this is the body empowered to make these decisions. McCoy asked if there were any further Board action needed. Borg said there was not; that we will continue to work for it without publicity.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

Mins.

9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
Minutes of the state Board meeting, March 11, 1975#
Treasurer's Report*
Revision of Agenda

ACTION*

40 Corrections Consensus Report - Weber
15 Institute of Cultural Affairs Town Meetings - Borg & Cushing
5 Conference on Federally Employed Women in Minnesota - Borg
5 Citizens League Renewal - Knutson

Westmoreland resignation ~~FCA~~ request for list
E2C

DISCUSSION

45 Action Report - Gay Rights decision, Girls' Athletics bill, Open Meeting Law, plus any other nonroutine matters relating to Action - Borg
30 Convention '75 - Planning/Progress Report - Rosenbloom & McCoy

Law Day Mishmash - Jenkins + Cushing

INFORMATION

30 Portfolio Pruning - McCoy
1 Environmental Quality*- Watson

mailed earlier * included with Agenda
Bring all * and # to the meeting

Next State Board Meeting - May 13, 1975

Board Memo - Another mini: OUTLOOK year '74-'75 faces May, Month XII--are there "interim" reminders your counterparts need now to project the scenario of activities until next year's OUTLOOK is in their hands, come June? Bring all for body to Board meeting; "mailed withs" to be in the office by April 10th, with mailing target date: April 18.

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: approves the minutes of the State Board Meeting of March 11, 1975, as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
3. Corrections -

Background Information

Statement still in preparation; available at Board Meeting.

4. Town Meetings: motion: that we provide information to local Leagues on Institute of Cultural Affairs Town Meetings and encourage participation.

Background Information

The Institute of Cultural Affairs plans to organize 90-100 Town Meetings throughout the state as a contribution to the Bicentennial celebration. They are seeking sponsoring local groups who would be interested in participating. The Town Meeting is an all-day workshop intended as a catalyst to community dialogue and action for future needs. The ICA provides expertise and services for a nominal

cost. This group is already working with many communities (Albert Lea, Austin, Blaine, Duluth, Moorhead, Mankato, Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Peter, Willmar, Winona) and would like to disseminate information about what they are able to do.

We see this as an opportunity made-to-order for League involvement. (See sample program - red, white and blue enclosure.)

5. Conference on Federally Employed Women: motion: that we participate in the Conference For Federally Employed Women in Minnesota.

Background Information

There will be a conference for all federally employed women (possibly 3000) in Minnesota on April 26 in the Coffman Union Ballroom at the University of Minnesota. It will last most of the day and they expect about 500 women. Lunch will be available at $4.00.

Many organizations, open to membership of women, have been invited to give information about their organizations. We can use any format, including films and any amount of time, to sell our organization.

6. Citizens League -

Background Information

We have a request from the Citizens League that we pay our dues during the first half of the year. H.H. has informed the Citizens League that affiliation must be Board-approved each year and that renewal would be made in May or June each year.

DISCUSSION

1. Action Report - if the material comes in before this agenda is mailed, it will be included.
2. Convention '75 - no reading-up-beforehand necessary!

INFORMATION

1. Portfolio Pruning - no reading-up-beforehand necessary!
2. EQ -

Background Information

In response to national's request for information on state land use, we have sent clippings and are compiling other information. The state land use committee is gearing up for national land use action.

NOTE: The portfolio counterpart sections of the local League annual reports are here for your perusal. If you take them out of the office, you MUST bring them back!

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AGENDA

Mins.

9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
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ACTION*

45 Corrections Consensus - Weber
10 Location of Office - Moss
5 "Peddler's License" - Moss
30 2nd Round Program Suggestions - Knutson
30 Amendment to Rules of Convention - McCoy

DISCUSSION

30 Presidents Workshop - Cushing
20 Convention '75 - Final Arrangements - McCoy
5 Comments on reserves and focus - Moss
Women's Study Group wksp - McCoy - Interact Nat'l Council report - Jenkins

INFORMATION

10 VOTER - Amundson
10 Legislative Report for Convention - Borg
5 P.R. - Rockenbach
10 CMAL - Amundson

mailed earlier * included with Agenda
Bring all # and * to the meeting

FYI - International Women's Year Disarmament Luncheon: St. Paul YWCA, 65 E. Kellogg Blvd., Tuesday, May 27, 1975, 11:30 a.m. (Sociability & Literature Browsing), luncheon, 12:30 program. $3.00 - for reservations, call YWCA 222-3741.

Need to know: please let Peggy Thompson know with whom you wish to room at Convention.

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the April 8, 1975 Board meeting as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
3. Revision of Agenda
4. Corrections: motion: to adopt the following statement of position on Corrections:

   Corrections: Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society.

   1. Support of correctional options which will protect society from the offender.
   2. Provision of a continuum of correctional options available according to the needs of the individual offender. The continuum should range from maximum security to facilities and services in the community.

3. Support of treatment and rehabilitative programs for all offenders. Among the programs should be those of mental health, education, job preparation, employment assistance and counselling. There should be appropriate incentives to encourage offender participation in programs.

4. Recognition of the offender as an individual with basic human rights commensurate with constitutional rights except as necessary for the protection of offenders and society. These rights include healthful conditions, freedom of worship, due process.

5. Support of ongoing programs of evaluation and research as an aid in setting program priorities. Included within the scope of the program are need identification, data collection and retrievability and the use of the scientific method in designing the evaluation plan.

5. a) Incorporation: to amend the articles of incorporation to state that the registered office of the LWVMN be in such location as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Background Information

Article I, section d. of the Articles of Incorporation of the LWVMN states: "the location of the corporation shall be in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota."

b) Registration: that the registered office be changed from (914 Marquette Ave. or 832-33 Lumber Exchange Building or 15th & Washington Ave., SE) ___?___ St., Minneapolis, County of Hennepin to 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, County of Ramsey.

Background Information

Sid will present at Board meeting.

6. Peddler's License: (no written material available on this)

7. 2nd Round Program suggestions: approve 2nd Round Program making recommendations for Convention.

Background Information

Program recommendations remain unchanged fron 2nd round. Many Leagues defined areas of support of lack of support but with no strong direction in any area. We would assume that there will be much debate at Convention on each item recommended for further study.

The Committee clarified the mini-consensus on Legislative Compensation. A study of legislative compensation. Legislative size and a full-time Legislature were not intended for full study and consensus. However, those issues plus staff, etc. would be taken into consideration when re-evaluating what a legislator should be paid.

Bring working notes (blue papers) to Board meeting together with the Recommended Program, March '75 titled "BACK TO YOU FOR ..... ROUND TWO"

8. Rules: add in () to Convention Rule #3 the following statement from the Articles of Incorporation (Art. IV, sec. b.) "They shall hold office until the conclusion of the next regular biennial convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified."

Background Information

Robert's Rules of Order §§ 67, P. 264 states: "An officer-elect takes possession of his office immediately, unless the rules specify the time. In most societies it is necessary that this time be clearly designated." The Articles of Incorporation are controlling in this matter. To avoid confusion for this and subsequent conventions, it is recommended that the Convention Rules be "made perfectly clear."

DISCUSSION

1. Presidents Workshop: the committee met Friday (5/9) at Waldo's. Material was not ready - naturally - to include with Agenda. It will be available at Board meeting.

2. Convention: No written material available; discussion only.

3. Moss' report will be oral.

INFORMATION

1. VOTER: May-June VOTER: Post Convention - Convention Highlights; Local Color Story (too late to use exerpts from local League bulletins - must be mailed before June 30); State Program; How Action Committee and League lobbyists translate LWV Program into support of or opposition to proposed legislation; Appointed Directors (complete list of LWVMN officers and portfolios); Bylaw amendments; Hope Washburn Award; Thanks to Hostess League; Corrections Consensus. Any additions or suggestions?

2. Legislative Report: YOU ARE THERE

   We will begin by explaining action decision-making - how we decide what legislation we can support or oppose. This will include the broad to the specific, how the Program committees participate and the chairmen's recommendations, how the Board sets policy and how we interpret our positions.

   We will use as examples our "priorities" for this session and tell what happened in each of these areas with a different lobbyist explaining each issue. That means we will include "ban-the-can,"rotation of names, ERA legislation (veterans preference and maybe a reference to some other bills in this area), and reapportionment and legislative size.

   Then we will tell how we make "difficult decisions" and give examples of problems by using girls' athletics, open meeting and "gay rights." The first indicates the problem of conflicting positions, the second how we act on our positions and how vague that is, and the third the problem of a member organization and grass roots support. We hope to leave time for questions and comments and constructive suggestions.

3. P.R. - oral

4. CMAL - oral.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 8, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102, 9:30 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Jenkins, Moss, Rosenbloom, Amundson, Andersen, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Gross, Jones, Knutson, Rockenbach, Waldo, Watson, Weber.
Board Member Absent: Ebbott.

MINUTES: MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 11, 1975 Board meeting as circulated.
Mover: Andersen Second: Cushing Carried

Jenkins said she hoped the reference in the minutes to her working on a skit for the Presidents Workshop did not commit her to one. It was felt that it did not. Cushing said Waldo was also working on a skit. Jones volunteered to help. Jenkins also said that in preparing the current Capitol Letter, she had used the recommended amended wording on the Organization of State Government item which was worked out at the March meeting (deleting the word "easing"). She asked if that were proper procedure. McCoy said it should not be changed prior to the Convention voting to change it. Since the Capitol Letter was not printed yet, the wording is to be changed back to the current position.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/74	$11,064.44
Expenditures 4/1/74 to 3/31/75	84,770.57
Income 4/1/74 to 3/31/75	87,790.53
Balance on hand 3/31/75	14,084.40

Moss said she was not sure that it was worthwhile to revise the budget during the year, that she did not see the point to it. Atchison said it made the Board look at what had been done and what needed to be done. McCoy said it was not possible to predict expenditures exactly and it showed if individual items had gotten out of line.

Moss noted that reserves were not needed to balance the budget. McCoy pointed out that there are reserves of almost $14,000 and a cash balance of over $14,000. Jenkins asked if there were a rule of themb on how much money should be reserve. Moss said it was recommended to have reserves of about three to five months average expenditures. McCoy said that in light of the reserves and cahs balance, there should be a thoughtful resistance to moves to cut the budget at Convention. She added that there has been a lot of time spent preparing the budget and the figures had been worked over carefully by the Board and Budget Committee. Moss said that there was $5000 more in publications income than originally budgeted for and that not all pledges had been paid. McCoy said the treasirer should have a list of delinquent Leagues available at Convention, not for publication but for information if asked. McCoy said we should realize that League is big business.

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Action: Resignation of Shirley Westmoreland
EQC request for list of local League presidents
Add to Discussion: Law Day dinner
Miscellaneous from Jenkins and Cushing

McCoy explained that Weber would be coming later to discuss the Corrections consensus. She said the committee met last Friday and realized at that time that the Minneapolis

League consensus report had not been received. Weber told McCoy that the results of the juvenile justice concurrence will be available, but she can only give a resume of the adult section without the Minneapolis report. Since Minneapolis represents about 15-20% of the League membership, it was felt it should be included even though it failed to meet the deadline. Weber said a final report on the adult section would be available for the May meeting. McCoy asked Weber if there were any pending legislation that League should be acting on. Weber said that legislation on closing one of the correctional institutions would be the only area, and that League had not studied which one should be closed and so could not speak to this.

McCoy said that this situation was one which a president of a volunteer organization has to face; that it was regrettable that the deadline for the consensus statement will not be met. She noted that the Program chairman should have been working with the committee chairman and that the absence of the Minneapolis report should have been noticed earlier. The alternative would be to have a statement without including the Minneapolis consensus. McCoy said the concurrence on juvenile justice could be announced.

TOWN MEETINGS: The Institute of Cultural Affairs is promoting a one-day community gathering called "Town Meeting '76" to observe the Bicentennial. The meeting is to be sponsored by local groups to discuss the nation's future direction. The question is whether LWVMN should distribute information to local Leagues and encourage their participation in this program.

MOTION: To provide information to local Leagues on "Town Meeting'76" and encourage participation.
Mover: Cushing Second: Borg Carried

The cost of this program could be $800 or more to the community. LWVMN would send out the pamphlet and other information. McCoy asked if this were to be pushed from the state or is it to be on the local level. Cushing said the organization is trying to work in communities but is working with statewide groups to get the information out. She said part of the purpose is creation not just reaction. Rockenbach asked if there were to be a follow-up mechanism. Borg said there was; that it was to develop community leadership.

CONFERENCE ON FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN IN MINN.: This conference is ipen to women in Minnesota who are employed by the federal government - about 3000 with an expected attendance of 500. The conference is offering space to organizations which have women members to present information about the organizations. The date is April 26, 1975 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: To have a display of League material at the above confernece.
Mover: Knutson Second: Rockenbach Carried

It was felt that it would be more effective if someone were present to explain the League and to sell League publications. Atchison, Andersen, Cushing and Waldo volunteered to woman the display. Atchison will be in charge of putting together the materials.

RESIGNATION: MOTION: To accept with regret the resignation of Shirley Westmoreland.
Mover: Knutson Second: Atchison Carried

Westmoreland resigned for personal reasons.

CITIZENS LEAGUE DUES: McCoy said the Citizens League would like its dues paid at the beginning of its fiscal year. We have paid them in October.

It was felt the LWVMN could pay them immediately and that no formal motion on this was needed.

EQC REQUEST: McCoy said the EQC wanted the list of local League presidents to send out notices on power plant siting meetings directly.

MOTION: To send EQC the list of local League presidents.
Mover: Watson Second: Andersen Carried

ACTION: The deadline for the next Capitol Letter will be April 24 and the wrap-up issue will be at the end of May.

Borg discussed the League action (or inaction) on the gay rights issue. She said she had some new response in favor of League testifying; that about one third of the Leagues had responded with only three in favor of League testifying. It was noted that the Richfield League had called about 15 outstate Leagues on this matter opposing League restimony. Jenkins said her information was that one person from the Richfield League had called, pointing out that one person can wield a lot of power and that the Board has to take that into account. Atchison said she felt the announcement of the withdrawal of League testimony should have been made more prominent. McCoy said that her feedback was that there would be a big movement at state Convention on this issue. Jenkins said it should be discussed at Convention. McCoy said that perhaps League would have to delete "for all persons" from the EO position. She said she could not accept the interpretation that some League members put forth that they were not bound by Convention action. Atchison said League looks bad on this issue; that Gross was scheduled to testify and had to withdraw at the last minute. It was noted that local Leagues are asking in their annual reports how and why certain decisions on what to support are made. Gross said that someone has to make decisions. Borg said that two issues were surfacing at the same time and they became linked in some minds thaough they were not linked in fact. She said one of the arguments made against ERA was that it would legalize same sex marriages, and this became mixed up with the thinking on ga- rights. She said that a Washington state court had ruled that the state's ERA legislation did not nullify the prohibition against same sex marriage. Some members who objectied to League support of gay rights did so because they felt it might weaken support for ERA. Waldo said we were not developing any guidelines for future decision-making. It was noted that the Board has to strike a balance between leading and bringing members along. McCoy said the agenda at Convention has a large block of time for the legislative action report and maybe these issues can be aired at this time. Gross said that contradictory arguments were used by opponents - that some felt there was no basis for League action in our positions and others said that because the support came from action taken at Convention they were not bound by it. It was felt that emphasis should be placed on the fact that Convention action is binding on Leagues. Atchison asked if League members really wanted the organization to be action oriented. She noted that response to T/As was poor. She also raised the problem of informing new members on the basis for positions adopted before they became members. She cited the example of one of her consultant Leagues considering action which would be contrary to a CMAL position on the Metro Council. She said many had not been around at the time of the original study. It was felt League has to deal with item restudy.

Borg noted that the Girls Athletic bill had passed a preliminary vote in the House since it had been put under the Department of Education rather than the Department of Human Rights.

Knutson said the Open Meeting law revision was another area where decisions on what to support were difficult. She said we were acting on the Principles and details were not spelled out in them. The League of Municipalities has a bill exempting certain categories of public meetings from the Open Meeting law. The attorney general has interpreted the law strictly and many public officials and administrators are upset. McCoy asked if there had been any feedback from local Leagues. Knutson said only Anoka responded. Jones said that under hte law, where there is a strong city administrator, it is possible that he does more and the city council does less. She noted that telephone calls are permitted and many decisions can be made that way without the give and take of group discussion. McCoy said this points up the problem that lobbyists face with general positions. Borg said that if we act we may not have the support of local League members. Jenkins said one problem is that elected officials often do not have training for the job. She added that this is a transition period for this law and that possibly after people learn to live with it there won't be much problem. McCoy siad that perhaps the League role at this time could be monitoring the application of the law and getting reactions from officials, the media, and the public on how the law is working. She said a report could be prepared for the 1976 Council.

MOTION: To monitor the Open Meeting law application and report to the 1976 Council.
Mover: Borg Second: Jenkins Carried

Watson reported on the public waters legislation. She said there was much dissatisfaction with the 1973 law's broad definition of public waters. The DNR is under pressure to give authority to define public waters back to the county. A compromise is developing in which the DNR will work with the county and in the case of dispute there will be an appeals board. Watson said this is not a prefect solution but is probably the best likely, and the League can support it. She said such support would come in informa; subcommittee testimony. McCoy asked her to report to local Leagues the factors involved.

Watson said that when she was talking to Sen. Charles Berg about other legislation he asked for League support of his action opposing pressuring lobbyists to buy tickets to fundraising dinners. McCoy said the Senate Ethics Committee was going to investigate it. She said this might be a way to support our position that states that the use of public money for campaigns would offset the need for raising money this way. It was noted that no one was following campaign financing; that the only lobbyist in the area is following rotation of names on the ballot. McCoy asked Waldo to see if she could work in this area. Watson said Karen Anderson will be the new Election Laws chairman and will do what she can on the item, but she is just completing her term as president of Minnetonka-Eden Prairie.

Atchison noted that there is a bill to supply textbooks to private schools and asked if the League could oppose it. Borg said our position relates to public education. McCoy said we studied public education not private so she did not think we could speak to it.

CONVENTION: McCoy announced that national has recognized Fairmont and has the interim report on Detroit Lakes. She said some recognition should be planned for Convention. It was noted that Fairmont now is entitled to delegates rather than observers at the Convention. The secretary will notify them of the change.

McCoy said she had positive responses from three Leagues she had asked to participate in a panel discussion of migrant workers at the dinner meeting. One League, St. Paul, declined because it did not have information on this subject. The other Leagues,

Crookston, St. Cloud and Freeborn County, were asked because their bulletins or minutes had indicated they had some interest in this subject. McCoy said Crookston planned to present some of the difficulties of implementing regulations regarding migrant workers. McCoy suggested that the Leagues involved prepare written background information to be distributed to the audience to aid in the presentation. She said the idea was to present a case in point of action and then open it up for discussion. Andersen asked if the focus was to be substantive or procedural. McCoy said it was a little bit of both. She said the speaker at the previous Convention had tied in directly with the recommended study item. She said there had been some comment on that to the effect that it appeared to be pushing the item. There is no clear direction for a new item of study in this area so we can't be accused of pushing it. McCoy said it is a follow-up of a concern expressed at the last Convention. Amundson said she would need an article on it for the VOTER. McCoy said she would write one. Rosenbloom will wrtie a brief article on the Convention for the VOTER.

McCoy asked if the final proposed Program should be in the Workbook. This has been done in the past. McCoy, Knutson and Rosenbloom are to work on the wording for criteria fof choosing a Program.

LAW DAY: McCoy asked if enough people were interested in attending the Law Day dinner May 1 to reserve a table in the LWVMN name. Ten reservations are needed for that, and there did not seem to be enough for a table.

CORRECTIONS CONSENSUS: Weber presented charts indicating local Leagues' responses to the juvenile justice concurrence and the adult corrections questions. She said there was an overwhelming agreement on the juvenile justice statement, and she felt that could be announced.

MOTION: To accept the report on concurrence with the juvenile justice statement.
Mover: Weber Second: Watson Carried

A statement on this will go in the VOTER. It was suggested that a discussion of the concurrence process be included with it.
Weber said she felt the response to the questions in the adult corrections area showed members to be conservative. She said they felt the first goal of corrections should be the protection of society with rehabilitation next and punishment following. In the area of rights of prisoners she mentioned support for protection while incarcerated, medical care, adequate physical facilities, conjugal visits, due process, educational opportunities. She said the committee will have to prepare a statement incorporating these suggestions.

The local League response indicated the members felt there was a need for medium and maximum security institutions and that members wanted a whole spectrum of correctional facilities available to meet the needs of individual offenders. Members felt that communities needed to be educated to accept community corrections. Special facilities were seen as needed for chemically dependant offenders, juveniles, the mentally ill. Weber said they might be grouped under "human services". Atchison said she felt that was too broad; that League would run into the same problem of interpretation that had been discussed earlier at this meeting. Weber said a need for family counselling came through in the reports.

With regard to probation and parole, it was felt there should be smaller case loads and more money available and that there should be a means to evaluate the programs. She said members indicated they needed more information in this area and needed criteria to evaluate it. On the personnel questions, response was affirmative with some Leagues objecting to these a "God and Motherhood" type questions.

Weber said that she regretted not having met the consensus deadline and that she will have the report for the May Board meeting. McCoy said she should have a May 1 deadline for the committee report so it can go in the Board mailing. She also asked that the number of Leagues and members taking part be included and that names of committee members who can be contacted if there are questions also be included. McCoy suggested noting if there seems to be a split in response between outstate and metro Leagues. Weber was asked if there were any complaints or surprises. She said that some Leagues complained because questions were too specific and some because they were too vague. She noted that some Leagues opposed community corrections. She said she sees a need for further study in the probation and parole area.

EQUAL TIME APPLICATION: McCoy read a letter from a Mr. Dolan of KSTP-TV in the latest episode in the saga of equal time for equal rights drama. He asked for the names of League Board members and for a copy of its charter. McCoy responded that the Board had reaffirmed its support of action to get equal time to respond to anti-ERA statements made on that station.

MISCELLANEOUS: Jenkins asked for clarification on what was to be included in the area of nomenclature - was it just to deal with "chairperson v. chairman", or did it include broader issues such as striking out all sex type references in Leagu-Bylaws. Rosenbloom referred to the motion made at the 1974 Council urging "...the state Board and local League Boards to consider use of the term 'chairperson' instead of 'chairman' in all their communications and in general usage." She said she felt it was limited to that specific issue. McCoy said perhaps the use of the word "nomenclature" for the committee seemed to broaden it and that was not what she intended. Rosenbloom said the committee did not feel strongly either way and that she did not think it was an issue which could be resolved by statistical data on how many other groups are using it, but rather on how members of this organization feel about it. An item to this effect is to be in the Workbook.

Jenkins also raised the problem of declining membership, noting that 37 Leagues had a net loss of members and 24 a net gain. She noted that the national total was down 6000. McCoy said that the total national membership of about 140,000 was back to the level at the time of the League's 40th anniversary. The high point in membership was about 160,000 at the time of the 50th anniversary. What must the League do to attract and keep members; do members want to change? McCoy said we may be the last generation of women who have the time and money to do volynteer work; that the shift is to paid staff and that working members should be asked to contribute substantially more money to the organization. Jenkins said that this is a grass roots organization; that not every member wants to do action and feels that the organization will represent her and take action in her name. McCoy said that the national capability and credibility through its enlarged staff rubs off at the state level. It was decided that Atchison will prepare an article on membership for the Workbook.

Jenkins mentioned finances as another area of concern. She said that in spite of the economy there had been many successful finance drives and that fund raising within League was becoming more diversified. She said she thought this should be discussed either in the Workbook or Presidents Workshop. It was suggested that local Leagues might be encouraged to look into how much money is raised by these other methods and whether it is cost productive in terms of time and effort. McCoy said they should note the percent of total funds raised in this manner and the percent they represent of the total budget.

Jenkins also suggested that local League treasurer's report should list savings or accrual accounts and indicate what they are for. McCoy said the Local League Handbook recommends a certain percentage in reserves. Local Leagues should be told that this does not enter into the pledge formula. The possibility of this information being

on the local League report to national was raised. If it is, perhaps we can get the information from national. McCoy asked if the Board could speak to Duluth's practice of sending delegates to national Convention instead of meeting their state pledge. Knutson said they should be encouraged to reorder their priorities. Jenkins will prepare a section on finances for the Workbook.

Cushing said she is preparing a questionnaire for presidents for use at the Presidents Workshop. It will be on personal matters and organization and will be used as a get-acquainted device. Cushing also raised an issue she had noted in the minutes of the New Brighton League. That Board considered sending funds to another national organization (defense fund for Joanne Little) feeling that such action was permissable under national position. The New Brighton Board decided not to send the money pending further study, but Cushing asked about the propriety of a local League taking national action on a national position and the sending of funds to other organizations. She said she would discuss this with the New Brighton Board.

McCoy said that Ebbott had asked to be relieved of the job of presenting the proposed Program to Convention, suggesting that Knutson continue in that role. McCoy appointed Knutson to do this. She suggested that Knutson might prepare something on the proposed Program for the VOTER including the top non-recommended items. Gross asked for the rationale behind the uninstructed delegate rule. McCoy said it was so the delegates would be free to consider all arguments presented and make a decision on the basis of that information. Gross said she understood that some members were basing their opinion that they were not bound by Convention decisions on that rule.

PORTFOLIO PRUNING: McCoy suggested that Board chairmen make a line entry for things done in a year for their portfolios as an aid for the next chairman. She recommended going through material and pulling extraneous things to bring to the Presidents Workshop for an information exchange. She also recommended that outgoing chairmen not burden their successors with "meant to do" items; that the new people will have ideas of their own. She mentioned the possibility of sending such things to archivists of women's activities.

McCoy announced that the date of the old-new Board meeting will be June 11 with orientation and the regular Board meeting the following week. McCoy mentioned that she had been in the Fargo-Moorhead area last week and during some free time she visited the North Dakota League Convention. She said she heard an excellent speaker who had led the fight for ERA in North Dakota. She suggested she would be a good guest speaker. McCoy suggested sending invitations to our Convention to presidents of surrounding states.

Watson said that we were taking action on the national T/A on Land Use. She also urged everyone to attend the energy conference on April 18 and 19.

McCoy said that the new CMAL action chairman, Jerry Enders, had asked if CMAL could send a T/A to outstate Leagues asking for support of one of their positions. McCoy said she told her that this could not be done; that this was only a CMAL Program item. McCoy asked the Board if it thought that advice was correct. Borg asked if Enders could not call League members outstate to ask for support; that she felt this would be proper. Amundson said it could open up other problems. Atchison said she thought McCoy's advice was right and that CMAL lobbying should be kept at the metro level.

McCoy noted that CMAL is restudying the issue of making the Metro Council elective. She asked if CMAL is actively seeking this change or will CMAL support it if the Metro Council asks for more decision-making power.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 13, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102, 9:30 a.m., Mary Ann McCoy, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: McCoy, Jenkins, Ebbott, Moss, Rosenbloom, Amundson, Andersen, Borg, Cushing, Jones, Knutson, Rockenbach, Waldo, Watson, Weber. Board Members Absent" Atchison, Gross.

MINUTES: Corrections: page 4, MOTION: To monitor Open Meeting Law. Change to: the report is to be ready for the next legislative session.

There being no other additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as circulated and corrected.

TREASURER"S REPORT:		
	Balance on hand April 1, 1975	$14,084.40
	Expenditures 4/1/75 to 4/30/75	3,862.03
	Income 4/1/75 to 4/30/75	4,453.38
	Balance on hand 4/30/75	14,675.75

McCoy asked if the cash balance on hand at the end of the fiscal year automatically reverted to reserves. Moss said it did not; that there were two accounts, checking and savings (reserves), and that the total cash is the sum of both accounts. McCoy said the Budget Committee chairman, Jan Dvorak, asked if it would short reserves too much to take $7000 from them to balance the proposed budget. Jenkins asked where we got the figure for how much should be in reserves. Moss cited the State Board Handbook which says three to six months average expenditure and the Art of Budget Building which says two to three months plus accrual funds. For the state League it would be about $7000 per month. McCoy said that figure could be pared by using only fixed overhead costs such as salaries, rent, etc. It was pointed out that by using only these figures it would still amount to about $5000. Moss said that the reserves are needed. McCoy said that the budget may have to be cut further. Jenkins asked if the Budget Committee had made any recommendations as to where it could be cut if necessary as was done at National Council. McCoy asked Jenkins to confer with Dvorak on this.

Moss said that the Education Fund received the final installment of a pledge that had been made in the 1974-75 FY after the end of the fiscal year so it could not be credited to that year and is available to be spent for educational activity. McCoy said that the Budget Committee chairman also reported that a number of the larger Leagues had not accepted their full pledges; that Minneapolis was down by $3000 and Duluth by $1000. She said that Board consultants should be sure that their Leagues have returned their pledges so the list is complete by Convention.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Discussion: Interact proposal
National Council highlights
Corrections consensus to await Weber's arrival

LOCATION OF OFFICE: In checking the Articles of Incorporation, it was found that the address was outdated and should be made current. In order to do so, the following resolution was made and passed:

"Resolved that the registered office in this state be changed from State Organization Service, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, County of Hennepin to 555 Wabasha, in the city of St. Paul, County of Ramsey.

"Resolved that the effective date of the change of registered office shall be the date of the filing hereof with the Secretary of State of Minnesota.

"Resolved further that the President and the Secretary of this corporation be and are hereby authorized and directed to make, execute and acknowledge a certificate of this corporation embracing the foregoing resolutions and to cause such certificate to be filed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 301, Minnesota Statutes."

MOTION: To adopt the avove resolution.
Mover: Moss Second: Cushing Carried

It was noted that there was a filing fee of $6.50 and an additional fee of $22.50 because the location is in a different county. McCoy noted that the Secretary of State has a bill in the legislature to have yearly registration because of the over 150,000 corporations listed in Minnesota, only about a third are active.

REGISTRATION AS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION: Moss said that organizations which collect more than $2000 in donations from the public in a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 must file with the Charitable Organization Registry of the Department of Commerce. She said that LWVMN had collected slightly more than that in that time span. Moss said the following statement had to be acted upon by the Board for this purpose:

"We, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 309.52, that we are duly constituted officers of the organization named in the foresaid Registration Statement, being the President and Treasurer respectively, and that this Registration Statement is executed on behalf of said organization by us pursuant to resolutions of the Board of Directors, adopted on the 13th day of May, 1975 approving the contents of said Registration Statement, and do hereby certify that the said Board of Directors has assumed, and will continue to assume, responsibility for determining matters of policy, and have supervised, and will continue to supervise, the finances of the organization, and we, the undersigned, state that the information supplied is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge."

MOTION: To adopt the above statement.
Mover: Moss Second: Rockenbach Carried

Rockenbach asked if this made officers financially liable. Moss said officers of a corporation are not personally liable. Jenkins asked if they asked how much money is spent to raise funds. Moss said they ask the method of collecting funds and what percent goes to the cause. Moss said she figured about 89% goes toward the cause. Knutson asked if local Leagues should be concerned with this. Moss said it would be covered by local ordinances. McCoy said that Field Service should mention this to local Leagues. Moss said that the LWVUS should have told Leagues that they needed permission from the IRS to change their fiscal years. McCoy said the Field Service committee should cover this too when information on local League Bylaws is sent out. Jenkins asked if pledges from local Leagues came under this category. McCoy said she did not think so; that this was an internal organizational matter.

2ND ROUND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: McCoy said she appreciated Knutson's steppint in to take charge of Program planning and also for preparing the Implementation of Program section for the Convention Workbook. Knutson reported that to date there were 44 Leagues responding and that 16 had accepted the suggested Program without change. She said there appeared to be a desire to limit Program but no clear direction as to what to keep or drop.

MOTION: To accept the Program as presented in the first round.
Mover: Knutson Second: Waldo Failed

It was asked if there was any area that could be cut. Knutson said in the Organization of State Government she had wanted only a study of legislative compensation and that the reduction in size and full-time legislature study had been added by the committee and could be dropped. Jenkins said these were connected with compensation and that the issue of a full-time legislature should be studied rather than just drifting into one by default. Knutson said she did not think compensation and size were related necessarily. Knutson said the larger study would be more than a mini-concensus. A question arose whether "reduction in siza" was paht of the original consensus. Knutson said the original release on the consensus stated "a smaller legislature is desirable". McCoy said a big Program is ahead and asked if this should be taken on. Knutson suggested just trying to update and if members want a consensus it could come from Convention. Jenkins suggested that if the above motion were defeated we should go through the proposed Program item by item. The motion lost, and the chair ruled that each item be discussed separately.

Corrections: Jenkins said this item is primarily action now and that action includes monitoring. The Board chairman should send out guidelines and suggestions as to what local League chairmen should be doing and asking for feedback to the state. Amundson noted that Rochester has a community corrections program, and the League there is willing to share information on it. Jenkins said we need to state the educational and public relations aspects of the item. McCoy said we do not have to use Citizens Information; that we are in an action stance and are pushing a position. She suggested just using "inform the community". McCoy said she felt we could adopt these items by general agreement, and she said she sensed agreement on this item.

Judiciary: No change in this item. McCoy said the consenting adults position is under this item, and members should be aware of it to see if they support it.

Equality of Opportunity: Knutson said there was no clear support for a study on migrant workers.

MOTION: To delete the study of migrant workers from the proposed Program.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Waldo Carried

Knutson asked if the implication was that we can act on the position as it now stands. Jenkins said she did not think so; that it would need study, but she did not feel it was a priority item. Borg said we can support legislation on the basis of "all persons". Jenkins pointed out that HR area on the national level will involve work on the local level such as monitoring and follow-up reports. McCoy noted that there has to be an official negative ready at Convention in case a delegate asks why a position was not included. She said this is not to be printed but has to be ready on request.

McCoy said the response on the gay rights issue (four favorable to League support and 11 opposed) indicated that we did the right think in not actively supporting it. Jenkins said it got mixed up with ERA and threatened to undermine support for that. She said it did indicate that we do have a prejudice we need to deal with. McCoy said it blurred the stated League concern for "all persons".. She added that our position on Indians may give problems in the future. Jones said that the pro-con figures on gay rights McCoy gave may be misleading; that people may be waiting for Convention to express their views. Knutson and Borg indicated that they had had more favorable responses than noted by McCoy; that it was almost even. Jenkins said our position on

Indians supports "State responsibility for Indian citizens", but we also support retrocision. McCoy said the position was reached at a time of federal neglect. Jenkins said the emphasis in the study was on law encorcement problems on reservations. Amundson suggested changing the wording to "state responsiveness to Indian citizens". It was felt this was a better wording.

The EO item was accepted as amended and edited.

Environmental Quality: Watson noted that there was no conflict with the national position so the parenthetical comment is to be deleted. She said she could accept it as worded. Jenkins noted that the national concurrence was on conservation of energy, and national now is studying transportation on the basis of the concurrence so that it does not need to be a state Program item. Jenkins asked what action we can take; for instance, can we support legislation to fund a project in Fairmont to use waste to help fire their generating plant? Watson said it is a many-faceted area; that we support re-use and conservation. McCoy said we should not be too technical, that our function was to monitor and raise questions.

Education: Knutson said some Leagues asked what a mini-consensus was and said we should define what we have in mind when we use the term. Knutson said there were many divergent views on this item but no clear direction. McCoy said local Leagues are close to issues in education, and it could be an area where League could be in the forefront; that it could be kind of a priority. Cushing suggested that the fact that many local Leagues are studying it indicates interest. Borg said that they get the best turnout in her local League when education is the topic. Jenkins asked that this item be laid over pending decisions of the other Program items. It was agreed to do this.

Election Laws: McCoy said she wanted to clarify that the LWVMN does not have a position on uniform election day legislation. She said some confusion had arisen because she, as an employee of the Secretary of State, is working with the bill, but she has stated to all who ask that the League has no position. She added that she felt that the election laws of the state are in good shape except for legislation on training election judges. She said if that were passed the League in the future may be able to drop this item and be able to act under the Principles. Knutson reported that there was no comment from local Leagues on dropping the party designation position.

Jenkins said we should keep emphasizing the need for monitoring and feedback from local Leagues. Amundson said the national action agenda should go to local Leagues to remind them what will be expected in that area. McCoy said that some cross-reference to the national Program is needed. It was noted that it was mentioned in the April 1975 Board Memo. It was recommended that it be included along with a note on dropping party designation.

Organization of State Government: Knutson said that there was only one comment on dropping support for the short ballot. Jenkins said it should be noted that the wording is being changed. McCoy said that this should be done wherever there are changes and reference made to Program for Action 1973-75 which will be included with the Workbook.

MOTION: To drop mini-consensus on legislative compensation, reduction in size of the legislature and a full-time legislature.
Mover: Knutson Second: Waldo Failed: 6 ayes, 7 nays

Jenkins opposed dropping this item. She said she felt the issue of a full-time legislature should be addressed. McCoy suggested using the Citizens League material and the California study rather than perparing publications of our own. Borg said we could not accept the material as given; thet it may be incomplete. Moss said we would have to do a pro-con sheet on it which would require a committee. Knutson said under our present position, we can recommend that the legislature use its time to better advantage, lessening the need for a full-time legislature. Borg said that the pendulum swung toward a full-time legislature with the passage of the flexible session and that it appears to be swinging back now with less scheduled for the interim. Jenkins said there was a problem with loaded words; that the connotation of full-time or professional legislators was bad while citizen legislators was good. Borg said this was the most "Leaguey" topic. Knutson indicated that it also had the least interest expressed in it.

Jenkins said she liked the recommendation of a survey of research aid. Knutson said our position says "increased research assistance" and suggested changing it to "improved research assistance". K nutson suggested doing a FYI on compensation, time spent, etc. to have ready for the 1977 Convention to make a decision on what to do. She said she had in mind a simple study but it had been expanded from what was originally discussed. Jenkins asked about the status of the bill to form a commission to set salaries. Knutson responded that it was still in committee.

The vote to drop the mini-consensus was tied. The chair voted in favor of keeping the consensus to break the tie.

Financing State Government: McCoy asked if this item could stand as stated. Jenkins said we should comment at Convention that we cannot take action on the current position. She suggested using the task force idea for the study. Watson said the Land Use position was tied in with taxes. Moss said that would be a whole new study. Jones said that educational -inancing could not be separated from state financing and that this will interest local Leagues.

MOTION: To amend the wording of the study to "A Study of the Effects of Shifting Tax Burdens".
Mover: Moss Second: Waldo Carried

Andersen said that the use of the word "burden" sounded like editorializing. Moss said that "burden" is accepted usage in economics, and she felt it had more meaning stated this way. McCoy daid a definition of "burden" as used should be included.

It was asked if the no consensus was retained. It was decided to keep it as a study only. Andersen asked what the purpose of no consensus was. Moss said it was to gather background information, possibly for a quick consensus in 1977. She said she did not foresee any action needed before then. Jenkins said that national used this method in the Land Use study. It was noted also that this is a difficult area which will take time to study and educate members. It was felt that a publication would be needed, and there would be costs involved. Jenkins said she felt studying this issue would help make us more fiscally responsible by making us aware of the costs of programs in other areas we support. Moss suggested using the task force concept in the study. McCoy said the task force could publish several, possibly in VOTER form, to minimize expense.

CORRECTIONS CONSENSUS: In order to allow Weber to present the consensus during her lunch hour, discussion of proposed Program was recessed for her presentation. She distributed a slightly revised consensus statement from the one sent

with the agenda. The revised statement included reference to support of educational programs to increase citizen knowledge of corrections and support of personnel procedures to secure qualified personnel. She presented data on the responses to the consensus questionnaire. She said she listed only those areas which had substantial support so as not to dilute the result. Weber said it was her feeling from the responses that the Leagues did not understand the difference between probation and parole and what is being done in these areas and for that reason she left it out of the consensus. She said she hoped for a follow-up study next year.

Jenkins made some editing suggestions - use "Support of..." uniformly; in #4, add a modifying phrase such as "etc." or "not limited to" so as not to limit the statement. Jenkins asked with regard to #5 if there is a follow-up of individuals released from the system included in the evaluation. Weber said she felt that that was included in the scientific method. Jenkins asked if LEAA had an evaluation program. Weber said it did but added she was cynical about federal evaluation programs; that they were self-perpetuating. Jenkins suggested combining 7-9 dealing with personnel procedures. McCoy questioned whether that should even be included; that a good personnel program is implied in a good program. The three statements were combined to read: "Support of up-to-date personnel procedures including, but not limited to, training, compensation plans and grievance procedures." Jenkins said she thought this should be #6 and #6 should become #7. In #4 it was decided to delete "freedom of worhsip" from the list of rights since this item had not been specifically mentioned previously.

McCoy said this was now an action item which included monitoring. McCoy asled of Weber wanted to mention specifically probation and parole for further study or have it come from Convention. Weber suggested adding "Study and evaluation of the roles of probation and parole." McCoy asked where the juvenile justice section fit in. Weber said juvenil justice can be pulled in under these headings.

MOTION: To accept the Corrections consensus as amended and edited, including the study of probation and parole.
Mover: Weber Second: Cushing Carried

MOTION: To reconsider the motion to accept the Corrections consensus.
Mover: Knutson Second: Waldo Carried

There was further discussion about whether to include the study on probation and parole in the proposed Program. It was noted that if it were removed now it would become a non-recommended item and would need a 3/5 vote to include it. It was suggested that we could move to delete it a Convention. McCoy said there is precedent for continuing study on a newly completed consensus item, but also there is enough Program to keep us busy.

MOTION: To delete "Study and evaluation of the roles of probation and parole." from the Corrections item.
Mover: Watson Second: Waldo Carried

This will appear in the not-recommended items, and a statement should be included in the Corrections section that there was no consensus on probation and parole.

MOTION: To adopt the Corrections consensus as amended.
Mover: Knutson Second: Borg Carried

PROPOSED PROGRAM (cont'd): Education: McCoy said the statement could be left as is and a motion could be made at Convention to delete or amend it. Jenkins recommended keeping the support statement and doing an update, noting that if the tax study is done, financing education will be included. Knutson moved to delete the section on funding and retain the study of tenure laws. The motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Delete words "mini-consensus" and add a cross reference to the section on Financing Government.
Mover" Borg Second: Knutson Carried

It was decided in editing that the words "mini-consensus", where used, should follow the statement.

CONVENTION'75 RULES: McCoy felt we needed to clarify when the new officers and directors take office and that this should be stated in the Rules. She said she conferred with the parliamentarian, Rose Dhein, who advised her that an addition to the Rules could be made at this time.

MOTION: To include as Rule 8: "Officers and directors elected at this Convention shall take office immediately upon adjournment of the Convention."
Mover: Andersen Second: Waldo Carried

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Rockenbach presented the scrapbook of LWVMN clippings she has compiled. She asked members to check it to see how it relates to their portfolios. She said there would be a meeting of the PR committee May 28 to evaluate the press releases as to effectiveness, and she asked for Board input. She also asked for suggestions to pass along to the new chairman.

PRESIDENTS WORKSHOP: Cushing distributed the agenda for the workshop and the script for the skit, "Meeting of the Broads", to be presented then. The group ran through the skit. Cushing that members arrive early on June 2 (about 10:30 a.m.) to practice and get assignments. She also asked them to bring sweat shirts and football helmets for the introduction.

CONVENTION '75: The Workbook is going to press this week, and material is needed by May 14. Board members were asked to indicate roommate preference. It was noted that because of the location of the Convention on a college campus, which means considerable savings, this state Board was able to price into the Convention package full funding for state Board nominees. The question arose as to what their role should be. In the past, because they could not be funded by state, they were encouraged to come as delegates from their local Leagues. It was decided that they should come as new Board members; that their local League should be encouraged to name other delegates; that they could have the courtesy of the floor as do other visitors if the Convention delegates so decide. Ebbott said she felt that the old and new Board members should stay in the background at Convention; that this is the time for delegates to predominate. She also said it should be stated in the minutes that the decision of the Board to fund new Board nominees should not be binding on future Boards.

INTERACT: McCoy presented material from Interact, a private organization which seeks to promote more effective interaction, announcing a program in October in celebration of women and asking for endorsement from the League. Lacking any statement to the contrary, this appeared to be a private, money-making enterprise, and the Board did not feel it wanted to get involved.

NATIONAL COUNCIL: Jenkins gave a brief resume of highlights from the 1975 Council. She said delegates approved a study and consensus on the financing of the League. She noted that the consensus on the Executive Branch was due in November 1975. On the ERA front, she said national was going to send an every member first class mailing asking for at least $1.00 contribution to finance the campaign and that states are to push this in their VOTERs and bulletins. Borg noted that the state ERA coalition has been reactivated, and there may be a caucus at Convention. Jenkins said the most radical proposal to come out of Council was development of a political arm of League to support candidates. Ebbott asked how serious this proposal was. Jenkins said it is being considered. Board members felt it would change the character of the League, and it would lose much of its credibility if it supported candidates. McCoy remarked that she will have a package plan for the '76 National Convention to present to the State Convention, and she hoped the local Leagues will take advantage of it to send delegates to national to have a voice in this matter. She also said Jenkins could give an oral report on Council to the Convention. Jenkins said there was a proposal to eliminate Council and adopt a biennial budget. It was felt that Council has many advantages, among them that small states are on equal basis with larger ones, smaller size and visits to Congress.

VOTER: Amundson noted the items to appear in the May-June VOTER. She said the Convention came too late to allow her to include items on it from local League bulletins. She asked if there were to be vealuation sheets at Convention, noting that they might be a source of material for an article. McCoy asked Amundson to prepare an evaluation sheet. McCoy and Jenkins are to be readers.

CMAL: Amundson reported that the consensus on county government was being readied. She said Jerry Enders did the statistical workup and wrote a statement which is now being worked on by a committee. Ebbott said there was a move to get home rule for Hennepin County, noting that it had had it in the past, but gave it up when the Metropolitan Council was established. It was noted that CMAL does not send delegates to the Convention.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Borg read the assignments for the reports to be given at Convention. She also noted that the Jaycees had on their agenda discussion of rescission of ERA, and she requested that local Leagues be asked to contact their Jaycee chapter. McCoy suggested using the T/A format, giving background information, etc. Borg noted that Coalition members went to hear anti-ERA advocate, Phyllis Schafly, and that about 40 groups were represented. She said it made an impression at the meeting but was not reported in the press.

McCoy read a list of Leagues which had not accepted a substantial portion of their suggested pledge: Crookston, Duluth, Fridley, Hibbing, Mahtomedi Area, Minneapolis, No. Dakota County, Red Wing, St. Croix Valley, St. Louis Park, W. Dakota County, Woodbury.

Herb requested members to remember to clearly note the category credited with non-cash contributions for audit and tax purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
45th Convention

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota June 3, 4, 1975

The 45th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on June 3, 1975 in the auditorium of the Science Building of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota with Mary Ann McCoy, president, presiding. McCoy welcomed delegates, visitors and special guests.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

The president announced a change in time for the second session from 2:00 to 4:00 to 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. With the consent of the Convention, Ms. McCoy made the following appointments:
Parliamentarian - Rose Dhein
Timekeeper - Mavis Carbo
Pages and Ushers - Donna Geckler, Ann Ness
Tellers Committee - Kay Banitt, chairman; Bonnie Bailie, Mary Richards, Isabel Schumacher, Nancy Watkins, Pamela Lindberg.
Committee to Approve Minutes - Janet Boland, chairman; Polly Edmunds, Alice Johanson, Betty Haats.

The Credentials Committee chairman, Jean Reeves, Northfield, reported that a quorum was present. The president said that the Parliamentarian, Rose Dhein, would be available for consultation.

Adoption of the Order of Business: McCoy said the Order of Business as published, with the above noted change, would be adopted if there were no objections. There being no objections, the chair ruled the Order of Business adopted.

Convention Rules: There being no objections raised to the Rules as published in the Convention Workbook, the chair ruled the Rules adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The treasurer, Sidelle Moss, presented the Treasurer's Report as printed on pp. 7-9 of the Convention Workbook. The following totals were reported:

Balance on hand 4/1/74	$11,064.44
Expenditures 4/1/74 to 3/31/75	84,770.57
Income 4/1/74 to 3/31/75	87,790.53
Balance on hand 4/1/75	14,084.40

Moss called attention to the report on the reserve account as published on p. 9 of the Workbook. Ms. McCoy said the report would be placed on file. She called for the report of the Audit Committee. Moss reported that it had been audited and found in order. The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Jan Dvorak, St. Paul, chairman of the Budget Committee, was introduced and presented the proposed budget. Dvorak gave the figures for League pledges which had not been received by printing time. She asked for any changed pledges. Joyce Blomquist, Roseville, said the figure for that League should be $1,210.50. Judy Trepka, Woodbury,

said her League had raised its pledge to $300.

Dvorak said that a budget was a simple thing - you plan what action is wanted, how much it should cost and estimate how much income will be received, adding that expenses should be within anticipated income. She pointed out that about 70% of the LWVMN budget comes from local League support. She noted that there was a shortfall of about $7900 in expected income and that the Budget Committee would meet to revise the budget downward to reflect that deficit. She added that budget planning meant Program planning; that it is a blueprint for Action and that there must be money to cover the Program the Convention adopted. Mary Richards, St. Louis Park, asked how many Leagues were using the Spotmaster and whether it was worth the money. Dvorak responded that it was not in service yet but had been included in the budget for the coming fiscal year. Delegates were asked to indicate if they thought their Leagues would be interested in this service. About twenty Leagues indicated interest. Mary Wick, Rochester, asked if it would be useful during the legislative session. McCoy said she thought it would be. Margaret Ueland, Minneapolis, questioned the expense item for Development, noting that it was 24% of the expected income. McCoy said that a statewide committee was planned so that it would be broad-based, and the expense was for travel and committee expenses. Karen Anderson, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie, recommended that there be no cut in the new Program area. Carol Bergeson, White Bear Lake, suggested that those local Leagues which did not meet their pledges should give suggestions on how and where to cut the budget. Dvorak said the committee will be available for suggestions from anyone and will meet after the dinner to make adjustments. McCoy commended the Budget Committee for its efforts and concern.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Barbara Jones, state Board, presented the proposed Bylaws changes as printed in the Convention Workbook.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to the Guiding Principles as presented.
Mover: Jones Seconded
Vote: The motion was carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article III, Sec. 3a as presented.
Mover: Jones Seconded
Vote: The motion was carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article VII, Sec. 2 as presented.
Mover: Jones Seconded
Vote: The motion was carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt amendment to Bylaws Article X, Sec. 3 as presented.
Mover: Jones Seconded
Vote: The motion was carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt amendment of the Bylaws Article XI, Sec. 2 as presented:
Mover: Jones Seconded
Vote: The motion was carried on a voice vote.

McCoy thanked the Bylaws Committee for its work. She noted that local League Bylaws should be reviewed regularly also.

Pat Lucas, Nominating Committee chairman, announced that there was a change in the proposed slate; that Gini Mortensen, Crystal-New Hope, who had been nominated as a director, had had to withdraw her name for personal reasons. Lucas said the Nominating Committee substituted the name of Shirley Amundson, White Bear Lake, as an elected director.

MOTION: To accept the nominating committee report as presented.
Mover: Lucas Seconded

The secretary, Janet Rosenbloom, read the relevant article of the Bylaws dealing with nominations from the floor (Article X, Sec. 3). There being no nominees from the floor, the nominations were closed. The secretary read Bylaw article (Article X, Sec. 4) dealing with election of officers and directors. The secretary read the list of nominees: Jerry Jenkins, president; Mary Watson, 1st vice president; Nancy Atchison, 2nd vice president; Mary Davies, secretary; Georgeann Hall, treasurer. Directors: Shirley Amundson, Elna Ponto, Barbara Jones, Helene Borg, Dottie Stone, Mary Poppleton, Lois DeSantis, Mary Waldo. Nominating Committee: Janet Rosenbloom, chairman; Lee Ball, Marilyn Wick. Budget Committee chairman: Jean Wirsig.

VOTE: The motion to elect the proposed slate was carried and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for every candidate. McCoy asked the new officers and directors to rise and be recognized.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM

McCoy introduced Ann Knutson, state Board, who chaired the committee which prepared the Proposed Program. McCoy noted that the Convention Rules do not permit debate at this time but do allow questions for clarification. Following presentation of the recommended Program, motions will be in order to consider not-recommended items.

Knutson read Program Item I: CORRECTIONS: Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society.

MOTION: To adopt the Corrections item as presented.
Mover: Knutson Seconded

There being no questions for clarification, Knutson presented Item II: JUDICIARY: Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all.

MOTION: To adopt the Judiciary Item as presented.
Mover: Knutson Seconded

There were no questions for clarification on this item. Knutson then presented Item III: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: 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. Support of an overall state land use plan with maximum decision-making at the local level.

MOTION: To adopt the Environmental Quality item as presented.
Mover: Knutson Seconded

There were no questions for clarification on this item. Knutson presented 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 persons. Support of administrative enforcement of anti-discrimination laws. Support of state responsiveness to Indian citizens.

MOTION: To adopt the Equality of Opportunity item as presented.
Mover: Knutson Seconded

Margaret Ueland, Minneapolis, asked why"responsive"to" was substituted for "responsibility for" in the Indian section. Knutson said this was an editing change and not a change of position; that it reflected a change from paternalisitc attitudes. Liz Ebbott, state Board, said she intended to move to reinsert "responsibility for" at the appropriate time.

Nancy Atchison, state Board, presented 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 ensure adequate financing of public schools.

.Reexamination of the Foundation Aid Formula: focus on cost of living differences caused by location and/or degree of urbanization and the effects of declining enrollments.

.A study of tenure laws (public employment regulations) and the impact of public employee bargaining laws as they apply to schools.

MOTION: To adopt the Education item as presented.
Mover: Atchison Seconded

Karlyn Fronek, St. Paul, asked for a definition of a mini-consensus. Atchison said it was used to indicate a shorter study, one which was an elaboration on or addition to an existing study. Carol Milowski, Bemidji Area, asked why "...and/or degree of urbanization" was included, noting that it was not only the metro area that had problems but also larger outstate cities. Atchison said it was to see what problems existed. Margit Berg, Minneapolis, asked if the mini-consensus applied to both studies. Atchison replied that the formula study might be part of the financing government study. She said we may have to decide when consensus is appropriate as the study develops. She said if we decide to study only school finances, the consensus may be scheduled for 1976. Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, asked why it was set for 1977. Atchison said because of the total workload.

Knutson presented Item VI: ELECTION LAWS: Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices, election procedures, voting and school district elections.

MOTION: To adopt the Election Laws item as presented.
Mover: Knutson Seconded

There were no questions for clarification. Knutson presented Item VII: ORGANIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT: Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and Executive Branch and amending the Minnesota Constitution.

.A study of legislative compensation. A reevaluation of "support of adequate compensation" taking into consideration legislative size, full or part-time legislators, research aid and staff.

MOTION: To adopt the Organization of State Government item as presented.
Mover: Knutson Seconded

Knutson said that there have been so many changes in the legislature that more information is needed to determine what adequate compensation is. Margit Berg, Minneapolis, asked if there were a reason for studying only compensation rather than the issue of part-time vs. a full-time legislature. Knutson responded that the League had never studied this issue and her original idea was to get a clarification of "adequate compensation" for lobbying purposes. Mary Wick, Rochester, asked if the study would include outside compensation. Knutson said she did not think it would.

Lois Kundel, Duluth, asked about the change of wording in the support position with regard to amending the constitution. Knutson said it referred to changing the amending process so that those who actually vote on the amendments decide the outcome not the total number voting in the election. Joyce Blomquist, Roseville, said it was not clear if it referred to the actual amendments or to the process. Rosemary Booth, Minneapolis, asked if it could be reworded for clarification. Knutson indicated that it could be done during the debate period.

Sid Moss, state Treasurer, presented Item VIII: FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT: Support of property tax reform.
.A study of the effects of shifting tax burdens.
.A study of the distribution of revenue.
.Reevaluate position statement by Convention '77.

MOTION: To adopt the Financing State Government item as presented.
Mover: Moss Seconded

Moss said the response from local Leagues indicated interest in this item but no clear focus on any special area, so the Board put it under the umbrella category of shifting tax burdens. She said a task force or ad hoc committee approach was envisioned aiming at a decision at the 1977 Convention on whether a consensus would be reached. During the next two years the committee would gather information and pass it on to local Leagues for their study. Moss said some people felt that the use of "tax burden" expressed a value judgement, but she explained that it had a recognized usage in tax circles. Moss was asked why no consensus was to be taken in the next two years. Moss said it was because of the workload. Rosemary Booth, Minneapolis, asked how the present position could be reevaluated if no consensus were taken. Moss said the 1977 Convention could decide on the basis of information collected if the position needed reevaluating. Knutson said there was precedence for not taking a consensus after two years of study, citing the national Land Use study. Jerry Jenkins, state Board, pointed out that the present position does not give much room for action, and that with more information, we can make a better decision. McCoy said the intent was not to reach a new position but to get information. She reminded delegates that amending was in order on the next day.

It was asked if a study without consensus was as expensive as one that led to consensus. McCoy said the amount spent in preparation would be about the same. Ebbott pointed out that any resulting publication should be priced to include preparation cost. McCoy said that some information might be sent out in VOTER form to economize.

Mary Gover, St. Peter, said she felt reevaluating the position on property taxes was ambiguous and asked if we agree with it now or is it inadequate. McCoy said it is both. Moss said after studying it the 1977 Convention may decide that reliance on the property tax has been reduced enough. Ebbott said she felt the statement in its entirety was useful. Mary Richards, St. Louis Park, said she was concerned with the timing of the consensus; that we should be ready to act. Carol Bergeson, White Bear Lake, said she was concerned with the costs of the proposed studies, noting that $2000 was allocated for new study and $500 for update. She asked if outstate travel expenses were included in that figure. McCoy said they were; that League wanted to include out-

state committee members but that the number of meetings may have to be reduced. Jenkins noted that proposed consensus times were put in to get delegate reaction; that they are not a formal part of the Program and the state Board wanted feedback from delegates as to when to take consensus. She added she was glad delegates were considering costs, too. Margaret Ueland, Minneapolis, asked if it were possible to break the study into manageable parts for money and time reasons. McCoy said such decisions were up to the committee planning the study.

NOT-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS

McCoy said that the next order of business was not-recommended items. McCoy referred delegates to the list of not-recommended items and pointed out that the items marked with asterisks could be acted upon under present positions. She also said the item has to be presented in a form previously sent in as a Program suggestion. The Convention may order consideration of any not-recommended subject by a majority vote. She added that this is the time to present items which have been dropped by the Board if delegates wish to retain them.

MOTION: To consider not-recommended Program item "Welfare of the Child".
Mover: Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis Seconded

Flanigan asked if that wording were sufficient. McCoy said it was; that she could clarify it in her ten minute presentation. Flanigan said the study would draw together all the League positions dealing with children. It would study the law and services concerning child abuse with emphasis on prevention. She reminded delegates that she was just urging consideration this item; that it did not commit delegates to adopt it. She acknowledged that there were state and national positions which dealt with aspects of child welfare, but said they did so only tangentially and that they tended to deal with the child after it became a problem. She also added that presen- positions have several gaps which should be closed. Flanigan said the study could cover child abuse, services available to the pre-school child, pre-school screening to catch handicapped children and coordination of services dealing with children. She said this was an appropriate item for League because children lack political clout and need the kind of advocacy League specializes in, and League has no axe to grind.

Cheri Straub, Minneapolis, seconded the motion. She said that the child who is abused often grows up to abuse his/her children. She added that parenting does not come naturally; that more status should be given to parents. Bonnie Bailie, Austin, made the second seconding speech. She said adoption of this item would enable League to work together with education and juvenile justice authorities for alternative educational systems for those who do not fit the mold. She added the study would sensitize League members to the problems.

In the question period, Gerry Nelson, Anoka-Coon Rapids Area, asked if educational alternatives are to be included in the study. Flanigan responded that there were various ways to go about the study. First is to get the present positions together. The League has no position on educational alternatives so the committee may look into that. Maggie Brown, Chaska, asked if there could be a more definitive statement of the proposed study; that she would like more details. McCoy reminded the delegates that the vote now is for consideration and that broad wording could be included in direction. Flanigan said it is a broad item, not a tidy package. Carol Meredith, St. Paul, asked if abortion would be included. Flanigan answered that it would not be.

VOTE: The motion to consider "Welfare of the Child" as a Program item was carried by a voice vote.

MOTION: To consider "Constitutional Amendments - Update".
Mover: Joyce Blomquist, Roseville Seconded

Blomquist said she felt we should review League position on "easing the amendment process" because the study is thirty years old and may be outdated. She said to change the way the constitution is amended is far-reaching and might allow a minority to amend it. She noted that Minnesota has the easiest method of proposing amendments and only seven states have an easier total process. She noted that there has been good success in passing amendments. She suggested the possibility of making the percentage of votes needed to pass amendments higher if the non-voter provision is dropped or making the process of proposing amendments more difficult. Sally Simundson, Roseville, seconded the motion to consider this subject, stressing the age of the study and the member turnover in that time.

VOTE: The motion to consider lost on a voice vote.

MOTION: To consider the adoption of the not-recommended item "Study of Regionalization of School Districts in Minnesota".
Mover: Barbara Maloney, St. Louis Park Seconded

Maloney said she saw this item under the Education item. She said the League cannot act on the present position when this issue comes before the legislature. She said it effects finance and local control of schools. She said it would not need to be a large study. McCoy said that this item is proposed as a separate study but could be amended in the debate period to be included under the Education item. Mary Richards, St. Louis Park, seconded the motion saying that the League is sometimes criticized for not being current or where the action is and pointed out that this is a new issue and the League could be in the forefront in studying it.

Joan Newmark, St. Paul, asked what regionalism is in this context and how the legislature effected it. Maloney said there were different proposals - one would divide the state into regions and another requires the metropolitan school districts to submit a plan for regions. It was pointed out that there was a difference between regionalization and regionalism; that the former is the process of setting up regions by legislation.

VOTE: The motion to consider carried on a standing count, yes - 125, no - 119.

A question was raised whether the recommended Program items were moved for adoption or consideration. McCoy said the motion on the recommended items is for adoption and for the not-recommended items it is for consideration. She pointed out that the delegates had just voted consideration of two not-recommended items. She said the Program items will be debated in the order in which they were presented, and the vote will not be taken until all items have been debated. She said there would be caucuses in the evening to work out floor strategy for Program items.

The president took advantage of some extra time following the presentation of the proposed Program to introduce memebers of the present state Board, staff, special guests and appointed members of the new state Board: Karen Anderson, M innetonka-Eden Prairie; Carolyn Cushing, Roseville; Peggy Gross, Minneapolis; Ann Knutson, Bloomington; Rhoda Lewin, Minneapolis; Laurel Mueller, West Dakota County. McCoy noted that there are two positions still to be filled on the new Board. McCoy also introduced special guest and luncheon speaker, national Board member, Irene Janski.

The secretary read announcements of caucus meeting places. Helene Borg, state Board, said the ERA caucus will have packets and bracelets for sale. The meeting recessed for lunch.

LUNCHEON

Following the luncheon, Irene Janski spoke briefly on her work on the LWVUS Board and answered questions from delegates on organizational matters of concern to League.

SECOND SESSION

The Credentials Committee reported that there were 253 delegates registered and 15 state Board delegates for a total of 268 delegates, seven guests, four observers and ten visitors.

The secretary read the roll of the Leagues with 59 responding.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mary Ann McCoy said that the end of her two terms in office was a time for reflection. She pointed out attempts to be responsive to member concerns including meeting on a college campus to keep costs to a minimum and using the name of the woman rather than that of her husband in mailings. McCoy's theme centered on the component words of LWV. League: She welcomed new Leagues and the development of area Leagues. She said Leagues covered 185 different municipalities and almost all state senatorial districts. She commented on developments in League including new ways to handle Program and fair share budgeting. She said League is a living, lively organization. Women: She noted that 1975 is the year of the woman. She said the ERA coalition is reactivating; women are choosing other areas for active and intellectual outlets such as jobs and special groups. Voters: McCoy said we are participating citizens; that the Focus on State Government had another successful series; that there is more public awareness but fewer people are turning out for elections. She said we can give reasons for it, but what are we doing about it.

COUNCIL '75

Jerry Jenkins, state Board, noted that there was a written report on the national Council in the Workbook, and the National Board Report will have a complete report, but she wanted to mention a few highlights. She said in response to concern about finances expressed at the last Convention the Budget/PMP committee looked at League financing. It recommended to Council that League undertake a study and consensus on financing the League with consensus by February 1, 1976 in time to recommend Bylaws changes if necessary. Jenkins said local Leagues will have to work this into their calendars; that this is an opportunity to participate in a major decision. On membership, she said we need to push to increase membership. Some suggestions were to give voting status to provisional Leagues and members-at-large. She said Council is a looking-ahead time for Convention. Jenkins said there are proposals to change Council and Convention size. One proposal would have a total of 450 delegates with Minnesota's representation cut to 15 local Leagues with no state Board delegates. Another proposal would take away delegate status from national Board members. She said there may be Bylaws changes proposed on this.

Mary Watson, state Board, reported on national Program. She said it was felt that states which had ratified the ERA should help those which had not; that a national strategy is needed. She said $20,000 was to be used for this campaign. In the Energy area, she said the emphasis was on conservation and transportation. She said there was a strong consensus on Land Use and an update of EQ positions. She said there was optimism about beverage container legislation at the national level. She noted that the District of Columbia still wants representation.

McCoy said there was information available on a package trip to national Convention, and she hoped Leagues would avail themselves of the opportunity to attend.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

McCoy said she has felt that not enough time had been allotted to the legislative report at previous Conventions so this block of time had been set aside for a fuller report. She introduced Helene Borg, state Action chairman, who presented her report.

Borg noted that more lobbyists are needed and that many lobbyists start out as observers before becoming active lobbyists. She said the first year of the second flexible session was different; that League success was limited. Borg discussed how priorities in lobbying are arrived at and how decisions on difficult issues are made. She said Program chairmen on the state Board check back to the original consensus to see what really was decided to guide League on which bills, if any, to support. The Program chairman also checks with the president and Action chairman and gets a committee together. She said lobbyists become specialists in their areas, and the item chairman has to use her own judgement on many issues. Lobbyists also work during the interim and in coalition with other groups and write articles for the Capitol Letter. Borg added that the action clerk has been a great help; that she goes through the Phillips Legislative Service and keeps lobbyists informed of activities in her own area and also in other areas in which League is interested which come to her attention. She also makes written reports to the state Board which are discussed at Board meetings. Borg emphasized total Board responsibility for Action. She said priorities are set with an awareness of political realities. Formal testimony is written by the lobbyists or Program chairmen and is approved by the president and Action chairman. Borg noted that testimony used to be given by the president, but now much information is given informally or the chairman will appear - whatever will be most effective. She said that copies of the testimony go to legislative committee members and to the press. When a Time for Action is needed, the Program chairman and/or the lobbyists write background material which goes to the local Leagues. The district action coordinator and legislative interviews are also used as action tools.

Karlynn Fronek, Mpls., reported on lobbying for rotation of candidates' names on the ballot. She said League had been asked for support by legislators supporting this measure. She noted that nonpartisan offices are rotated but not partisan ones. She said studies showed that the position of the candidate is more likely to matter in contests with low visibility. Rep. Tomlinson felt the studies showed the difference was not great enough to warrant rotation biven the expense and possibility of errors. Bill was presented to have party rotation with the two parties alternating years to be placed first on the ballot. She noted that third parties are not included. She said the legislation is in committee during the interim, and she is following it.

Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, reported on priority implementation of ERA. She said the issue of veterans preference was not directly related to ERA but to affirmative action. She said League acted under its HR and EO positions and joined a coalition of local governmental units, women's groups and handicapped people. The opposition included the American Legion, VFW and DAV and their auxiliaries. The original intent was to abolish preference and limit the points to a one time use within ten years of discharge. She said all was not accomplished; that the one time use and the ten year limit were dropped but absolute preference was eliminated. A veteran now gets five points (10 for disabled veterans) advantage upon entering government jobs but cannot use this for promotions. She said it was a victory in that it gives a non-veteran a better chance for a job.

On the name change, Berkwitz said there were no laws forcing a woman to take the husband's name after marriage; that it is a tradition. Now, however, there will be a space on the marriage license application where a woman can so indicate if she wishes to keep her maiden name. Also now a judge cannot refuse to change a woman's name when she makes proper application.

Berkwitz said ERA is still a vital issue, reminding the delegates that rescission had almost passed the Senate on an amendment to the girls athletic bill, that it only failed by a tie vote. She said some ex-supporters switched and some may honestly have changed their minds or it may have been vote trading. Some legal opinion says that rescission is not possible, but she said it would not help the ERA cause to have it happen here. She added that this issue might come up at precinct caucuses, and each local League should have a person well-versed in ERA to counter false statements about it, and each member must work for it.

Pat Stein talked about lobbying for beverage container deposit legislation, League EQ priority. She said she worked within a coalition which held weekly meetings with legislators. She noted that it was defeated in committee in the Senate but that a House committee passed it.

Borg discussed the problem of difficult decisions on what legislation to support. She said there was no point in supporting legislation which the members don't support. Decisions on what to support start with the Action chairman and president. She said that if there is a problem it goes to the Action committee and, if necessary, to the entire state Board. If there is not time for that procedure, the president, two vice presidents and the Action chairman and the Program chairmen meet to try to reach consensus on what action, if any, should be taken. She said it is hard to anticipate timing and what will be a sensitive issue. For instance, she said it was thought veterans preference would be a sensitive issue, but it proved not to be. Some issues, such as ban the can, affect certain Leagues more than others. She said we have to trust the judgement of the lobbyists and Program chairmen, they have been following the issues and have the facts. She cited three examples of difficult decisions which came up this legislative session which might help in future decision-making.

1. Conflict in League positions: Atchison spoke on the girls athletic bill which caused some conflict between the League's HR and Education positions. Rep. Kahn's bill followed the guidelines of the State Department of Human Rights for girls athletics and would allow separate sex teams for some sports at the secondary level. At a hearing on the bill, the Commissioner of Human Rights said he could not support it, that he did not like "separatism". The issue was resolved by making it a directive to the Department of Education and not a modification of the Human Rights law.

2. Open Meeting law: Knutson said that legislation proposed in this session would allow certain exemptions to the Open Meeting law, such as salary negotiation strategy, seeking legal advice, land acquisition, personnel and hiring discussions. She said we are acting under the League principles in supporting open meetings, but they do not spell out in detail what we should support, and we do not have a background study to determine what, if any, exemptions are justified. The state Board decided that Leagues should monitor the situation and check with public official, the media and citizens to arrive at a position.

3. Gay Rights: Gross said we found the sensitive issue here. She said she met in October with a Gay Rights representative who asked for League support, being awary of League's position on equality of opportunity for all persons. At the February Board meeting it was decided League should support the legislation but not allow the League's name to appear on the Gay Rights brochure or join the coalition. Material was sent to local Leagues for information. Gross said the state Board was not asking

for approval but for feedback. The first reactions were negative, and the issue was discussed again at the March Board meeting. The decision to support this legislation was reaffirmed. It was made clear that the League did not condone this conduct but was supporting equal opportunity. Gross noted that one local League contacted its state representative to tell him that that particular League did not support this legislation. In the face of such vocal opposition from members, it was decided at the last minute not to testify, which resulted in a loss of face. She said expressions of support were received after the testimony was cancelled. In all, she said, about 20 Leagues responded with reactions mixed. The issue got mixed up with support for ERA. Gross said little concern was expressed for the consenting adults bill but neither bill passed. She said while League support might have helped, she did not know if it would have been decisive. She said we have to have member support and that the first reaction was emotional. She added that there was a time problem in getting information out to local Leagues and receiving reactions in time to act.

In the question period, Dottie Stone, New Brighton, asked if anyone had helped creat- and write legislation successfully. Ebbott responded that it was hard to do. She said on campaign financing the staff of the Joint Religious Legislative Committee (JRLC) helped other groups. She said it would be great if League had that capability but added that it would need paid staff to accomplish it.

Rosemary Isenhart, Anoka-Coon Rapids Area, said her League was disappointed that the LWVMN did not testify in support of the fair employment bill. Lois Kundel, Duluth, said her League felt the same and had supported a local ordinance on this matter on the basis of the state and national position. She said they wanted affirmation that a local League could support it. Dee Halberg, St. Cloud Area, apologized that her League did not indicate support right away. She said there was no doubt about what the Convention two years ago meant to do. Sharon Lammers, St. Croix Valley, said that Board discussed the issue and decided it could not support the fair employment legislation without the consenting adults legislation being passed first. Gross said that the two were not related and added that the present law is unenforceable. She said League support for it came under the Judiciary position. The other legislation deals with fair employment and comes under the Equality of Opportunity position.

Louisa Holmberg, Golden Valley, said she was concerned about the local League that contacted its representative to dissent from a League position. Donna Peterson, Richfield, suggested that there was a failure to communicate; that the full import of the 1973 Convention action was not carried back to local Leagues. She suggested a mini-consensus before the next session. Borg said this could be included in the Program discussion period. Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, said she had a hand in the wording change at the 1973 Convention and felt the import of it was adequately spelled out. She said it was unfortunate that the consenting adults and fair employment bills were tied together. She suggested we may have to change the wording on the EO position and not include all people but instead list those categories which League has studied. Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis, said she was concerned by the state Board response to what appeared to be an intense minority. She said this problem will come up again and procedures should be developed to try to keep it from happening again. Borg said she considered contacting the district action coordinators to contact local Leagues. She noted that the opposition came on a weekend and that only the opposition reacted at first. Mary Lofy, Mankato Area, said that that League got a call from another League saying that if Mankato wanted to delay testimony on this they should call the state office. She said her League did not want the testimony delayed and therefore did not call. She said local Leagues have to rely on state Board decisions when such matters arise. Irene Nordling, St. Cloud Area, said we elect the state Board to represent local Leagues, and she said she did not believe in polling; that the decision once made should be adhered to. Connie Boltz, Duluth, said we do have a position on this so the decision is in effect made.

McCoy said it would be interesting to see the outcome of this discussion in the Program deliberations the next day. She pointed out that delegates need to explain Convention action to their local Leagues and that this is a two year job.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Mantis, St. Paul, presented the following resolution on the United Nations:

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and United States has a long-standing commitment for supporting the United Nations as a peacekeeping agency.

WHEREAS this potential of the United Nations has not been fully implemented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota request our representatives at the United Nations, and the League of Women Voters of the United States representative at the United Nations, to seek solutions that will strengthen the United Nations enforcement authority, when acting to make secure international peace and territorial integrity of nations. For example, no substantial action has been taken to enforce the Resolution of November 1, 1974 relating to the Cyprus crisis.

MOTION: To approve the above resolution.
Mover: Mary Mantis, St. Paul Seconded

Mantis presented material in support of her resolution citing the inactivity concerning refugees on Cyprus. Lois Kundel, Duluth, asked for clarification as to whether the resolution was dealing with the UN or Cyprus. McCoy pointed out that the League does not have a position regarding Cyprus. The Parliamentarian, Rose Dhein, said the section of the resolution dealing with Cyprus should not be part of the main resolution. The mover agreed to delete it. Celia Anderson, St. Louis Park, asked if this would refer to all refugees, Palestine, etc. It was noted that the main resolution does not deal with refugees. Judy Rosenblatt, Roseville, said it was important not to allow the effectiveness and prestige of the UN to be eroded further.

VOTE: The resolution, with the reference to Cyprus deleted, was carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: That the LWVMN establish a Political Accountability Rating (PAR) on the state level.
Mover: Helene Borg, state Board Seconded

Borg said the information, pro and con, on PAR was in the Workbook, and the committee felt it was up to the delegates to decide whether to go ahead on it. Mary Gover, St. Peter, asked when publication would be. Borg said it would be at the end of the session. Joyce Abramson, St. Louis Park, said she thinks accountability is good but said she doesn't like percentages; that they do not tell what the legislator supported or where work is needed. McCoy said that the individual votes will be listed also. Borg said that before the session the League would inform legislators on which issues they were being rated. It was asked if committee votes were to be included. Borg responded that that was hard to do because of voice votes. In response to a question on cost, Borg said it should not cost too much because a summary is already being done, and the cost of paper would be about the only extra. Harriet Herb, office manager, estimated the extra cost at about $50. McCoy pointed out that there is an Action item in the budget, and it is up to the Action committee to decide how to use it. Dee Halberg, St. Cloud Area, said it would polarize further opinion in her area where League usually finds itself in opposition. Barbara Maloney, St. Louis Park, asked if the voting records were already available. Borg said the information could be compiled for a local League which wanted it. Barbara Savanick, West Dakota County, asked if League were

tied to the issues listed. Borg said we were on the first listing because the legislators were told they might be rated on these issues. Margit Berg, Minneapolis, said there should be more issues included in the future. Borg noted that several items could come under the ERA issue. Ebbott said League should let legislators know in advance what it will be following, but it is hard to set priorities in advance, and League issues do not cover all issues with which legislators have to deal. Knutson suggested thinking about ways in which the PAR would be used to decide whether it is worth the time and money. Mary Richards, St. Louis Park, said she was against the national PAR and is opposed to a state one. She said it tends to go along with one party. She also asked what was meant by "weighting" issues. Borg answered that issues would be treated equally unless there was an obvious difference in importance.

VOTE: The motion was carried on a voice vote.

Following announcement of the Budget Committee meeting and caucus rooms, the Convention was recessed.

DINNER

The immediate past winner of the Hope Washburn Award, Mary Ann McCoy, presented this year's award to Ann Thomas, Westonka, past president of CMAL.

Follwoing dinner there was a panel discussion on migrant workers. Jan Kelly, Crookston, spoke on the migrant worker situation in the Crookston area and discussed some of the problems the growers and the community have to deal with. Nancy Garza,Freeborn County, told of her personal experiences as a migrant worker and resident of a small Minnesota city. Marge Sager, Freeborn County, discussed the effort of the migrants, LWV and other concerned citizens to develop community programs to involve the migrants and local residents and to sensitize the community to the problems of migrants. Louise Kuester, St. Cloud Area, spoke on the effort of the St. Cloud League to inform itself about this issue. She discussed the Minn. Workers Council whose office is located in St. Cloud. She said this was an area in which things were happening, and her League felt it should monitor the events even if there were no migrant workers in the area.

THIRD SESSION

The Credentials Committee reported that there were 250 delegates and 15 state Board delegates for a total of 265 delegates present.

McCoy said this was the time for debate and action on the proposed state Program. She announced that debate will be closed at 11:30, and the voting will take place then. She said there would be 12 minutes debate on each item. A person making an amendment would have two minutes to speak and each following speaker would be limited to two minutes. She said that in the case of editorial adjustment the time would be split between editorial changes and other amendments. Pat Gorecki, Excelsior-Deephaven, asked what would happen to time not used on some items. The chair decided to keep a running tally of elapsed time and add unexpended time allotments to items involving a new study.

Dana Brandt, New Brighton, a member of the Budget Committee, reminded the delegates about the realistic costs of a new study, that the first year costs about $3000. She said the Budget Committee revised the proposed budget to allow $500 for a new study. She also noted that reserves will be needed to balance the budget.

DEBATE AND ACTION ON STATE PROGRAM

The president pointed out that only the shorthand statement is being read and that delegates must take into account the total statement in Program for Action.

I. Corrections: No debate.

II. Judiciary: No debate.

III. Environmental Quality: Lee Ann Sporre, Fridley, asked for clarification of th- Land Use statement. She said support of overall land use with strong state pre-emptive role was a contradiction to having "maximum decision-making at the local level. Mary Watson, state Board, responded that the consensus called for a state framework with local decision-making on details such as plans for critical or sensitive areas and implementation.

MOTION: To delete "maximum decision-making at the local level".
Mover: Lee Ann Sporre, Fridley. Seconded Withdrawn

Sporre said it had been proved that local government needed strong guidance to get them to act, that the wording dilutes the effort, that we need to stress that broad policy comes from the state. Rosemary Booth, Minneapolis, suggested using the word "implementation" and including reference to regions. The Parliamentarian said the only amendment in order would be another amendment to strike. The mover said she would withdraw her motion with approval if that wording were used. The seconder agreed.

MOTION: Delete the words "...with maximum decision-making at the local level." and insert "...maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local level.".
Mover: Rosemary Booth, Minneapolis Seconded

Mary Gover, St. Peter, said the statement as originally worded represented the feeling of her local League. Booth said the motion did not expand on the position but clarified it; that reference to regions is included in the overall statement. Jan Bray, Richfield, said the original wording reflected the exact meaning and opposed the amendment as changing the consensus. Marilyn Lundberg, St. Paul, spoke in favor of the amendment saying that experience has shown that decision-making at the local level is not adequate and that the consensus allows including reference to regions. Marilyn Fauchald, Mounds View, and Lynda Woodhouse, Rochester, spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Debate time ran out and a vote was called. A division of the house was requested. The Parliamentarian advised the chair that a rising vote or a division could be requested; that a rising vote did not involve a count, just a visual estimation. Because of the closeness of the vote, the chair called for a count.

VOTE: The motion; yes - 130, no - 133

A point of information was raised to ask if the vote was on the item. The chair said that it was just on the amendment but that debate on the item was closed. A point of information was raised to ask if the item as amended were approved would the consensus be changed. McCoy said the intent was not to change the consensus but to clarify it.

IV. Equality of Opportunity:

MOTION: To insert the words "...responsibility for and..." before "...responsiveness to Indian citizens." in the statement of League position on Indians.
Mover: Liz Ebbott, state Board Seconded

Ebbott said the League has had this position since about 1963; that it has been a perceptive and useful position. She said she thinks "responsibility for" has unique features lacking in "responsiveness"; that the state should have a statement of policy towards Indian citizens. She said under the present position League has been able to support specifically Indian areas such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and while League supports retrocession, there is still state responsibility in areas such as welfare and corrections. Amundson responded that the state Board edited the wording because it felt it more nearly reflected the position in Program for Action; that it felt the state could be responsible for Indians while not being responsive to their needs. Ebbott said Indian self-determination is the keystone but state responsibility persists since they are citizens of the state.

VOTE: The motion was carried on a voice vote.

Jeanette Kahlenberg, White Bear Lake, asked how "other public services" would be interpreted in the statement - would it mean League may be asked to support same sex marriages and adoption by homosexual couples. Gross said these are not considered public services; that marriage is specified as between persons of the opposite sex, and adoption is exempt from these provisions.

A point of information about the vote on the Environmental Quality amendment was raised. It was noted that the total vote was 263 while delegates totaled 257. The chair pointed out that state Board members are delegates and could vote and with their addition the total voting could be 272.

Laura Kadwell, Minneapolis, asked if this were the time to reaffirm support of equal opportunity for "all persons" and would a motion be needed. McCoy said the item does affirm such support and a vote to include this item in the Program would include support of action in support of fair employment legislation involving Gay Rights. McCoy called for an informal voice vote to support this interpretation. The delegates' response was overwhelmingly in favor of this interpretation.

V. Education:

MOTION: To delete words "cost of living" and substitute the word "fluctuating" for "declining" in the proposed study of the foundation aid formula.
Mover: Barbara Savanick, West Dakota County Seconded

Savanick pointed out that some areas are experiencing rapidly increasing enrollment while others have declining enrollments. She added, by eliminating the cost of living aspect, we get a broader study. Nancy Roll, Golden Valley, asked if items were voted on as a whole or taken in parts. McCoy said they would be voted on as a whole unless the delegates moved to divide them. Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, asked would this item, if adopted, go forward if the tax study item in Financing State Government were defeated. Atchison responded that the reference in the proposed Program is not part of the study but a direction, and there would still be this study if it is adopted. Atchison was asked if the study would be the whole foundation aid formula or just the cost difference. Atchison said she had planned just a look at cost differences as one aspect of the formula. Charee Carlson, New Brighton, reminded the delegates that this would be a new study and that it would cost money. Atchison said the financing schools study was handled for less than $500.

VOTE: The amendment was carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: That the Education item vote be taken in three parts: the present position and the two separate new studies.
Mover: Nancy Roll, Golden Valley Seconded .

Roll pointed out that we could support the present position without wanting the new studies and to vote against the new studies would lose the position.

VOTE: The motion carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: To delete the proposed study of the tenure laws.
Mover: Lois Kundel, Duluth Seconded

Kundel asked if this were really a League-type study and asked why teachers should be singled out. Pat Gorecki, Excelsior-Deephaven, spoke against deleting the study. She said this has a direct bearing on the cost of education. Dottie Stone, New Brighton, spoke in support of the motion because of the workload and member interest. A delegate from Minneapolis said the laws need to be evaluated because of the effect on our lives and children. Barbara Maloney, St. Louis Park, said it is not a question of opposing a certain group but of wanting to examine the area and have a say in it. Carol Bergeson, White Bear Lake, said the League took credit for helping to get tenure laws in the 1920's, and it is not out of order to reevaluate the issue.
VOTE: The motion lost on a voice vote.

VI. Election Laws: No debate.

VII. Organization of State Government: The chair noted that there would be six minutes for editing changes and six minutes for other amendments.

MOTION: To add the following to the study of legislative compensation:"...and a reconsideration of League position concerning the size of the legislature.
Mover: Linda Moriarty, New Ulm Seconded

Moriarty expressed concern about the effect of a reduction in the size of the legislature on the size of outstate districts; that if they become larger it will be more difficult for constituents to see their legislators. Knutson said the study she had in mind would take into consideration variables such as size, but it would not take a position on the change. Margit Berg, Minneapolis, said the real issue is not size or compensation but whether there should be a full-time or part-time legislature. Knutson said the reason for the proposed study was to try to be more specific on what "adequate compensation" for legislators was and not to reexamine the whole study. She said a broad, in-depth study could be done but questioned whether it was a priority item. Ebbott said the original study was aimed at redistricting; that as the population increased, the legislature added more districts rather than redistrict, and the consensus was against this practice. She said the more recent interpretation has been to reduce the size of the legislature. She said the question was does League really want to reduce the size.

VOTE: The motion failed.

MOTION: To delete the proposed study of legislative compensation and substitute the following: "A study of a part-time vs. a full-time legislature. Mini-consensus on this matter with resulting recommendations concerning legislative size, compensation, research aid and staff."
Mover: Margit Berg, Minneapolis Seconded

It was asked if the League could use the Citizens League study with concurrence on whether there should be a full-time or part-time legislature and the conditions. Knutson said the Citizens League material was valuable but that the LWV might have a different focus. Betty Rogers, Bemidji Area, spoke in favor of the amendment and added that she did not like not doing something that needs doing because of money and that League input in this issue was important. Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis, said the intent of the amendment was not to change the study but to put the important part first.

VOTE: The motion carried.

MOTION: To delete "...and amending the Minnesota Constitution." and substitute "...Executive Branch.; support of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution."
Mover: Joyce Blomquist, Roseville Seconded

Blomquist said this clarified the point that League was concerned with the process of amending the constitution not with individual amendments. McCoy said if the sentence were read as a whole that should be clear.

VOTE: The motion carried.

MOTION: To delete a new study of Organization of State Government.
Mover: Jan Bray, Richfield Seconded

Bray contended that the study was not critical and that League should concentrate on critical areas such as financing state government. At this point, time for debate on this item expired.

VOTE: The motion failed.

The Parliamentarian advised the chair that a delegate could move to divide the vote on the question on the final vote.

MOTION: To divide the vote into sections on Item VII: the position support and the new study.
Mover: Marysue Costello, Alexandria Seconded

Costello noted that if there is a strong feeling against a new study in this area, we could lose the present position or if we voted to retain the present position, we could end up with a new, unwanted study unless the questions were voted on separately.

VOTE: The motion carried.

VIII. Financing State Government:

MOTION: To amend the proposed new study by substituting the following new study: "A study of the source and distribution of state revenue. A study of the effects of shifting tax burdens. Evaluation of the most equitable and effective method of funding services to all levels of government. (Timing of consensus dependent on study progression.)".
Mover: Karen Anderson, Minnetonka-Eden Prairie Seconded

Anderson said she believed this substitution clarified the language, and the order was changed for a more logical progression. She said that a consensus could be set when the study seemed to warrant it. Joan Newmark, St. Paul, asked if county and local levels were to be included. Anderson pointed out that state funding is specified. Pat Llona, Edina, said she felt this study should be done by a task force. McCoy said at this point we were not spelling out how to do the study, that that comes in the direction period. It was asked if this study pertains to educational financing. McCoy said that it did peripherally.

VOTE: The motion carried.

MOTION: To divide the vote on Item VIII: one vote on the support position and one for the new study.
Mover: Carol Bergeson, White Bear Lake Seconded

Bergeson also recommended that at future Conventions the support items be separated from proposed studies for voting purposes.

VOTE: The motion carried.

IX. Welfare of the Child:

MOTION: To adopt "Welfare of the Child" as a new study.
Mover: Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis Seconded

Flanigan recommended that the study deal initially with pre-school children and what services are needed such as day care, early screening and early treatment. Arguments in favor of the adoption of this item included the fact that there were gaping holes in this area when League tries to support a particular issue. Polly Edmonds, Minneapolis, indicated the need for this study by citing an article appearing in the Minneapolis Tribune which said that some Minnesota counties were losing federal funds because they did not follow federal guidelines on screening of pre-school children. Charee Carlson, New Brighton, said her League "had had it with consensuses"; that they want a Program that will be significant, an item dealing with people. She suggested thet the Development Committee be directed to seek funds for this study. Against adopting the new study, it was said that League has current positions which are applicable; that a new study is not needed, especially when we must consider the costs. It was pointed out that there is existing legislation on child abuse and the study would not change that. It was suggested that this would be another "spoon-fed" consensus. Pat Gorecki, Excelsior-Deephaven, pointed out that individuals can act on this issue; that the League is not the only vehicle and that a better area for League effort is financing government. It was said that child abuse is a police problem and a matter of enforcing the laws. Flanigan said the study would not be concerned solely with the police aspect; that the focus would be on the preventive aspect and supportive services.

X. Regionalization of School Districts:

Barbara Maloney, St. Louis Park, said her League withdrew support from this study, feeling that it would detract from the other Education study.

MOTION: To combine the new study on educational finances and financing government into one study - Financing Education and Government, using the wording adopted by the Convention.
Mover: Barbara Savanick, West Dakota County Seconded

Savanick said she recommended that it be two part with the first part being the Education study for 1975-76 and the second part on state government as a two year study.

VOTE: The motion failed.

MOTION: To reconsider the wording the of the Land Use section of the Environmental Quality item.
Mover: Jean Schell, Fridley Seconded

Schell said that she had voted with the majority but felt that because of the closeness of the vote and the feeling that there was some misunderstanding about the vote it should be reconsidered. The EQ committee was asked whether the consensus called for local input or local decision-making. McCoy asked if that were germane to the motion to reconsider. The Parliamentarian advised her that it was; that the only way to decide whether it should be reconsidered was to discuss the original motion. Mary Watson, state EQ chairman, said the wording represented what came through on consensus: local decision-making within a state framework. It was asked if the committee wanted to include critical areas under local decision-making; that we don't want to lose good legislation. McCoy pointed out that the word "local" was meant to include regions but that there appeared to be confusion about the usage.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider carried.

McCoy read the original amendment and called for a voice vote. The chair was in doubt and called for a count.

VOTE: The motion carried, yes - 155, no - 108.

The vote was taken on the Program items as amended 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, part a. Support statement	CARRIED - Voice Vote
	b. Study of foundation aids	CARRIED - Voice Vote
	c. Study of tenure laws	CARRIED - Standing Vote, yes-144, no-108
VI.	Election Laws	CARRIED - Voice Vote
VII.	Organization of State Government, part a. Support statement	CARRIED - Voice Vote
	b. Study	FAILED - Standing Vote
VIII.	Financing State Government, part a. Support statement	CARRIED - Voice Vote
	b. Study	CARRIED - Voice Vote

Not-Recommended Items (3/5 majority needed for passage):

IX.	Welfare of the Child	FAILED - Standing Vote
X.	Study of Regionalization of School Districts	FAILED - Voice Vote

FOURTH SESSION

McCoy reminded the delegates to fill out the evaluation sheets. She also asked for volunteers to serve on committees for the new studies.

Credentials Committee final report: 257 delegates, 15 state Board delegates, 4 observers, 19 visitors, 6 guests and one national Board member.

The chair announced that the Budget Committee chairman had become ill overnight and introduced Dana Brandt, New Brighton, to take her place. The changes required to bring the budget into balance with expected income were read. The revised total expenditure is $78,731.75

MOTION: To adopt the proposed 1975-76 budget as revised.
Mover: Dana Brandt, New Brighton Seconded

Dimi Mitchell, Minneapolis, asked how postage for the VOTER could be reduced. Harriett Herb, office manager, answered that it had been averaging about $40 to $50 but if it goes up there will be problems. She stressed the need to keep membership lists accurate and up to date. The cut in the president's expenses was questioned. Herb said it allowed for 52 trips to the state office from her home. McCoy noted that many of the president's expenses are chargeable under other categories. Dottie Stone, New Brighton, said the Development Committee met with a professional fund raiser who suggested focusing in two areas: money needed to develop expertise in the Development area and the need to focus on tax deductible areas. She said she would like to increase the Development item to $500 and eliminate the separation between Development and the Education Fund items on the income side. Moss, state treasurer, said it is necessary to split them for tax purposes.

MOTION: To amend the proposed budget to add $100 to expenditures: 5b. Development and add $100 to income: I. Development.
Mover: Dottie Stone, New Brighton Seconded

VOTE: The motion was carried.

It was pointed out that the increase in secretary's expense was because of the distance she has to travel to attend Board meetings. Karlynn Fronek, Mpls., said she was sorry to see the Spotmaster eliminated and suggested there might be interest in a subscription service. Herb suggested the possibility of getting a tape recorder with a telephone pickup. Seventeen Leagues indicated interest in a subscription service.

Mary Richards, St. Louis Park, asked what happened to the interest on savings. Moss said it stays in reserves if it is not needed for balancing the budget. Betty Rogers, Bemidji Area, asked about the Leagues which had not been able to meet pledges. McCoy said Dvorak asked if any Leagues had wanted to raise their accepted pledges. Betty Gutman, Richfield, said that after the state Council in 1974 it was found out that Board Memos were cut to two per League. She asked if there were any similar "hookers" in this budget. McCoy said the Board Memo is still on a subscription service and that funds for new study are budgeted at $500. Brandt said it was hard to pinpoint where cuts will come and to assess the effect on local Leagues. Ebbott pointed out that publication cost should recoup the cost of the study. Pat Llona, Edina, advised local Leagues to write a plan to the Education Fund for publications before the publication has been produced. Brandt said the Citizen Information budget looks small, but it was hoped that some money for this area will come from the Education Fund. Ruth Cain, Alexandria, said that her League wanted to increase its accepted pledge by $22.

VOTE: The motion to adopt the revised budget as amended was carried.

DIRECTION TO THE STATE BOARD

ACTION:

Mary Mantis, St. Paul, asked that a copy of the UN resolution be sent to LWVUS and its UN representative and the U.S. ambassador to the UN.

Marilyn Fauchald, Mounds View, and Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis, asked that League take action on the welfare of the child under existing positions. Flanigan recommended calling attention to areas where action can be taken by articles in the VOTER or Board Memo.

Corrections: Polly Mann, Marshall, recommended monitoring conditions at county jails and informing ourselves on prisoners' rights. The Rochester League offered to share information on its community corrections program with any interested League.

Food Stamps: It was suggested that League follow up the information presented on food stamps and local Leagues inform themselves on the local situation and, if necessary, bring action to bear to make food stamps more readily available. It was asked that the state Board send information on food stamps to local Leagues.

Public Relations: Use audio-visual equipment to make tapes for voter registration and other voters information to use at schools, civic organizations, etc.

Migrant Workers: Mary Grace Flannery, Minneapolis, said there is increasing concern in this area and League has positions under which to act in areas of education, housing, equality of opportunity.

On the subject of Action in general, Leagues were urged not to be afraid of Action. Mary Alyce Peterson, Minneapolis, noted that the LWVUS self-survey showed that Leagues which took Action, even if controversial, gained members. She said it was important to act on well-stated and well-founded positions. Polly Bergerson, West Dakota County, said her League had become Action-oriented and by so doing lost financial backing from businesses opposed to League positions.

ERA: The Convention passed the following resolution by Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis: "Be it resolved that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota reaffirms its strong support for the Equal Rights Amendment and commits itself to educating the people of Minnesota to a realistic understanding of the implications of the ERA".

PROGRAM:

Marilyn Fauchald, Mounds View, asked that the state Board update local Leagues on current issues such as ERA and Gay Rights.

Education: Joyce Abramson, St. Louis Park, recommended doing the foundation aid study in time to take action at the 1976 legislative session. Atchison responded that information probably could be sent to local Leagues by January or February, and League could be ready to act possibly before adjournment. Jan Bray, Richfield, suggested using data already compiled by state agencies for the study.

Financing State Government: It was recommended that the study not be merely facts and figures but people-oriented; that the study should bring out the political and social implications of fiscal policies and how they affect individuals. Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis, suggested dividing the study into mini-consensuses. Pat Llona, Edina, said she liked the task force concept, but that the members would have to have some expertise. She said she felt local Leagues could be asked to concur with task force conclusions.

Concurrence: Several delegates spoke in opposition to concurrence, feeling that it did not allow for member input and comments and it did not stimulate members to discuss broad questions. Pat Gorecki, Excelsior-Deephaven, opposed concurrence with task force conclusions but felt it was valid to concur with studies made by local Leagues or other states. McCoy noted that Jenkins had referred to the consensus committee report, and she recommended that all read it; that we are evaluating new ways to handle Program. She suggested contacting state Board members on this issue since they need to know what members think. Jenkins said that with concurrence you start with broad statements of agreement, the "motherhood" type of thing, and go on to specifics on more complex issues. She cited the Energy concurrence in which the Leagues concurred on the need for conservation but added it gets more threatening when asked to concur on specifics of implementing conservation of energy; that local Leagues want to know what alternatives are available. Mary Lofy, Mankato Area, said she felt concurrence was a valid tool although she could understand the fear of not having studied an issue thoroughly. She said she thought the task force concept applied to the first two areas of the Financing State Government study was useful, but the third part dealing with evaluation should have local League input. She also suggested that task force members should be willing to go to local Leagues to explain the conclusions. McCoy asked if local Leagues would be willing to pay expenses for these visits. There was some positive response from delegates. Jan Bray, Richfield, warned against League spreading itself too thin over some positions and extending a position beyond that which members are willing to support and losing League credibility. She cited the possibility of LWVUS supporting gas rationing under the Energy concurrence.

Land Use: Lynda Woodhouse, Rochester, said she felt the action of the Convention in changing the wording on the Land Use position nullified the consensus.

Ebbott recommended that local Leagues consider using audio-visual aids in Program presentation, noting that slides can be made for 50¢ each at the Minnesota Historical Society.

Dimi Mitchell, Minneapolis, asked that there be an update on information on the state legislature concerning salaries, staff, etc. McCoy noted that the Citizens League just released a similar study which could be used and that perhaps the state Board could send out information on where such information could be obtained.

ADMINISTRATION:

Suggestion was made that the state Board investigate the reasons why some local Leagues do not accept their fair share pledges. It was asked how this effects recognition standards. Polly Bergerson, West Dakota County, responded that her League had become Action-oriented and has lost financial support. Barbara Flanigan noted that Minneapolis maintains an office and had a $2000 shortfall in its fund drive. Moss said the formula does take these things into account and that each Budget Committee reviews the components of the pledge formula to see if they are valid and if other factors should be included. Carol Bergeson, White Bear Lake, recommended that when

approaching a business person who opposes a League position, you emphasize other areas of League activity with which he might agree. Corenne McBeth, Northfield, said her League had a successful finance drive, and it would be willing to help other Leagues with techniques.

Judy Hove, New Brighton, suggested considering having a weekend Convention so that working people could attend. She asked delegates to indicate on the evaluation sheets how they feel about this. Betty Rogers, Bemidji Area, expressed appreciation for Convention arrangements.

At 4:00 p.m., June 4, 1975, the 45th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rosenbloom, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 - June 1975

To: State Boarders
From: Janet Rosenbloom
Re: Direction to 1975-77 State Board (Items are grouped under three headings: Action, Program and Administration with names of people making suggestions.)
June 25, 1975

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PROGRAM:

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Financing State Government: Make the study not only facts and figures, but of interest to local Leagues. Make it people oriented. - Linda Bowden, Minneapolis. Bring out the political and social implications of fiscal policy, how it will affect individuals. Consider dividing it into mini-consensuses. -Barbara Flanigan, Minneapolis. Is task force still being considered. Said she liked the concept, but it would take someone with much expertise. The task force might arrive at conclusions and ask for concurrence. -Pat Llona, Edina.

Concurrence: Richfield League has a negative attitude toward concurrence, that it does not allow for member input and comments. -Dottie Peterson. Fridley feels the same,

that members were not stimulated to discuss on broad questions. -Lee Ann Sporre. Opposed concurrence with task force conclusions, but felt it was valid to concur with local League or other state studies. -Pat Gorecki, Excelsior-Deephaven. Mary Lofy, Mankato, felt concurrence was a valid tool although she understood the fear of not having studied an issue thoroughly. She said she thought the task force idea applied to the first two areas of the Financing study was useful, but the third part, involving evaluation, should have local League input. She also suggested that task force members should be willing to go to local Leagues to explain the position. McCoy asked if local Leagues would be willing to pay expenses for these visits. There was some positive response from delegates. Jan Bray, Richfield, said the League does not have to be all things in all crises, that if League spreads itself too thin it may say something which will cost it its credibility, that the Board may extend a position beyond that which members are willing to support. She cited the possibility under the energy concurrence of the LWVUS supporting gas rationing.

Land Use: Felt that the Convention action on the land use statement nullified the consensus. -Lynda Woodhouse, Rochester.

Recommendation that local Leagues consider using audio-visual aids in meetings, noting that slides can be made for about 50 cents each and that the Minnesota Historical Society does this. -Liz Ebbott, state Board.

Update information on state Legislature, salaries, staff, etc. -Dimi Mitchell, Minneapolis. McCoy noted that the Citizens League just released a similar study which could be used and that perhaps the state Board could send out information on where such information might be obtained.

ADMINISTRATION:

Suggestion that the state Board investigate reason why some local Leagues do not accept their fair share pledges. Are the reasons adequate and how does this affect recognition standards? Polly Bergerson, West Dakota County, responded that her League has become action oriented and has lost financial support. Barbara Flanigan noted that Minneapolis maintains an office and had a $2,000 short-fall on its fund drive. Carol Bergerson, White Bear Lake, recommended that when approaching a businessperson who opposes a League position, you emphasize other areas of League activity with which he might agree. Corenne McBeth, Northfield, said her League had a successful finance drive and would be glad to help other local Leagues with technique.

Convention arrangements: Consider having a weekend convention to accommodate working people. Asked delegates to indicate on evaluation sheets how they feel about this. -Judy Hove, New Brighton. Betty Rogers, Bemidji, expressed appreciation for convention arrangements.

6/6/75

TO: State Board

FROM: Peggy Thompson

RE: Summary of Convention '75 Evaluations (67 reports)

Accommodations and Dates: They apparently would have our scalps if we returned to a major hotel setting. They were delighted with the site.
There seems to be no groundswell for week-end dates. There was mention of accommoda-ting working women, etc., but no push for this.
Late May and early June were clearly the preferred times.

Sessions and Direction: There is little comment made on budget adoption.
The most common suggestion under Program aside from more time was to separate support items from new studies and other words to that effect.
Caucuses - too unorganized was the most common comment and various comments about the time. Caucus comments appeared on a minority of the evaluations.
The legislative review was a rousing success - only criticism ever mentioned was that it was too long.
The problems they didn't feel they received adequate help with are the usual ones - fund-raising and membership.

Personnel: About split on availability of state Board, etc. Opinions of Board ran from friendly and outgoing to closed group.

The only prevalent complaint, and couldn't we all guess, was the lack again of <u>any</u> free time.

There are a number of individual interesting and thoughtful comments relating to Program adoption that some of you may want to read over. The sheets will be in the office.

All in all, it appears to have been a highly successfully Convention.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Joint Board Meeting
June 11, 1975

MEETING PLACE: St. Christopher's Church, Roseville MN, 10:00 a.m., Jerry Jenkins, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Jenkins, Watson, Atchison, Davies, Amundson, Anderson, Borg, Cushing, Knutson, DeSantis, Ponto, Mueller, Poppleton, Waldo, Jones (Moss, Rosenbloom, Andersen and Rockenbach from '73-'75 Board).
Board Members Absent: Hall, Lewin, Gross, Stone (mcCoy, Ebbott, Weber from '73-'75 Board).

Jenkins explained the procedures for getting time on the Board agenda.

Trend Analysis: Members present were divided into two groups to play the "Futures Game" and to foresee where Minnesota and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota would be in the year 2000. Group I concluded that we won't be the same in the year 2000. Where we will be will depend on whether we ever start coping with our present problems. They discussed regionalism and whether states would disappear. They foresee schools on a regional basis within the state. They foresee extension of schools to serve more ages. Reeducation will be a constant process. They see population clusters with less urban sprawl. More multiple housing. There is a need for a state plan (land use). We will probably need a full-time legislature. Politics will be issue-oriented rather than party-oriented. LWVMN will need increased paid staff. We will be called upon to provide information not available elsewhere. We will need to show people that League is where the action is. Women won't have endless hours to work for League. Group I could not agree on whether our membership would increase or decrease. Group II was confident that we would reach the year 2000. Minnesota government will be agressive in solving problems. We will have a full-time legislature. There will be more corporate responsibility. LWVMN will be greatly needed. The group wondered if LWVMN would be flexible enough to exist. Need flexible membership. Could local units do their own think? If they become interested in one area they could pursue that. We may lose members if we don't encourage flexibility. Need to educate members on the need and legitimacy of the use of concurrence. Will need money on a massive scale. Paid staff. Our study materials will become even more valuable as society becomes more technical.

The tax status of the League vs. similar groups was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps we should have legislators, city council members, etc. on our committees.

Convention Priorities: Convention '75 was termed quiet, subdued. Delegates showed little interest in the budget. Members need to realize the importance of funding. Action was a priority, but not new Program. Rockenbach suggested getting together publication packets for sale to local banks and corporations by local Leagues before publication. Cushing suggested putting on workshops to raise money. Moss cautioned on charging too much. Amundson noted that more and more corporations are emphasizing social responsibility and we could go to them with a package for a workshop. Borg said we need to sell ourselves as professionals - sell our expertise.

Jenkins noted that development is not a state finance drive, but rather will concentrate on grant proposals. Waldo said that she feels a responsibility to find the wherewithall to fund Citizen Information material. Grant money will be important for Program development. Stone can't do the job alone. Waldo asked whether the Development committee could make a presentation to the Board on the mechanics of seeking grants.

Jones noted that members need to know that we have to sell publications to make their preparation worth the money.

Knutson said we need to watch the budget to be sure Program and Action get their share.

Jenkins reminded Board members to channel all office work through Herb.

The Convention placed certain restraints upon the Board because of the budget cuts. The Convention did give the Board a vote of confidence. Direction on Finincing Governmetn was that it should be people-oriented. Poppleton said that action orientation of League has great membership support. Moss said her League has the opposite feeling.

Jenkins said that all Board members need ERA kits and should be prepared to speak. Anderson suggested that we advise our consultant Leagues to do this, too. Borg will suggest that all members devote some time to ERA again. The Board needs to provide a continuous flow of information on our Action items so that members are not caught unprepared. Jones noted that Action sometimes leaves outstate League feeling out of it. Jenkins said that local Leagues miss the old Facts and Issues. Borg mentioned that someone at Convention suggested fitting Action items into the agenda so that Convention could give Program people guides for Action. Jenkins said we need to make local Leagues aware of possible Action at the local level on state and national positions.

Rosenbloom asked to whom one should report when monitoring. Jenkins suggested that the Outlook make this clear.

Outstate Caucus: Many Leagues didn't realize they could ask state Board people to come to speak. Outstate Leagues would like space in the Board Memo to report on mutual concerns. Route through Davies. Or Jones?

Atchison said she would like a clarification on the participation of state Board members in Convention caucuses. A policy is needed before Council.

MOTION: To give 12 copies of INDIANS IN MINNESOTA to the Catholic Bishops Conference.
Mover: DeSantis Second: Poppleton Failed

The Catholic Bishops Conference will be having a session on Indians and copies had been requested. We have not given copies to other groups. Our publications are a source of income.

MOTION: To give one copy of INDIANS IN MINNESOTA to the Catholic Bishops Conference.
Mover: Rockenbach Second: DeSantis Carried

Presentation of an ERA bracelet to Al Austin was discussed. No action was taken.

Jenkins noted the Convention resolution calling for more Action support of the UN. Jenkins is responsible for sending the resolution.

League Calendar 1975-76: Borg said she feels members feel optimistic about LWV. Knutson noted that Program people need to let members know where to find information. Cushing suggested the sharing of local bulletins which might have good Program information. Jenkins noted that in the past four years we have pulled away from publishing. Maybe we should now rethink this. Will members buy? Amundson suggest that the Xerox machine could be used to share information between Leagues. There should be greater use of shared resource committees. Watson noted that we need to do away with metro vs. outstate outlook. Cushing asked whether we could suggest to local Leagues when they should cover each Program item so that there is greater coordination in coverage. Atchison said she liked previous use of boxes for Outlook calendar. New title for Outlook for Work will be OUTLOOK: 1975-76. Rockenbach said all Board members should be aware that PR needs two people - the public relations person who knows the mechanics and the Program person who supplies the information. She suggested identifying VIPs throughout the state to use in publicity. Need public relations as opposed to publicity. We need to establish contacts with organizations and individuals. Action and Program people have to decide how to cover in OUTLOOK.

Board Memos: Need to encourage local Boards to order duplicate Board Memos. Need basic how-tos in Board Memos. Stress to presidents the responsibility of passing on parts from Board Memos. Discussed the possibility of having the front page of the Board Memo be a summary to go to all Board members. Decided instead that Jenkins would star items in the Memo which local presidents should be sure to bring to the attention of all local Board members. Material to be shared with all Board members could also be put in special type.

Jenkins asked each Board member to be thinking of priorities within her area and to develop strategies for reaching her goal. The Worksheet for Strategy Planning (p.27, ne LL Handbook) was referred to. Jenkins indicated that her priority would be in training new leaders (for example, off-Board committee members). DeSantis asked if local Leagues could do further study on migrant labor and then lobby? Ad hoc committees and their problems were discussed.
The Board broke up into counterpart meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davies, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Board orientation
June 16, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN, 9:30 a.m., Jerry Jenkins, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Jenkins, Watson, Atchison, Davies, Hall, Amundson, Anderson, Borg, Cushing, DeSantis, Gross, Jones, Knutson, Lewin, Mueller, Ponto, Poppleton, Reeves, Stone, Waldo.

Jean Reeves, Northfield, has accepted appointment as Election Laws chairman.

NONPARTISAN POLICY: Jenkins indicated a Board policy is needed. Anderson cautioned against letting state Board policy carry over to local League Boards. Jones received little negative feedback at Council '74 concerning state Board members serving on local school boards. Atchison noted the problem of a person having the time to do both; we have made a two-year commitment to this Board. It was agreed that a Board member should talk to the president before filing or taking on another job. Watson will draw up guidelines for consideration on June 17. Knutson noted possible conflict of interest with one's portfolio. It was felt that a person could not run for the state legislature and must resign before filing.

SMOKING POLICY: Smoking at Board meetings will be during the lunch break only.

WORKING IN COALITIONS: Jenkins said the Board needs to be sensitive to conflicts. Watson added that we need to be sure we can retreat if necessary. Jenkins said that in any coalition you lose some individual freedom.

PARTICIPATION IN PARTY CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS: Hall suggested there be no restrictions. Atchison felt one could do as much as possible as long as one did not jeopardize one's local League. Amundson said that if we're going to be issue-oriented we should want members to push issues in their parties. There was agreement that all Board members should attend precinct caucuses. Borg suggested that with no restrictions on party participation we may run into trouble with legislators. Cushing said we could leave the policy up to individual members' good judgement. It was suggested that Board members could become district or county delegates, but the activities of the president, Action chairman and CI person should be restricted. The danger of one party getting most of our support was noted. The question was raised as to whether individual Board members could support candidates in municipal elections. In this case a Board member would need to consider the effects on her local League.

OFFICE PROCEDURES: Herb said to clear all work through her and when she is not in the office through Lucas. She asked that Board members indicate to whom memos are intended and from whom. Peggy Thompson handles organization type work; Pat handles Action; Jessie Merrell does typing and billing. Schedule meetings through Herb. Turn in expense vouchers monthly. Herb requested that all deadlines be met. Jenkins asked that a list of off-Board committee members as well as on-Board members be given to Herb. Turn in committee choices to Atchison by June 17. Turn in committee lists by August Board meeting.

BULLETINS AND MINUTES: Jenkins will alternate reading local League bulletins one month and local League minutes the next. Amundson, Cushing and Jones will read local League bulletins.

BOARD MEETINGS: Stone asked whether a local League could be notified of an impending discussion relating to their League. Jenkins said that we do need to be aware of local feelings. Board meetings are open. It was suggested that mention be made in the OUTLOOK that visitors are always welcome. Ponto asked whether the minutes of the state Board meetings could be sent to local Leagues. The general feeling was that the expense was not justified.

OUTLOOK: The deadline to Jenkins is June 30.

CONSULTANT LEAGUES: Choices should be given to Cushing.

ACTION FOR LWVMN: Lobbyists must be formally approved by the Board. When getting out a publication, the Board approves the on-Board readers. On-Board readers approve and return to the author who makes revisions before sending to off-Board readers. The need for local League or Board members not to speak out against a League position was stressed. Watson explained past procedures for approving testimony. Borg said that someone besides the Program chairman needs to see the testimony. Jenkins said we need ideas on how to humanize testimony; how to make it more meaningful and more interesting. Borg noted that we have been doing more informal lobbying. Program people continue to pursue Action goals through the interim. DeSantis said that position statements are not too meaningful; that we need to get more local statistics and need to know key legislators. Stone asked whether off-Board resource people are called upon to give testimony. DeSantis asked about having a state legislator on our committees. The Board felt this should be encouraged, or they could be used as consultants. Amundson asked whether we could send a sheet to legislators asking them to check their legislative interests. This would help in knowing who might be asked to author bills. Borg said that local Leagues do legislative interviews. Lobbying training workshop and legislative interviews need to be added to OUTLOOK calendar.

DEVELOPMENT: Stone explained taxed and tax deductible monies received by the LWVMN and said we need to shift the balance to tax deductible funding. State Development versus local League development could be a problem area. Jenkins asked Stone to clarify a state finance drive as opposed to Development. Stone said Development is ongoing. Stone explained the process of obtaining Education Fund money:

1. Identify projects (hopefully by Program chairmen)
2. Define project
3. Apply to Education Fund
4. Prepare proposal
5. Submit proposal to funding sources
6. Receive money from Education Fund minus 5%

Project costs would include: staff time, supplies, equipment and space, travel time/cost, phone, resource materials.
Cushing asked if the Development committee would be available to local Leagues for advice. Jenkins asked about the possibility of our initiating a project similar to ABC reporting.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: Hall said that we must ask where the money is coming from after the cuts made at Convention. Hall is concerned about the financial responsibility of local Leagues. She would like to see more regular payment of pmps and pledges. Amundson questioned the adequacy of $500 in Program development.

CONSULTANT TRAINING: Board members are to send letters to the local League president or phone to introduce oneself as consultant. The main purpose of the consultant is to aid communication. Local Leagues are to be visited at least once in every two-year period. Cushing stressed the need to follow through on any requests. Local League bulletins and minutes go directly to the consultant. Report to Cushing and office on visits made and any advice given in person or by phone. Use Standards for Local Leagues as a yardstick. Stone asked whether consultants are advocates for their consultant Leagues. The answer is not necessarily, but consultants do bring things to the attention of the Board. Cushing said that if local Leagues want to work with other Leagues on something the state Board should be informed. ILOs are directly recognized by LWVUS. Questions have been raised about giving ILOs delegate status at state Conventions. Local Leagues are to send in prepared Bylaws changes before they are acted upon. Local League names cannot be changed without going through the state Board. Jenkins asked how much the state Board should be involved in initiating cooperative efforts between Leagues. Ponto suggested that it was enough to let local Leagues know of the possibilities. The Board agreed it was not necessary to send lists of all portfolio chairmen of all local Leagues to all local Leagues.

Jenkins reminded Board members to think statewide and to attend local League functions.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES: Board members should write up at least a six-month plan and get it to all Board members. Prior to committee meetings the chairman should send out a fairly specific agenda. Committee makeup, need for representation, new blood, new ideas were discussed. Consultants should note potential committee people in local Leagues. Anderson suggested having a response sheet in the OUTLOOK asking for lobbyists and committee members.

BOARD MEMO: Hall said it loses its value when it's cut up for distribution. Ponto suggested dropping the one side copy and sending several others to be shared by the entire Board. Jones said more Leagues should be encouraged to order state DPMs. Jenkins asked whether the format could be changed and whether all Board members always have something to say to counterparts. Borg said if you don't put something in it looks as though the local Leagues no not need to do anything. Gross noted that the Board Memo is the only contact with the state League for many Leagues, therefore the space used is well worth it. It was suggested that a better layout is needed. Jenkins and Atchison will be responsible for the Board Memo. It would cost about $200/month more to send the Board Memo to all local Board members. Hall suggested a push in the OUTLOOK for subscriptions.

VOTER: Amundson will distribute a sheet on "Writing for the VOTER". She will need information from Program people on what they want in the VOTER. Amundson asked whether the Board wants to devote an issue to the welfare of the child. Reeves suggested that every VOTER have Program material or update. Since some people prefer less Program material, it appears that a mix is needed.

WORKSHOPS, STATE MEETINGS: Waldo will chair FSG. Fall workshops and leadership training are under field service. Watson will be in charge of arrangements for state Council. Cushing suggested having state Council and leadership training together in April. Stone suggested that members of state committees could do part of the training. There was general agreement that this would be too much at one time. Amundson asked if we ever have a theme for Council.

A lobbyist training workshop will be needed. The Columbus Day Workshop has been used as a focus on membership. Jenkins suggested having that day on assertiveness training. Jones suggested the Role of the President.

BOARD PRIORITIES: Borg suggested we discuss priorities, specifically membership. Lewin said she sees a need for quality. Do we need numbers? Borg said maybe we should get all members involved in Action. Stone said management training would be beneficial to local Leagues. Ponto suggested working on how to be an effective citizen or something to get members involved in Action. Cushing noted that we need to face up to the changing role of women.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davies, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
June 17, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102, 9:40 a.m., Jerry Jenkins, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Jenkins, Watson, Atchison, Davies, Hall, Amundson, Anderson, Borg, Cushing, DeSantis, Jones, Knutson, Lewin, Mueller, Ponto, Poppleton, Reeves, Stone, Waldo.
Board Members Absent: Gross (excused, present after lunch).

MINUTES: Minutes of May 13, 1975: page 2, last paragraph, change: "steppint" to "stepping".
There being no other additions or corrections the minutes of the May 13, 1975 Board meeting were approved as corrected.
Minutes of the June 11, 1975 Board meeting were approved as received.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/75	$14,084.40	
Expenditures 4/1/75 to 5/31/75	10,205.75	
Income 4/1/75 to 5/31/75	11,964.79	
Balance on hand 5/31/75	10,832.33	
	5,000.00	short term investment

Knutson requested an explanation of the $23.50 expended for Program Updates.

APPOINTMENTS: MOTION: To approve the appointment of appointed Board members for a two-year term.
Mover: Jones Second: Borg Carried

Jenkins asked Waldo and Mueller to serve on the nominating committee; Stone and Borg to serve on the budget committee.

STATE COUNCIL: Cushing recommended a two-day Council to be in April. Stone suggested Council be strictly business and leadership training; have more free time. P onto suggested longer time for leadership training.

MOTION: To hold a two-day Council in April.
Mover: Anderson Second: Hall Carried

MOTION: To close debate.
Mover: Poppleton Seconded Carried

Jones asked if we couldn't ask at Council whether members felt leadership workshops were valuable. Stone suggested a committee to study leadership workshops. Jones recommended a retreat-type location, keeping costs in mind. Jenkins noted problem of deciding which local League state Program person should attend Council.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add explanation of nature of VOTER, pledges, Land Use position statement.

VOTER: Amundson reported that the May-June VOTER will be on Convention, state Program, officers and portfolios, Action committee and lobbyists, Hope Washburn Award winner, Corrections consensus, president's column and definition of Development and Education Fund.

MOTION: That the LWVMN pay the national pledge quarterly in June, September, December and March.
Mover: Hall Second: Ponto Carried

Hall felt it was a poor example to local Leagues if LWVMN does not pay on time.

LAND USE POSITION: Watson explained action at Convention to change the statement. "Regional" was not in short from but was in explanation of position. Watson did not want to lose "local decision-making" which had come through strongly on consensus. Further clarification was suggested. Watson, Lewin and Amundson will consult and report back.

CALENDAR:

July: Per member payment due. State pledge due.

August 5: State Board meeting
8: Board Memo material due
26: Women's Day at State Fair. ERA.

September 9: State Board Meeting
23,26
27,30: Fall Workshops (membership and finance)
Financing Government committee guide
30: Interim interviews due in state office

October 1: PMP, state pledge due, Fall Workshop
13: Columbus Day seminar
14: State Board meeting
22: UN Rally
31: Membership lists due in state office
PROGRAM FOR ACTION, 1975-77 published

The Board agreed that one Saturdya waorkshop was needed. The goals of the workshops include: helping local Leagues with membership and finance, acquainting local Leagues with state Board people, stimulating interest in Program, showing interrelatedness of Program and organization, distribution of Program information on Financing State Government and LWV financing.

November 11: State Board meeting
15: PRECINCT CAUCUS KITS
18: League lobbyist training
24: Role of Presidency consensus due

December: No state Board meeting
State committees on national Bylaws/Program

January 1: Capitol Letter subscriptions due
PMP and pledge due
6: State Board meeting (budget goals)
15: CMAL. Legislature convenes
20: Focus on State Government
January-FebruaryVOTER with Financing Education study

February 1: National League finance consensus
3: National Program suggestions due
10: Board meeting (budget)
17: Focus on State Government
24: Precinct caucuses
30: Hope Washburn Award nominations due

March 1: Final pledge payment
9: State Board meeting
15: Pledge forms due. Local annual reports due
16: Focus on State Government
18: CMAL
27: Consensus on state aid formula

April 1: First PMP due
13: State Board meeting
20-21: State Council

May 3-7: National Convention
11: State Board meeting
18: School board elections

June 1: State Board meeting
3: CMAL convention
8: Leadership training (evening
9: Leadership training (day)

Local Leagues should fit in meetings on monitoring open meetings and the UN. Jones suggested putting out a list of possible meetings. Borg requested questions for legislative interviews by August 1. Board Memo material should go to Jenkins the Friday following the Board meeting.

COLUMBUS DAY CONFERENCE: Borg noted that nothing else on the calendar is Program-oriented. Knutson will chair.

MATERIAL TO LOCAL LEAGUES: Knutson plans additional information on open meeting law with August Board Memo, and an update on the legislature with the February Board Memo. Stone will have Development resource tool at Council. DeSantis wants ERA material highlighted in September. It could be used as a membership tool. Food stamp information could be presented to units and she will have day care and welfare update in November, also Human Resource legislation that needs passage. Poppleton will prepare material on Taxation/Land Use and will get to local Leagues after first of the year for possible April use in units. Anderson will have basic material on Financing State Government in September and will be looking for Education Fund money for a publication. Gross will have a court reform information update in late fall. Davies suggested the need for unit meetings on UN update and will include suggestions in the OUTLOOK. Reeves will concentrate on rotation of names on ballot and state Ethics Commission. Stone asked about local responsibility for community corrections and the need to inform local Leagues.

Jenkins asked that any suggestions for a public relations person be given to her.

FOCUS ON STATE GOVERNMENT: After discussion of whether the series should focus on state government or Program items, it was decided to use the series for emerging issues in Minnesota. Hall suggested tying in with community schools people as one of their offerings. Ponto suggested gearing at least one to high school students. In response to question from Waldo, the Board indicated preference for facilities at the Y.

CAPITOL LETTER: Jenkins suggested asking Jean Wirsig and Judy Rosenblatt to edit. Board members should be thinking of local members to serve on the committee.

OUTLOOK: Atchison, Jenkins and Watson will put OUTLOOK together on July 1. Atchison, Jenkins and Watson will put Board Memo toghether August 11. Style for OUTLOOK contributions need not be the same but keep audience in mind.

PUBLICATIONS: Let's Talk League - Amundson has been revising to make applicable to Leagues throughout U.S. so we could sell it. Amundson will get it to Lewin to edit.
State Bylaws - Jones will check with Herb on printing revised copy.
Program for Action - Watson will chair. She will need input from Board members on Action whcih can be done locally. Cushing suggested including something about what happens if local Leagues don't agree with a state or national position. It was felt this should be the job of the consultant. Revised material should be in at August Board meeting; publication in October. Stone suggested giving an estimate of cost of OUTLOOK.
League Supports - Davies questioned the need with use of Program for Action. General agreement that it is useful as a membership tool and to use at precinct caucuses. Watson will handle.
Publications Catalogue - Lewin will give thought to update.
Digest of Election Laws - Waldo questioned the value and said the insert had not worked. Waldo will see if the Secretary of State will be putting out similar publication and report back in August. Hall suggested a "splashy" format for use as a public service handout.

NONPARTISAN POLICY: Watson presented the guidelines. Lewin suggested including boards a member of the state Board could run for. Hall questioned the need to restrict people from going to state political conventions. Cushing noted that visibility is the key. Borg suggested that any Board member taking on another big job should let Jenkins know and if a Board member is to be out of town for a period to let Herb know. The Board policy was revised to read: A Board member must consult the president before seeking an elective office. Consideration shall be given to the amount of time involved in holding an additional office and to any possible conflict of interest. All Board members are encouraged to attend precinct caucuses and urged adoption of resolutions compatible with League's positions. Board members (with exception of the president, Action chairman and the Citizens Information chairman) may serve as delegates to party conventions up to the district or county level. Any further involvement in party politics implies an active and highly visible role and negates the nonpartisan policy.

MOTION: To adopt the nonpartisan policy.
Mover: Anderson Second: Reeves Carried with Cushing dissenting

LAND USE STATEMENT: Watson presented the amended short statement to read: Support of an overall state land use plan with maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local level. State help in developing and exercising land use management with opportunity for maximum local decision-making. Regions should plan and regulate matters of more than local concern. Provision for appeals board is added to the end of the statement and reads: provide for an appeals board to arbitrate conflicts among governmental bodies and between citizens and governmental bodies.

MOTION: To adopt amended Land Use statement of position.
Mover: Stone Second: Waldo Carried

MOTION: That Atchison be fourth signature on bank forms.
Mover: Watson Seconded

MOTION: That Lucas be fourth signature.
Mover: Knutson Second: Borg Carried

Jenkins asked that state Board calendar include committee meetings scheduled for August. Lewin asked if Program for Action deadline couldn't be moved up. Watson suggested July 15 to her and then on to Lewin. Stone thanked those signing up for Development meetings and asked cooperation in keeping time schedule. Amundson reminded committee chairmen to schedule several meetings on the same day to aid outstate people.

The meeting was aduourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davies, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

Mins.

9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
Minutes of June 16 and 17 state Board meetings#
Treasurer's Reports - June#, July#
Revision of Agenda

ACTION*

5 Field Service - Cushing
5 Lease - Hall
5 ERA contribution - Watson
5 Appointments - Jenkins

Workshops

DISCUSSION - ACTION*

State Fair — on Com.

30 Setting state Board goals - Atchison
20 Subject for October 13 workshop - Jenkins for Knutson
10 Membership ad hoc committee - Ponto
10 Memo guidelines for local LWVs - Jones
15 Publications - Lewin
10 1977 Convention - Jenkins

update Publication list (include numbers on Nat'l) - to Rhoda's house before 8/4

INFORMATION*

10 Field Service - Cushing
1 Unemployment Survey - DeSantis
1 HR committee meeting - DeSantis
15 Skills Bank - Waldo
5 LWV Role in Computer Voting - Waldo
5 Voter registration project - Waldo

mailed earlier .* included with Agenda
Bring all # and * with you to the meeting.

Reminders

1.) Please bring your consultant files with you - if you are getting new ones - and we'll have a folder exchange.
2.) If you haven't already done so, turn in your legislative interview questions to Borg - like yesterday.
3.) Board Memo materials are due to Jerry Jenkins or the office at Board meeting (or August 8 at the very latest).

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the June 16 and 17 Board meetings as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Reports - to be filed for audit.
3. Revision of Agenda
4. Field Service: a) motion: to recognize Cottage Grove as a local LWV.

Background Information

See attached (blue).

b) motion: to approve the area and name change of the Minnetonka-Eden Prairie League by adding Hopkins.

Background Information

Since 1972 LWV of Minnetonka-Eden Prairie has had a Hopkins unit, currently comprised of 14 members. That unit has completed "Hopkins Handbook" which was distributed to the community this spring.
At the annual meeting of the LWV of Minnetonka-Eden Prairie on May 22, 1975, the members voted to request approval for the change in area and name.

5. Lease: motion: to accept three-year lease by Hillcrest Development - total sum of $10,856.40 to be paid monthly in the amount of $301.57, August 1, 1975 - August 1, 1978. (Previous agreement was $290.65.)

Background Information

Our current lease, which was for only one year, expired in May. The landlord, Hillcrest Development, finally got around to asking for renewal last week. The conditions specified are the same as in previous years.

6. ERA: motion: to contribute $20.00 gift from the Nagoya Youth Services Overseas to the ERA fund (national fund).

Background Information

Helene Borg and Mary Watson spent an afternoon with a group of Japanese students explaining the League; at the close of the session, we were given a contribution of $20.00. It seems appropriate to contribute it to the national fund raising effort for ERA.

7. Appointments: a) motion: to approve the appointment of Georgeann Hall, Jean Reeves, Elna Ponto and Nancy Atchison to a committee to review national Bylaws.
b) motion: to approve the appointment of Mary Watson, Helene Borg, Dottie Stone, Lois DeSantis to a committee to review and suggest national Program items.

Background Information

Bylaw and Program suggestions must be in national office by February 3, 1976. The committees will have proposals ready for approval at the January Board meeting.

DISCUSSION - ACTION

1. Board goals: We often advise local Leagues to formulate Board goals. It seemed to me, after our last meeting, that we were not very clear about our goals for the state Board. My hope is to be able to state two or three - overall- goals to give shape and direction and a feeling of total Board responsibility. For instance:
   to improve communication, to have a project like C.F. drive
   to expand geographical areas covered
   etc. What else do you think of?
   Come to the meeting with at least one goal in mind. Have at least one MAL where there isn't a LL in each House Dist.

2. October Workshop: motion: to approve the subject of assertive training for the Oct. 13 workshop.

Background Information

Several subjects have been suggested--Assertive training- Elna Ponto, HR Committee, Dottie Stone; Energy-Jerry, Watson says not; Human Resources- M. Davies include assertive training, something appealing to teachers; Presidency in conjunction with the U. of MN; Community Based facilities in health, welfare and corrections- HR Committee 2nd choice; no Columbus Day meeting.
Status of Presidency Workshop -- the original proposal submitted by the U. of MN Public Policy Dept. for a two-day conference was not fully funded - $1000. I submitted to Dr. Rogers a format of the meetings sponsored by the Northfield LWV and Carleton College and amply funded by the Minnesota Humanities Commission. Rogers has been given verbal approval of this concept - one day workshop, they will give $1000 plus some extra for speakers, with final approval by Aug. 15. Rogers would be agreeable to the Oct. 13

date; however, this may not come through, everything has been so iffy.
My inclination would be to do an assertive training session for LWV and the public; seems to me it would be excellent for a more action conscious LWV.
The Dept. of Continuing Education and the YWCA have services in this area; it is possible that a one-day workshop could be set up. The techniques should be developed around League action rather than very personal assertiveness, such as asserting yourself with the grocer, etc. The question of cost might be a problem; we could recover the cost of the resource team through registration, if not too prohibitive. It is too late for outside funding.

3. Membership: motion: that an ad hoc committee, made up of Membership and Field Service Committee members, be appointed to consider the feasibility of the state Board becoming actively involved in organizing new Leagues throughout the state and expanding boundaries of present local Leagues. The task force should review present policy, philosophy, standards and procedures for organizing new Leagues and expanding boundaries and report back to the Board at the September meeting. January
Fifty-nine percent of our Leagues have memberships under 50. Seven outstate Leagues are in population areas under 5000, 10 in population areas between 5,000 and 10,000. Outstate we have three county Leagues and four area Leagues. There appears to be a growing number of Leagues with memberships under 50. There appears to be a drop in outstate membership and an increase in metropolitan memberships. We need to consider ways to grow and to keep a balance representative of the state population. More data will be available at the Board meeting on an analysis of our membership in relationship to population, etc.

4. Board Memo guidelines: Enclosed (see blue sheet) are the proposed guidelines for local Leagues to communicate through the Board Memo. All Board members should be aware of these guidelines in case their consulting Leagues have questions. They are open for suggestings, too, for we have doubts about anticipating all the hints they might need. We hope these can be sent out with the August Memo.

5. Publications: Please review the avocado list included with this agenda. How useful is this list? Should we redo it? Depending on the results of this discussion, please update the areas pertinent to your portfolio as well as the overall material and give changes to Rhoda Lewin at the meeting. Rhoda may have estimates for printing PROGRAM FOR ACTION available for our information on the 5th (or by Aug. 11th) too.

6. 1977 Convention: Although it seems we just completed our Convention, we must set dates and place now so that we can "book" both the parliamentarian and the location.

INFORMATION

1. Field Service: Alexandria and Duluth have accepted the invitations to be hostess Leagues for Fall Workshops on Sept. 23 and 26 respectively. We have not yet received a response from Austin re Oct. 1, nor are the metro workshops nailed down. Ann Knutson will visit Alexandria on Sept. 16 and Jeannette Kahlenberg, Mankato, Sept. 25 to do Program/Action presentations. Pertinent information generated by the August 4 Field Service Committee meeting will be presented orally.

2. Survey: In late June, parts II and III of the LWVUS Unemployment Study were sent to all local Leagues. Part II was sent out in April as part of an Action Alert with very little previous word to local Leagues that the study was underway. There was some negative feedback then and again this time. I tried to forestall as much of this as possible by collection and disseminating statistics from state agencies and by giving assignments to local Leagues where there were overlapping boundaries.
If questions arise, please interpret this study as part of our national action program in line with one of our two national priorities. The national office found that not enough statistics were available from Washington bureaus to make an intelligent lobbying effort in the area of unemployment. Unfortunately, I

wasn't able to get much significant data from the Minnesota Dept. of Employment Services either, but we've done our best.

Human Resources Committee meeting, July 22nd - Priorities Set.
At its July meeting, the state HR Committee attempted to set some goals and priorities for the coming year. Three main concerns emerged, namely: ERA, Human Services legislation and the Dept. of Human Rights. Action contemplated includes:

a. ERA - continue to interpret the merits of ERA and try to head off any further attempts to rescind it in Minnesota.
b. Human Services - interpret the state legislation and ask for monitoring and feedback from Leagues in areas where Human Services Boards were established.
c. Dept. of Human Rights - Keep alert to criticisms of the department and make some attempt to ascertain if these are justified.

Information was handed out at convention on the ERA and food stamps. Local action will be urged on these items. Information, with action suggestions, will be given on the Human Services Act in November (changed from previously suggested welfare and day care) and on pending HR/EO legislation in December.

3. HR Committee minutes - attached (buff).

4. Waldo's materials - see attached (white))
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6. " ")

material did not arrive via the U.S. mail service - will be available for you at the meeting.

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

August 1975

TO: All Boarders
FROM: Peggy Thompson
RE: Provisional League of Women Voters of Cottage Grove

Population of Cottage Grove is 15,000 plus. Located in Washington County south of St. Paul - 1st congressional district, 51B legislative.
Old rural community that has taken on cloak of suburbia comparatively recently. Population rather mobile - few with community "roots".

Recognized as a provisional in January 1974 with 57 members.
Membership August 1975 - 44, climbing slowly but steadily since a drop to 38. Could be back to 50 by January 1976.

Units: Two units now - morning and evening. Attendance is pretty good. They meet twice a month sometimes substituting a general meeting for one unit meeting.

Program: Has been covered very well although the Board continues to fret about it. There is a deep concern for member understanding of positions and basis for Action. They use the bulletin well for Program catch-up and background and plan to continue. They have taken Action on ERA with the approval of the state Action chairman. They are beginning to get a better feel for pulling together consensus.

Committees: All portfolios have at least one committee member, most run three and more.

CI: Three candidates meetings so far. They say attendance has been much better than at similar meetings previously sponsored by others.
They are called upon to provide election judges.
They produce a candidates profiles used by the paper.
Voters Guides widely distributed.

Publications: Use of publications is pretty good. Item chairmen and committees well taken care of; some problem still with distribution to members.

PR: Good coverage in the local paper. They have been asked to appear several times on the small radio station located in the area.
Local officials are well aware of their presence and relations seem very good

Local: Survey was in print before the time of their interim report. They were given an okay to conduct a full-fledged annual meeting in April, in anticipation of early fall recognition. In addition to budget adoption, officers were elected and local Program adopted - a planning item. The new Board is a good mix of new and old. Program-making was handled very well.

Finance: Current budget is $1333, $300 below the first budget which covered a 16 month period. Reached their goal in the finance drive, but it was a low goal ($250 approx.) because of their windfall in dues during the first budget period. But it served to build their self-confidence and assurance they can meet the current $500 goal.

Advisor feels they are well prepared for recognition.

Guidelines for Use of the Board Memo
By Local Leagues

JUL 30 1975

This year the Board Memo will be attempting to aid communication among local leagues. The idea grew out of a meeting of outstate leagues at state convention who felt somewhat isolated with problems and situations they knew affected other leagues, but. . which ones?? Since league budgets won't tolerate too many long distance calls, we thought the Memo might provide this service. Each president will want to read this portion carefully to see if she can be of help to other leagues or find something of interest to her league. Then, please, please, follow through. The Memo is only the first step.

First class copies of the Board Memo are mailed to local league presidents ten days following the state board meeting, the second Tuesday of each month, excepting July and December which have no meetings and no Memo's. You will need to ~~xxxx~~ consider that delay, plus the time required for delivery, and opportunity for presidents to read, digest, and get around to responding. The Board Memo is not an effective method of getting a quick answer. We hope it will work for you in the longer view,

Guidelines:

1. Deadline: ~~Z~~received by state board meeting, second Tuesday of each month.
2. Address: all meterial should be addressed to the state office (LWVMn, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, 55102); Attention: Barbara Jones
3. Signature: Name of local league, president & address
4. ~~Due to~~ Budget restrictions; no more than one page total per month can be included, which means there may ~~have to~~ be some cutting in a busy month.
5. As with all other material appearing in the Memo, final responsibility rests with the president. She has the final review and occasionally edits for reasons of length, clarity, and league policy.
6. Suggestions for items of interest to other leagues:
   a. Requests for joint action relating to regions, counties or multi-county situations
   b. Requests for information from other leagues, esecially relating to regions, counties, or multi-county problems
   c. Search for kindred spirits in generating support for national or state study items
   d. Reports of success stories in action, VS/CI, membership, fund raising, or anything else you'd like to share.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 5, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102, 9:30 a.m., Jerry Jenkins, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Amundson, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Davies, DeSantis, Hall, Jenkins, Jones, Lewin, Mueller, Ponto, Poppleton, Stone, Waldo, Watson.
Board Members Absent: Anderson, Gross, Knutson, Reeves.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 16, 1975 Board orientation meeting were approved as received.

Corrections: page 4, PUBLICATIONS, Program for Action, last sentence, change to: "estimate of cost in Outlook."
page 5, MOTION, line 2, insert: "Withdrawn".

The minutes of the June 17, 1975 Board meeting were approved as corrected. Jenkins noted that we need to follow through on suggestions recorded in the minutes - which ideas are to be pursued and by whom.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/75	$14,084.40
Expenditures 4/1/75 to 6/30/75	18,526.16
Income 4/1/75 to 6/30/75	17,210.53
Balance on hand 6/30/75	7,768.77 checking
	5,000.00 short term investment

Balance on hand 4/1/75	$14,084.40
Expenditures 4/1/75 to 7/31/75	22,520.15
Income 4/1/75 to 7/31/75	20,908.85
Balance on hand 7/31/75	7,473.10 checking
	5,000.00 short term investment

Hall noted that the secretary's budgeted expenses will need to be revised upward. The budget committee will meet and report back to the Board.

MOTION: To accept the June and July Treasurer's Reports.
Mover: Borg Second: Cushing Carried

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to discussion: Action - State Fair.

FIELD SERVICE: MOTION: To recommend that the LWVUS recognize Cottage Grove as a local League.
Mover: Cushing Second: Waldo Carried

MOTION: To recommend to LWVUS that approval be granted for the area and name change of the LWV of Minnetonka-Eden Prairie to include Hopkins.
Mover: Cushing Second: Watson Carried

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: MOTION: To accept a three-year lease by Hillcrest Development - total sum of $10,856.40 to be paid monthly in the amount of $301.57, August 1, 1975 to August 1, 1978.
Mover: Hall Second: Cushing Carried

ERA CONTRIBUTION: MOTION: To contribute the $20 gift from the Nagoya Youth Services Overseas to the ERA Fund (national fund).
Mover: Watson Second: Waldo Carried

APPOINTMENTS: MOTION: To approve the appointment of Georgeann Hall, chairman, Elna Ponto, Jean Reeves and Nancy Atchison to a committee to review national Bylaws. and Helene Borg, Dottie Stone and Lois DeSantis to a committee to review and suggest national Program items.
Mover: Amundson Second: Poppleton Carried

Committee proposals will be ready for Board consideration in time to meet the national deadline.

MEETING SITES: Austin, Alexandria and Duluth have been contacted to hostess fall workshops; Brooklyn Center and St. Paul are being contacted. Space has been reserved at the St. Paul YWCA for the Focus on Emerging Issues series. Jenkins noted that all locations must be firmed up by the September Board meeting.

STATE FAIR: Waldo reported on Woman's Day at the State Fair and the need for outlets to sell ERA bracelets. DFL and UN have agreed that bracelets may be sold through their booths but the Republicans have not, as support of ERA is not in their platform. Waldo relayed Jeanette Kahlenberg's concern that this puts the League in an awkard position. Jenkins is meeting with Republican chairpersons Slocum and Ring and will mention the opportunity of selling bracelets. In response to Poppleton's comment that similar situations are difficult on the local level, Waldo suggested that it is not as sensitive in this situation. Atchison noted that the bracelets do not say LWV.

MOTION: That Jeanette Kahlenberg be allowed to plan for ERA promotion at the State Fair with the approval of Jenkins.
Mover: Waldo Second: Amundson Carried

Borg noted that we will be able to return any bracelets we don't sell. Jenkins mentioned the need to promote and sell; people won't just buy.

STATE BOARD GOALS: Atchison listed the following goals suggested by Board members:
1. To become known as state leaders by getting to know other leaders. Jenkins suggested that we need to think statewide in relation to other organizations and businesses. This could be done by inviting other state leaders to meet with us during our lunch break. We need to get in tune with other state groups and to see ourselves as state leaders.
2. To develop ongoing leadership.
3. One every-member project with guaranteed success. Borg suggested having one concrete job that each League member could list as an accomplishment for the year, recalling the Campaign Financing petition drive.
4. Follow up on "each one bring one". Jenkins suggested that goal three should be tied in with membership. LWVMN could make a mail contact with each prospective member.
5. Membership in each Minnesota House District. Borg noted that we don't have Leagues in all House districts, and perhaps we could encourage members-at-large and give them some responsibility. All legislators could be asked to become members-at-large.
6. Increase membership outstate. Ponto suggested we be "outstate" oriented and try to concentrate on gaining more members in outstate areas. Ponto envisioned a 10% gain in membership. Amundson asked about the role of state leaders versus the role of local leader.

7. Minimize differences between geographical areas through responsiveness and communicating. Jones said we should minimize any unnecessary emphasis on metro versus outstate.
8. Think BIG. Stone suggested doing this in Development as well as in other areas.
9. Do something positive about men. DeSantis suggested that we need to do some creative thinking about men in the League. Jenkins noted that this ties in with our meeting with state leaders.
10. Enhance lobbying skills. Atchison saw a need to enhance our lobbying skills; perhaps the Board should lobby as a group.
11. Analyze our image in Minnesota. Lewin asked if we had ever done an image study of the Minnesota League.
12. Enhance our self-image. Hall noted that the state Board needs to improve its image with local Leagues. Pledges would then come in more easily.

Becoming state leaders emerged as the number one goal. By August 19 all Board members should send Atchison a list of how the goal of becoming state leaders can be implemented in their portfolio. Atchison, Borg, Stone and Watson will compile suggestions. Lunch with a state leader will be arranged for the September 9 Board meeting.

COLUMBUS DAY WORKSHOP: The Presidency Workshop being planned by the U. of M. is still up in the air. Amundson suggested assertiveness training and Ponto noted that this would help our members become ready for men as LWV members. Watson noted the problem of timing for the national Program. Ponto suggested dispersing workshops to other areas and placing more responsibility on local Leagues. Assertiveness training would also fit into lobbyist training. It was suggested that the October 13 meeting be as assertiveness training workshop but that final plans await word August 15 about the Presidency Workshop. Poppleton volunteered to investigate and report in September.

MOTION: That Poppleton and Jenkins proceed with plans for October 13 assertiveness training and keep Knutson informed.
Mover: Borg Second: Jones Carried

MEMBERSHIP: MOTION: That an ad hoc committee, made up of the membership and field service committee members, be appointed to consider the feasibility of the state Board becoming actively involved in organizing new Leagues throughout the state and expanding boundaries of present local Leagues and seeking out members-at-large where there are no Leagues.
Mover: Ponto Second: Stone Carried

The task force should review present policy, philosophy, standards and procedures for organizing new Leagues and expanding boundaries and report back to the Board at the January meeting. Amundson asked if there was money in the budget. Cushing said the treasurer needs to be consulted as the committee proceeds. Ponto sees the first year as review of policy and the second year as implementation. Borg asked if any Bylaws changes were anticipated. Jenkins appointed Cushing and Ponto to co-chair the committee, and they in turn will appoint their committee.

BOARD MEMO GUIDELINES: Jones explained the for local Leagues to communicate with each other through the state Board Memo. This is not limited to outstate Leagues. Jones sees the need to reevaluate at the time of Council. The question was raised as to where this would come out of the budget, and it was suggested that it could be field service. The guidelines will be sent to local Leagues with the Board Memo.

PUBLICATIONS: MOTION: To accept the bid of Associated Lithographers for 3000 copies of PROGRAM FOR ACTION, 1975-77 at $735.
Mover: Lewin Second: Watson Carried

The Board agreed on the need to update and reissue "Guide to Publications for Local League Board Members". Revisions for each portfolio, including relevant national publication numbers are to be sent to Lewin (at home) by August 12. Davies will see that absent Board members are notified. Lewin will have information on FACTS for the September meeting. Amundson has Let's Talk League ready for readers who should return material to Jenkins by August 12.

CONVENTION: Selection of the 1977 site will determine date. Watson volunteered to check places available and report in September.

FIELD SERVICE: Cushing presented outline for the fall workshops. All Board members are expected to attend at least one workshop. Expenses are budgeted as a Board expense. It was noted that the workshops provide a good opportunity to meet with consultant Leagues. Stone suggested state Board members actively meet local members at the workshops. Bulky material destined for local Leagues can be delivered at the workshops. Ponto asked whether content of workshops should be prepared and sent to Leagues who do not attend.

HUMAN RESOURCES: The minutes of the committee meeting were distributed.

DeSantis reported that the national unemployment survey has caused some negative feedback from local Leagues. DeSantis compiled some information which she sent to aid local Leagues.

SKILLS BANK: Waldo reported on the current situation and recommended continuing our support. In response to a question from Cushing, Waldo said it had met with some success, but it was not overwhelming. It's difficult to find out abou- vacancies. Jenkins asked if we could improve the process.

CITIZEN INFORMATION: Waldo reported on a public meeting in which she participated on July 15 concerned with state election procedures. Waldo also reported on a voter registration project being done by a student intern in the office of the Secretary of State which might involve League members in Bloomington, Minneapolis and Minnetonka.

Jenkins reported on letters sent to Al Austin, to the LWVUS and to the U.S. Ambassador to the UN and on the off-the-record session with Secretary of State Kissinger to which she was invited.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davies, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

Mins.	
	9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
	Minutes of August 5 Board meeting#
	Treasurer's Report* - Hall
	Revision of Agenda
30	Goals - Atchison
15	Budget Preparation - Wirsig
	ACTION*
5	IR - Davies
2	EQ Lobbyists - Poppleton
15	Law Suit - Borg
15	Capital Expenditures - Hall (Amundson)
1	Tours - Jenkins
5	AAUW Conference - Jenkins
15	Council, Convention - Jenkins for Watson
2	ERA - DeSantis
15	Grantsmanship - Stone

Ponto

LUNCH - 1 HOUR - Bill Quirin, Speaker

	DISCUSSION*
5	New members - Ponto
10	Skills Bank - Jenkins
10	Metro 2000 - Jenkins
15	Internships
	INFORMATION*
5	VOTER - Amundson
5	Fall Workshops - Cushing
5	October Workshop - Knutson
5	Assertiveness Training - Jenkins
2	Clusen Social - Jenkins
5	UNEP - Jenkins
5	Federal Reserve Bank Invitation - Jenkins
5	Reference materials - Hall
2	Metro Council mailings - Herb
3	Office Space

Borg
DeSantis

DeSantis

mailed earlier * included with Agenda
Bring # and all * with you to the meeting.

Next State Board Meeting - October 14, 1975

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: approve the minutes of the August 5 Board meeting as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
3. Revision of Agenda
4. Goals Report - will be done orally by Nancy Atchison
   FYI - two articles on Management by Objectives, courtesy of Dottie Stone.

5. Budget Preparation - Jean Wirsig requests that before coming to the meeting you reread the Purpose and Principles of the LWV as stated in the bylaws. Materials to help prepare you to think toward budgeting for the future will be distributed at the meeting.

6. IR: motion: To withhold support for the statement of Minnesotans For a Secure Peace in the Middle East concerning strong U.S. actions should Israel be ousted from the UN and instead make publicly known our concern regarding recent actions violating the UN Charter.

Background Information

Minnesotans for a Secure Peace in the Middle East, headed by Eugenie Anderson and Wheelock Whitney, have asked LWVMN to join in supporting the following statement:
"We support Secretary Kissinger's statement declared in Helsinki on July 30, 'The United States has expressed its strong opposition to expulsion of Israel from the United Nations on grounds that it would be a violation of the United Nations Charter.
'The United States will take definite and clear action should the United Nations take such action in violation of the Charter. We believe such action would have serious consequences for the World Organization.'
It is clear that if Israel were to be ousted from the United Nations as a result of the Arab countries' present drive, and if the United States and other leading nations were to withdraw in protest, the United Nations would be unable to function in its present useful role in helping to maintain peace in the Middle East. Indeed, the United Nations itself could be fatally and irreparably damaged."
While League members deplore the Arab countries' drive to oust Israel from the UN, and would view such action as a violation of the UN Charter, the League positiondoes not seem to be clear-cut in regards U.S. withdrawal in protest. This is a question our members will be addressing themselves to as they disucss different alternatives for U.S. policy toward the UN. I feel the League can do more by building support for the UN and would suggest a letter to the editor and/or to our Congressional delegation deploring the actions against Israel but stressing the need for the UN. Another option is for Jerry to sign the statement as an individual using LWVMN only for identification.

7. EQ Lobbyists: motion: Approves the following as EQ lobbyists:

Nancy Latimer (LWV of St. Paul)	Pat Stein (LWV of Brooklyn Park)
Carol McLean (LWV of Roseville)	Peggy Watson (LWV of Chaska)

8. Law Suit: motion: LWVMN join a court suit, being initiated by MCLU, challenging the present Ballot Rotation law.

Background Information

Through concurrence, the LWVMN adopted a position in support of ballot rotation. We did not specify the type of rotation. Since that time, the legislation being considered has been to determine how ballots should be rotated, if they should be rotated. Our consensus was based on what is fair for all candidates. Most bills deal with party position. This fall a law suit will be filed questioning the constitutionality of the present method of giving all candidates of the majority party the top spot on the ballot. The motion under consideration proposes that the LWVMN join in this suit. More information will be available at the Board meeting.

9. Capital Expenditures: motion: That the LWVMN take $1400.00 from reserves for the purchase of a Scriptomatic Model 72 Addressing Machine.

Background Information

Since approximately 1967 Workmen's Service has been printing, addressing and mailing the Minnesota VOTER. Until three years ago, they maintained the addressograph (Scriptomaster) cards; we sent them new members, drops, changes of address, etc. We soon learned that they had about 6,000 or more cards, and our membership showed about 5,000. Therefore, the decision was made to maintain the cards in our office. When Shirley would take the copy of the VOTER over to be keylined and printed, she carried the file drawers with her. When Workmen's Service completed their entire job, they returned the file drawers to us as well as any leftover copies of the VOTER. The past few months Workmen's Service has

moved its principle office from Minneapolis (across from the Leamington) to somewhere out in Eden Prairie. This has added approximately two days to the VOTER preparation and the distribution process. At Shirley's request, letters were sent to 15 printers and addressers, asking them to bid on the VOTER, following the same process that Workmen's Service has followed. It was specifically and definitely stated in that letter that we use Scriptomaster cards, and bidding was done based on their use.

Union Advocate submitted a bid for $366 per 4-page issue; this is approximately $100 less than Workmen's Service charge. Naturally, in order to save money, Shirley accepted this bid. When it got down to the final nitty-gritty, however, and the VOTER was already in process, we learned that they did not have addressing equipment which utilizes the Scriptomaster cards. As you can imagine, this caused us some problems. Shirley investigated several openings: Workmen's Service can do the addressing, but at what cost, I am not sure. When Union Advocate printed the VOTERS GUIDE VOTER last fall, and when Workmen's Service did the addressing, it cost us about $97 just for the addressing. Another option would be to try to talk Union Advocate into buying a Scriptomaster machine, and Shirley was going to try to talk their advertising manager into so doing; he said no. Our third option would be to rent a Model No. 72 Scriptomaster ourselves. The rent is $70 a month for a minimum of three months ($210.00). However, if during that time, a decision is made to purchase or to lease-purchase, 70% of the rent is applicable to the purchase price. A rebuilt 72 costs $1400.00, a new one, $1995.00. Lease-purchase 36 months would cost the LWV $2167.84, or 13½% interest. 90-day plan there would be no interest.

The present cost is $90.00 per issue to address or $540.00 per year. In three years the cost to the LWV would be $110.00 for a service contract which includes three calls per year and replaces all wearable parts except motor. After the initial cost, our yearly cost would be $110.00 for service contract.

If we did purchase our own, we could do the VOTER addressing, Capitol Letter addressing, our regular Board Memo, DPMs, etc., etc. We would also have a flexibility of addressing for other organizations or organizations which wish to contact our members. Two examples of the latter: as you will note from the first page of the Board Memo, Interact is having a conference on October 4th, and they arranged to borrow our Scriptomaster cards for League members in the Metro Area only. The U of MN is having a conference in November, and they also might want to mail individually to Metro Area Leaguers. We could maintain complete control of our lists by doing the addressing for these types of things for a small fee.

Motion: Purchase an unfinished desk for Jerry Jenkins to be placed in the office behind Jessie's desk.

Motion: Accept Insurance with increase from $125 to $150 per year.

Background Information

Office contents to $5,000 and the bond to $5,000. The Workman's Compensation would be above this. Last year was about $40.00.

10. Tours: motion: LWVMN does not promote tours.

Background Information

Trans Global Tours has contacted the LWVMN re advertising and sponsoring pleasure tours - especially to Hawaii. The LWVMN has sponsored tours in the past - a 1970 study tour of Scandinavia and the Soviet Union; a 1968 study tour of Europe. However, both these tours concentrated on governmental or environmental issues as well as sightseeing pleasure. There were difficulties with both tours, especially in securing sufficient people (which necessitated contacting other state Leagues).

11. AAUW - The AAUW is sponsoring a conference on sex offenders. Information was to have been submitted by a Minneapolis LWV and AAUW member but it has not yet arrived.

12. Council: motion: To hold state Council '76 at Camp Courage.

Background Information

Information on possible location for Council on April 20-21, 1976 - checked out all possible camps and there are only two that qualify:

1) Iduhopi at Lorette: Bunks and dormitory; Cost including four meals, bedding, towels = $15.00 plus tax. Haven't checked this out personally and remember it only vaguely from a previous time.
2) Camp Courage at Buffalo (Annandale, to be precise): Bunks; cost including four meals, bedding, towels = $14.50 plus tax. The acoustics in the gym were very bad. There is a recreation room below the dining room, but it is not as large as the gym and we might be crowded with 175 people. (1972 attendance was 176; 1974 attendance was 147.)
My suggestion is to use Camp Courage again; we know the one drawback and the recreation room is a possible substitute.

State Convention: the Third week in May seems an impossible time if we utilize college campuses. Following are the ones I've investigated:
Hamline - Won't book that far ahead, time might conflict with graduation
Macalester - Graduation is May 23 and then summer session starts
Augsburg - Graduation is first week in June; gym not air conditioned
St. Catherine - Graduation is May 20 and they need three weeks to clean!
Gustavus - Only available in late June
St. Benedict - not available the third week in May; checking out the earliest date available.
St. John - not available the third week in May; checking out the earliest date available.
St. John and St. Benedict seem the most favorable; the location seems right and within easy driving distance. Peggy Thompson and I will check them out and call with pertinent information before or during the Board meeting.

13. ERA: motion: To donate the profit from the sale of bracelets at the Fair, a total of $37.50, to the Minnesota Coalition to Support the ERA.

Background Information

A total of 766 bracelets were sold at the Fair and a Business and Professional Women's Club meeting. The bracelets cost $2.50 and are sold for $3.00 providing a 50¢ profit/bracelet. The LWVMN contributed $25 to the Coalition previously, the money to be used toward printing brochure. The Coalition did not receive sufficient moneys to pay for the brochure; this additional money would be greatly appreciated.

14. Grantsmanship - see attached (buff)

DISCUSSION

1. New members: State president's welcome letter, League Supports and FACTS mailed directly to new members. Convey to a new member that she has joined not only a local League, but state and national as well. The letter could include information about state action, structure, Convention - a look at the state League and a special welcome from the state president. Cost per each new member, based on present or previous costs - postage, 10¢; League Supports, 3¢; FACTS, 7¢, envelope, 2¢, letter, 2¢; total, 24¢. (Postage if Publications Catalog included would be 20¢ first class.) Approximate number of new members from Sept. 1 to April 1, 1976 is 600 (including re-instates). (Postage to be charged against postage; League Supports and FACTS charged to complimentary copies.)

2. Skills Bank: Rita Kaplan, former LWVMN state Board member and presently executive director of Minnesota Chapter of National Assoc. of Social Workers, suggests that a mechanism be established to build a list of people - men and women - who are willing to serve by appointment on various committees, boards, etc.

3. Metro 2000: The LWVMN is registered for Metro 2000 in the name of Jerry Jenkins. This ticket may be shared with the person attending writing up a brief summary of that meeting. Please review your program of the topics to be covered and be ready to state your preference.
At the September 25 seminar, the LWVMN will be allowed to sell publications and provide membership information in the foyer before and after the meeting. Who would like to attend?

4. Internships: We have had several requests for providing opportunities for interns to work with the LWV. We have responded to Carleton suggesting an intern work with Karen Anderson's Financing State Government Committee.
We have a request from Stillwater High School to provide internships on the fifth day. (They have a four-day regular school program with the fifth day being spent in a "school without walls" situation.) These students could do research, typing, general office work, etc.

INFORMATION

1. VOTER: Sept.-Oct. VOTER deadline is Oct. 1.
   . Legislative Outlook - amount of space since Legislature intends to have a short session? Ann. + Jean
   . Budget Committee article
   . Membership article
   . Finance Drive article
   . Other?

2. Fall Workshops: oral report by Carolyn Cushing.

3. October Workshop: October 13 - "Choosing the Presidency" (see attached sheet - buff) St. Paul YWCA, 65 E. Kellogg Blvd. Harriett agrees to handle all reservations to avoid confusion. However, I must consult with Joe Kroll, Dept. of Conferences and Lectures, before that decision is made - should know by Board meeting time. Reservation date should be by October 8, to give the YW some idea on numbers that may use the dafeteria. Bag lunches may not be eaten in the cafeteria.
Dr. Rogers is still working on panelists. They will be responsible for the brochure. LWVMN will use our Sept. 19 mailing to inform Leaguers and public. Rogers has his own list for mailing.
Question: What other methods of PR should the LWVMN be involved in?

4. Assertiveness Training: Since we will be having the presidency as the topic for the October workshop, had mentioned the possibility of assertiveness training in the last Board Memo, and the topic fits well with leadership training, perhaps we should consider offering such training next spring.

5. Clusen Social: There will be a "social" on November 6 for state Board members, staff, local League presidents, Barbara Stuhler and Irene Janski at Jerry Jenkins' house for sherry, 3-4:30 p.m. to meet Ruth Clusen.

6. UNEP: Jerry Jenkins had lunch with Wayne Kines, president of World Media Consultants, Manitoba. He's been with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and was interested in holding a conference on global waters in the Twin Cities area. I don't know if his proposed conference in Minnesota will take place. One of the problems is in timing. We'll be getting the UN Assoc. people and others together to see if there is interest. Mr. Kines wanted it here when the World Press Institute people are in the Twin Cities this fall. That doesn't give us much lead time!

7. Federal Reserve Bank invitation: oral.

8. Reference Materials: We have some very old books and reference materials sitting around on shelves. None of the staff feels confident to make the decision to throw them out. Program chairmen and CMAL will be asked, by Georgeann Hall, to browse through the collection before Nov. 1 and pitch that which is no longer current.

9. Metro Council mailings: The office has notified Metro Council that it would like to receive newsletters on finance, taxes, water/sewers and solid waste. Metro Council, in updating their lists, limited people to four categories. Other categories include: Air Quality, Parks/Open Space, Criminal Justice, Demography, Economics, Education, Health, Housing, Airports, Highways/Transit, Development Franework, Aging, Telecommunications, Rivers. If you want to receive any of these, contact Metro Council, 227-9421, Pat O'Connell.

10. Office Space: The St. Paul LWV has appointed a committee to search for new office

space. Their rent has increased to $125.00 per month for 500-600 square feet. In addition, they pay a monthly charge for contract parking for their office staff. The St. Paul LWV inquired to see if there would be any space available at 555 Wabasha. Harriett reported that the Barber Board, Room 208, will be moving to Metro Square Building Oct. 1. That office has 561 square feet, and the rent on a two-year lease would be $197.00, including one parking space.

The Office Management Committee, Nancy Atchison, Georgeann Hall, Jerry Jenkins, met with two persons from the St. Paul committee. Reason for meeting: see if there would be any possibility of sharing space. First fact is that St. Paul is unable to pay anything above $140.00, leaving a balance of $51.70 per month for extra space for LWVMN. As far as sharing equipment.....not necessary.

The St. Paul Board met Sept. 3 and said they were NOT interested in the space in this building; they're in no hurry but rather in the "just looking, thank you" stage.

Copying and Duplicating Service: A letter is being sent to all tenants of 555 Wabasha. The letter states that the LWVMN can provide in-house convenience at a price lower than comparable outside printing services (i.e. Insty-Prints). This will help us earn the $1750.00 we have budgeted as income from Xeroxing.

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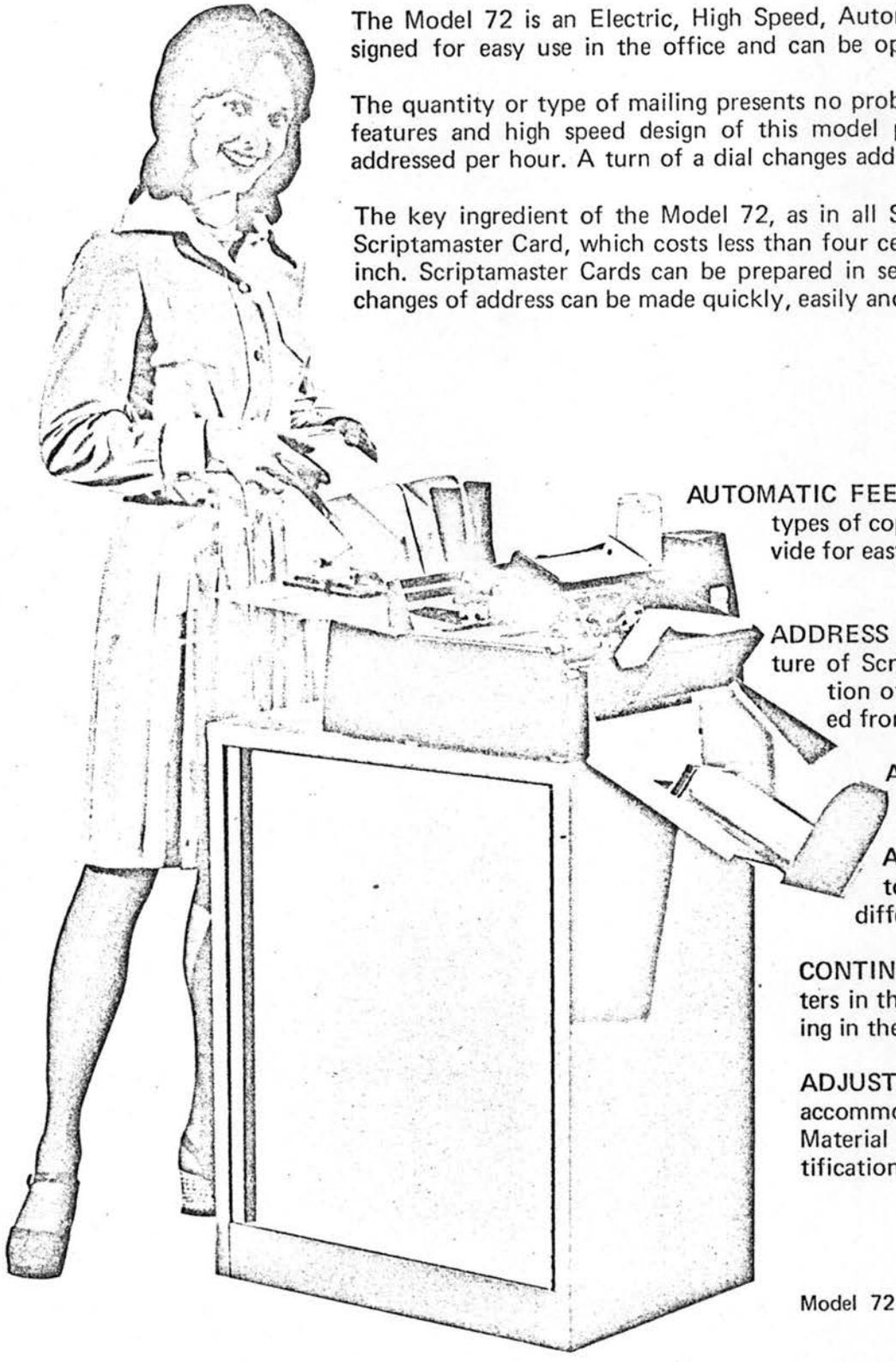

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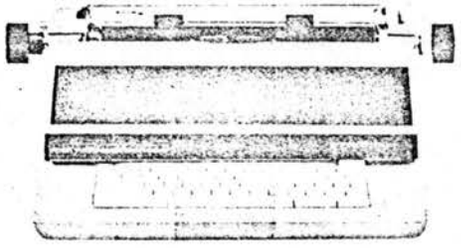

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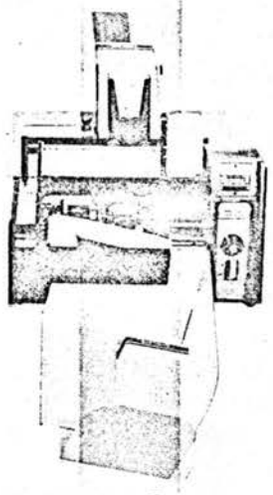

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SOME CONSIDERATIONS IN

METHODOLOGY FOR PREPARING OBJECTIVES

1. Avoid statements of objectives in generalities.

2. If possible, define an objective in terms of a single result.

3. Do not include program steps in the statement of objectives.

4. Understand that a critical, basic difficulty exists in determining which objectives are within scope of the functions of ones supervisor, ones self, and ones subordinates.

5. Avoid the problem of stating objectives as too omnibus--if necessary, write a program as in the form of a set of sub-objectives. Then the staffing column in the matrix is essentially the delegation of these sub-objectives.

6. There is the need to avoid "a priori" reasoning in establishing the program.

7. There is the need for continuous redefinition, time sequencing and assignment of priorities as matrix is quantified for the steps in the program.

8. Remember that there will be difficulty in defining "quantified evaluation devices" to provide adequate, relevant feedback.

9. Initially, there is always some setting the "cost not to exceed". There is then a need for a recycling to make this figure relatively accurate.

10. Be certain to test to determine the validity of the objective.

11. Make a determination as to what level of detail is sufficient in the construction of the program.

    (a) At what level do you quit programming and delegate?

    (b) Regardless of delegation, what is the point of "reducto ad absurdum" in program detail.

12. There is a difficulty in securing accurate cost data in the matrix detail.

13. Question the validity of your assumptions inherent in statements regarding "coordination" and "administrative" requirements in the matrix.

14. Determine the cost-value relationship of the objective, in numbers if possible, in words if not.

15. Avoid the tendency to lump program steps and make them too broad.

16. Test to be certain the delegated individual has the professional capability to specify the program.

17. Be aware of the difficulty in forecasting unknown constraints and factors in developing the program.

18. When you determine the "time involved" for people in coordination, be aware of the consequent difficulty of conversion to cost.

19. There is a need to set the date for final step in program as the same date in the objective.

20. There always exists a difficulty in selecting language which can communicate to all interested parties, not to just a limited technical group.

21. There is a problem of "how" to relate a given objective to major cooporate objectives.

22. We need to identify our present position prior to solving problem objectives.

23. There exists a difficulty in integrating our unit's work load with the need to help other departments and their work load.

24. There is difficulty in separating "staffing" from program steps.

25. The problem of proliferation of results from interacting causes creates a program so complex as to be unmanageable with the matrix format. Other devices such as PERT may be needed to supplement the Objectives Formulator.

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MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES

by

Wallace G. Lonergan

A. Definition of Management by Objective

Management by Objective as a concept may be stated in this way; if a manager cannot or does not state, in advance of the time required for action, his objectives in writing and in detail he cannot know for sure what he is doing. As a consequence there can be little hope that his operation will achieve the necessary results so that fundamental objectives of the organization will be accomplished. He will not be managing the situation but rather the situation will be managing him.

B. Requirements of Management by Objective

Management by objective requires the following steps:

1. Putting in writing, by functional area, the objectives to be accomplished in terms of results.
2. Laying out a program for each objective.
3. Securing understanding and approval of the manager's superior.
4. Communicating these objectives to subordinates for their detailed programming.
5. Defining the limits within which the subordinates can operate
6. Defining the necessary evaluation devices so that the manager will be able to determine periodically what progress is being made.

C. An Approach to Management by Objectives

The objective of management can be stated as the maximization of human wants, desires, and aspirations by formulating objectives; defining limitations; providing guidance; developing a scheme of activities; and supervising the performance of activities. The following ideas have helped others to apply this approach:

1. To accomplish his objectives a manager manages men.
2. Management objectives state the specific accomplishment expected of each individual in a specific period of time so that the work of the whole management group is soundly blended at a particular moment of time.

3. To the extent that you can state the objectives in terms of final measurable results you should do it.

4. Too many objectives tend to take the drive out of an objective program. As a working rule, no position should have more than two to five objectives, at any one time.

5. It is usually advantageous for an executive to first set the creative goals of a position.

6. It is not only perfectly proper, but almost essential, that objectives should be set for a man in any area where he has a strong influence on the results even though he does not have full control. This will mean that the same objective may be set for more than one person.

7. Objectives should require some improvement in operation from each man every period. They provide a basis for recognition of improvement for each man.

8. Without objectives it is common for management to demand improvement in some areas but not in others.

9. Objectives should force some improvement in every position every year.

10. Objectives are most effective if they are set in advance of the period they are to cover.

11. Objectives should ordinarily be in writing.

12. Objectives should always be discussed face-to-face between supervisor and the man, until they are mutually understood and accepted.

13. Objectives should change

D. Dynamics of Management Objectives

1. Any objective must be set in light of all known existing conditions.

2. Superior should set both basic and outstanding performance objectives for each results

3. Objective apply to the man; therefore, objectives for a new man should be set in light of his experience.

4. Objectives may accentuate "lone wolf" inclinations. Therefore, after all objectives have been set in a preliminary way, it is well to write them down and cross check to see that all objectives blend with each other. (team theory)

5. Set line objectives first.

6. This cross check puts a great deal more strength behind any objective program. It sets up a basis for realistic accountability, tying all levels of the organization together effectively. Better communications are encouraged. They become more realistic accountability, tying all levels of the organization together effectively. Better communications are encouraged.

7. The prime value of an objective is in the stimulation of a man.

8. If objectives are to stimulate the man, he must feel that the objectives are fair.

9. The man should take the lead in setting objectives for himself. He should also lay out the plan for reaching these objectives.

10. He becomes a broader man by the process, one who is able to plan ahead and think through problems without imposing them on his superior.

11. In order to maintain balance, the superior should require at least basic accomplishment on all objectives in each period. If he does not he will lose control of the operation.

12. Unusual accomplishment on one objective should almost never be accepted as excusing of lack of accomplishment on other objectives.

13. Lack of balance is one of the most costly errors in most operations.

E. Getting the Program Started.

1. Crude objectives or measurements that are not completely accurate are usable in getting the program started.

2. In the beginning, concentrate on one or two of the major results such as cost reduction, sales increase, waste reduction, better schedule performance, etc.

3. A perfectly workable plan might set objectives for only part of the job in the first year.

To---Members of State Board

From--Development Committee

Subject--Action items resulting from Sept. 4th committee meeting

Item 1.

Statement of problem. At its recent meeting, the Development Committee determined that-

A. the committee needs to gain knowledge and skills in modern development techniques,
B. State Board officers and directors have expressed a desire for help in identifying, planning, and budgeting for tax deductible projects,
C. few local Leagues are involved in development, although many have financial problems,
D. there are few local League members who have development skills, thus the talent bank for future State Development Committees is very limited.

Possible solution. The Development Committee proposes that it organize and conduct a seminar, the purpose of which would be "to become more sophisticated about raising and utilizing tax deductible money". The seminar would be held this fall, and would focus on the problems identified above. Target audience would be the Development Committee, the State Board, and one delegate from each local League interested in learning about development. Possible speakers might include,

Walter Reeves, Carlton College, fundraiser
Ann Thomas, Minnesota Humanities Commission
Ann Jaede, Governor's Crime Commission, grants analyst
Glenn Olson, Ramsey Co. Dept. of Community Corrections, planning and evaluation specialist

Motion. "move that the Development Committee be authorized to organize and conduct a seminar on the raising and utilization of tax deductible money." 10-2:30

Item 2.

Statement of problem. In considering the "state leader" goal of the State Board, the Development Committee determined that we had not developed adequate contacts with those individuals who are influential in the philanthropy and money-raising circles. We do not know these people personally nor do we know who is really interested in what issues. In addition, LWV is not known well enough, nor is the fact that it has tax deductible status (Ed. Fund).

Possible solution. The Development Committee proposes that they, together with selected officers and directors, of LWVMN develop and implement an "advisory board" (Friends of the League?) composed of well-known, influential Minnesota citizens. This could be accomplished by personal contact at a breakfast or lunch, explaining the League and its programs. The individual would be asked if he or she would lend name and occasional help and support to LWV, (Contacts, letter of recommendation to foundation, etc.) and would be willing to have name included in literature and on letterhead used for p.r. or finance purposes.

Some names suggested included Curtis Carlson, David Rowe, Alva Walker, Wheelock Whitney, Elmer Anderson, James Hetlund, David Koch, Harold Greenwood, one of the Daytons.

Motion. "move that the Development Committee, together with selected officers and directors, plan ~~and implement an~~ for a financial advisory board for the LWVMN."

Tentative Program for "Choosing the President"

Sponsored by Continuing Education and Extension, University of Minnesota and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Monday, October 13, 1975

St. Paul YWCA, 65 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota

8:45 a.m. Advance Registration

9:00 Conference Convenes

Greetings: Conference Chairman, William C. Rogers, Director, Continuing Education in Public Policy, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Minnesota

Address: "The Moral Dilemma - Good and Evil in Presidential Choice" by James Finn, editor, Worldview, The Council on Religion and International Affairs, New York.

10:00 Panel including politicians who have been directly involved in the presidential nomination and election process in Minnesota, and professors and journalists.

11:45 Lunch at the YWCA Cafeteria or at other locations of your choice

1:30 p.m. Address, "Choosing the President - An Historical Perspective" by Clifford Clark, Professor of History, Carleton College

2:00 Panel Discussion on "The Nomination and Election of Presidents, Pros and Cons of the Process: Can We Do the Job Better?"

3:30 Conference Wrapup, Chancellor Theodore Mitau, Minnesota State College Board

4:30 Adjournment

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 9, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102, 9:30 a.m., Jerry Jenkins, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Amundson, Anderson, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Davies, DeSantis, Hall, Jenkins, Knutson, Jones, Lewin, Ponto, Poppleton, Reeves, Stone, Waldo.
Board Members Absent: Gross, Mueller, Watson.
Non-Board Member Present: Jean Wirsig, Budget Committee chairman.

MINUTES: Corrections: page 2, line 6, add before Helene Borg: "the appointment of Mary Watson chairperson".
page 3, Board Memo Guidelines, add after Jones explained: "guidelines".

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the August 5, 1975 Board meeting as corrected.
Mover: Lewin Second: Waldo Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/75	$14,084.40
Expenditures 4/1/75 to 8/31/75	29,805.56
Income 4/1/75 to 8/31/75	24,043.71
Balance on hand 8/31/75	8,322.55

Hall will bring suggested budget revisions to the Board in October.

MOTION: To accept the August treasurer's report.
Mover: Stone Second: Ponto Carried

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Discussion: Permission to join litigation
Board of Human Rights
Add to Information: Brooklyn Center display
Institute of Cultural Affairs

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Atchison reviewed our last session on setting Board goals and objectives. Lewin suggested dropping "by getting to know other leaders" from our stated goal. She suggested that we need to clarify whether we're already state leaders and just need to let others know, or whether we need to see ourselves as state leaders. Atchison noted that the goal should be the LWVMN not individuals and suggested "improving the effectiveness of the LWVMN" as a goal. Borg questioned why we are doing this procedure. Atchison felt part of the benefit would be in the feeling of accomplishment when set goals are met, and that it makes one plan ahead. Poppleton said she couldn't see the need to separate effectiveness and image. Lewin said both image and effectiveness goals need to be stated. Atchison suggested that management by objectives would help us rule out extraneous requests and make us stick to goals. Amundson suggested that we could "exploit our prestige" more effectively. Stone noted that women have not been trained to think in terms of priorities. Jenkins mentioned that as women we do many things which we don't count. Atchison will present more material at the October Board meeting.

BUDGET PREPARATION: Wirsig presented materials to aid the Board in budgeting for the future. She cautioned the Board not to assume that last year's budget is the pattern. Rather, we should think Program. Money shouldn't determine Program;Program should determine budget. The Board was asked to start with a dream program and then set priorities and pare. The budget committee will meet early in the budget process. In October Board members will meet individually with the budget committee as well as having total Board input. Stone asked about the feasibility of

instituting an Ed Fund budget. Wirsig will be looking into this but feels it should come from the grass roots to assure better support. She noted that the LWVUS study of financing the League may bring some changes.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Minnesotans for a Secure Peace in the Middle East have asked LWVMN to join in a statement supporting Secretary of State Kissinger's statement of July 30 expressing opposition to possible expulsion of Israel from the UN and strong U.S. reaction. Davies explained that the statement implied United States withdrawal in protest from the UN and did not feel this was in line with League position. Davies suggested that we could do more by making public our concern-deploring the actions against Israel but stressing the need for the UN.

MOTION: To decline to sign the statement of Minnesotans for a Secure Peace in the Middle East concerning strong U.S. actions should Israel be ousted from the UN because national Program is support of the UN. Instead make publicly known our concern regarding recent actions violating the UN charter.
Mover: Davies Second: Waldo Carried

Hall said we should make our statement at the same time as Minnesotans for a Secure Peace in the Middle East. Letters will be written to that group and distributed through MNA.

EQ LOBBYISTS: MOTION: To approve Carol MacLean, Roseville, and Peggy Watson, Chaska, as new EQ lobbyists.
Mover: Poppleton Second: Atchison Carried

LAW SUIT: Reeves reported that MCLU would like the League to file an amicus brief in their challenge of the present ballot rotation law. This would mean getting an attorney. MCLU will be filing their suit this week. Hall asked if national money was available for state litigation. Jenkins suggested contacting Louisa Holmberg. Anderson said that in terms of our overall goal this would be important but wondered if we could work with another group using their lawyer, questioning whether it's fair to put no price on a League member's professional expertise. Atchison said we could just ask Holmberg her opinion and not to do the brief. Hall suggested contacting LWVUS about money. Knutson noted that we need to think of litigation for next year's budget. Ponto asked whether support of the MCLU would be detrimental to our image. It was felt that we are "friends of the court" in support of the suit not any particular group. Atchison suggested leaving the decision to proceed with Jenkins and Reeves. Knutson will check with a lawyer.

MOTION: To table.
Mover: Lewin Second: Knutson Failed

MOTION: That the LWVMN join the court suit being initiated by MCLU as friend of the court, challenging the present ballot rotation law if financially feasible.
Mover: Borg Second: Jones Carried

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: Lewin asked if there is a warranty on the Scriptomatic 72 addressing machine. Hall said yes, except for the motor. Hall said that in the long run it seemed better to purchase the machine. Amundson stressed the need for complete control of our mailing lists.

MOTION: That the LWVMN take $1400 from reserves for the purchase of a Scriptomatic 72 addressing machine.
Mover: Hall Second: Stone Carried

Amundson suggested that Jenkins needs a larger area than just one small desk. Stone suggested reorganizing the office with partitions. Atchison reminded the Board that ideas about remodeling need to come up during budget-making. Borg asked if Lucas and Thompson could juggle their schedules and share a desk. Hall asked if the Board is interested in exploring office space and noted that it is available. Atchison suggested hiring a consultant in office design. Lewin suggested the Board direct the office management committee to analyze current usage of the office, by whom, and what hours.

MOTION: Accept insurance with increase from $125 to $150 per year.
Mover: Hall Second: Ponto Carried

TOURS: Jenkins presented offer of Trans Global Tours for League to sponsor pleasure tours. Borg questioned why we need a motion in case a future situation is different.

MOTION: LWVMN does not promote tours.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Ponto Carried

Jenkins called attention to a letter from "Concepts" seeking to market products through local Leagues.

AAUW CONFERENCE: Jenkins distributed information on the Sex Offender Symposium to be sponsored by the Minneapolis AAUW.

MOTION: To let the AAUW use our name in promoting the conference.
Mover: Ponto Second: Waldo Carried

COUNCIL '76: MOTION: To hold State Council '76 at Camp Courage.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Knutson Carried

ERA: MOTION: To donate the profit from the sale of bracelets at the State Fair, a total of $37.50, to the Minnesota Coalition to Support the ERA.
Mover: DeSantis Second: Anderson Carried

Poppleton asked whether participants felt the effort of selling bracelets at the Fair was worth the volunteers' time. She suggested that a less expensive item, such buttons, could have been used.

GRANTSMANSHIP: MOTION: That the Development Committee be authorized to organize and conduct a seminar on the raising and utilizing of tax deductible money.
Mover: Stone Second: Reeves Carried

Stone explained that the seminar would be in late October, one day, in downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul, and that 30-40 people would be involved. It would not be self-supporting. LWVMN would need to pay for the meeting room. It could be mentioned at fall workshops. Local Leagues would pay their own expenses. Hall questioned whether outstate people would come if they were not subsidized. Stone said the main thrust is for the committee first, then state Board, and then local Leagues. Reeves noted that the real chance for local Leagues would come later.

Stone presented the idea of a state League advisory board. Ponto asked how long members would serve and whether these "friends" would be nonpartisan. Lewin questioned the need and suggested the advisory board be specifically for the financial development committee.

MOTION: That the Development Committee, together with selected officers and directors , plan for a financial advisory board for the LWVMN.
Mover: Stone Second: Knutson Carried

Reeves noted that Development is selling a product, and you can't separate the product from fund raising. Lewin suggested calling it something other than "advisory". Knutson said "council" might be a better title.

Jenkins announced the meeting of the National Municipal League in Chicago, November 16-19, 1975, and noted that the League had in the past sent a representative.

Jenkins introduced Bill Quirin who spoke and answered questions during the lucnh break concerning coordination of state human services.

MEMBERSHIP: Ponto expressed concern that new member kits aren't being used and suggested a letter from the state president sent directly to new members. Borg said we need to encourage the concept of belonging to a state League. Lewin suggested that we take a look at our publications and determine whether what we have are useful or whether we need new publications. Ponto said we could simplify the task of the local League. Anderson wondered if we could get feedback on this at workshops and cautioned against welcoming reinstated members. Local Leagues would need to indicate members new to LWVMN. Anderson asked if the salutation of the letter could be personalized. Ponto is to revise the president's letter and get it to Jenkins.

SKILLS BANK: Rita Kaplan has contacted Jenkins about the possibility of League setting up a mechanism to build up a list of women and men willing to serve by appointment on state boards, committees. Waldo says the Skills Bank does not currently have the capability to do this. Jones said she felt it was risky for LWVMN to get involved in this since we wouldn't know if the names suggested would be persons in accord with League position, and we couldn't recommend a person unless we did some screening. Stone said she felt who one knows is most important in being appointed and felt that the League could better use our energies enhancing its image and clout. Waldo will report our discussion to Kaplan.

METRO 2000: Jenkins circulated the information and invited Board members to indicate which session they would like to attend.

INTERNSHIP: Anderson received a letter from Carleton College asking if we could provide work for a student intern. Jenkins had responded that we had no money for such a project but would welcome help, and that we wanted more information on how to implement and train. It was suggested that this might be possible to fund someday with Ed Funds. Borg noted that we did have Action interns, but it was not a success. Reeves will check with Carleton for more information. Amundson noted that supervision on our end would be needed. Stillwater High School has also made a request to place interns in our office. Jones said we should send regrets; it would take too much time to supervise.

CONVENTION'77: Watson phoned from St. Cloud and reported that St. Benedict's can't commit themselves that far ahead. Any date there would fall around June 8. She had no report on St. John's. Reeves said that Northfield could conceivably do it again.

LITIGATION: Borg reported that the Minneapolis League may want to join as amicus curiae in a suit being brought by Legal Aid of Minneapolis on behalf of the Developmental Disabilities Council. They are sueing the state for not fulfilling its obligation in providing infant health screening across the state for which the Department of Public Welfare had a grant. Borg said her only question had been whether they had enough money. Stone suggested that Ramsey County might be interested, too, and may have a similar position of support.

STATE BOARD OF HUMAN RIGHTS: DeSantis said they have requested a League observer to comment on their operations. Ponto suggested asking ab-ut their outreach.

VOTER: Amundson noted that she was disappointed that the new printer, Union Advocate, did not use the "bug" on our last issue. The Sept.-Oct. VOTER will include legislative outlook, although Borg does not foresee much action in the legislature. Lewin and Waldo will send out their survey for the Nov.-Dec. article with the Sept.-Oct. VOTER. Reeves said we need to tell members why we don't have a legislative article. Knutson will write such an article. Borg asked how we would handle the Capitol Letter if the legislative session is very short.

WORKSHOPS: Cushing noted the change from Austin to Mankato. The committee will be firming up details today. Suching would like Stone to go over discussion questions.

October 13 workshop - no decision has been made as to handling reservations. The University will do the brochure and would like an every member mailing. Panelists have not yet been determined. The University will do some publicity but get any suggestions to Knutson. Stone asked if LWVMN will be visible somewhere in the program.

Assertiveness training - perhaps this could be part of leadership training next spring, although Poppleton found you need four or five hours.

Jenkins announced a social hour on November 6, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at her home to meet Ruth Clusen.

Jenkins announced that the United Nations Environment Program would like to hold a conference on global waters in the Twin Cities area, but she has heard no more.

FEDERAL RESERVE INVITATION: We have received an invitation to the Federal Reserve Bank's Baconian Dialogues. Anderson suggested that the cost seems high but it would actually be $5 per contact made if you look at the opportunity to meet other state leaders. Leadership Memorial Fund money could be used.

MOTION: That we use money from the Leadership Memorial Fund to send Jenkins to Baconian Dialogues.
Mover: Jones Second: Waldo Carried

Board members were asked to throw out any old books no longer pertinent which are taking up office space.

Jenkins referred Board members to the distributed agenda for information on Metro Council mailings and St. Paul office space.

INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: Ponto questioned the endorsement by the League of ICA's Town Meeting '76. She has had negative feedback locally and wondered if we should be associated with it. Their program is very structured and the results predetermined, Ponto said. Reeves asked if we could write the group and tell them we want to be disassociated. Anderson asked if we could warn local Leagues through the Board Memo. Jenkins noted that it points up a problem we often have - does announcing an event imply endorsement. Reeves suggested restating the Board decision in the Board Memo.

BROOKLYN CENTER: DeSantis said that the Brooklyn Center League has been asked to help with an exhibit at Brookdale and could use some helps.

METRO 2000: Those signing up to attend are: Sept. 25 - Jenkins, Oct. 2 - Stone, Oct. 9 - Borg, Oct. 16 and 23 - Atchison, Oct. 30 - Waldo, Nov. 8 - Jenkins.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davies, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

Mins.	
	9:29 - Determination of quorum and call to order
	Minutes of September 9 Board meeting#
	Treasurer's Report# - Hall
	Revision of Agenda
	ACTION
5	Approval of Board lobbyists - Borg
	Approval of Corrections lobbyists - Mueller Poppleton + Atchison
2	Savings Account - Hall
5	Convention - Watson
10	Honorary M-A-L - Jenkins
	REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
5	Organization of State Government - Knutson
	DISCUSSION
75	Budget Proposals/Priorities - Wirsig
10	Commission on Status of Women - DeSantis
10	Action Committee Decisions - Borg
20	Publications - Lewin
Noon	Lunch with Mary Peek
10	Goals - Atchison
	INFORMATION
5	Determinate Sentencing - Mueller
3	Nov.-Dec. VOTER - Amundson (Waldo, Lewin)
2	Reprinting VIP - Ponto
5	Ballot Rotation - Reeves - Milton Bix
2	Development Workshops - Stone
5	Workshop Evaluations - Cushing
5	Caucus Kits/Focus on Emerging Issues
1	Luncheon guest November - Atchison

REMINDERS

National Program Suggestions: Watson

The committee will be meeting to discuss suggestions and to make recommendations to the Board; we will need your help. Please submit your ideas at the November Board meeting. Three suggestions have been received:

Right to Privacy - Minneapolis League
Law of the Sea - Montgomery Co.,Missouri
- Jurisdiction over fishing rights
- Marine pollution
- Conservation of ocean resources
- Seabed mining
- Rights of land-locked countries

National Health Insurance

Committee Lists: Jenkins
All Board members should have names, addresses, phone numbers in the office of their committee members. (If you don't have a committee, get one!)

Upcoming Meetings:
October 21 - M-A-L Ad Hoc Committee
22 - Education Committee
23 - CMAL Study Committee
30 - Development Committee
November 4 - Action Committee
5 - Financing State Government Committee
6 - CMAL Board Meeting
- Sherry with Ruth Clusen
8 - Final Metro 2000 - we still need volunteers to serve as workshop leaders
11 - State Board Meeting

mailed earlier - bring with you to the meeting

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: approve the minutes of the September Board meeting as circulated.

2. Treasurer's Report: to be filed for audit

3. a. Board: motion: approves Jerry Jenkins, Mary Watson, Nancy Atchison, Georgeann Hall, Karen Anderson, Helene Borg, Lois DeSantis, Peggy Gross, Ann Knutson, Laurel Mueller, Mary Poppleton, Jean Reeves, Dottie Stone, Pat Lucas as Board/staff lobbyists for the LWVMN.

Background Information

The above are program chairpersons or already registered lobbyists. (We NEED NUMBERS of Anderson, Gross, Reeves, Stone.) In the past all Board members have been approved as lobbyists, although some never lobbied or registered. Should that practice be continued?

Solid Waste - Sally Farley (Anoka) Education - Barbara Maloney (St. Louis Pk.)

b. Corrections: approves the following for Corrections lobbyists: Janet Court, LWV of Cottage Grove; Arlene Nystuen, LWV of Minnetonka-Eden Prairie; Sharon Moeller, LWV of Chaska; Phyllis Hanson, LWV of West Dakota County Area; Dottie Stone, LWV of New Brighton.

4. Savings: motion: authorizes the opening of a savings account at Northwestern National Bank, signatories to be Jenkins, Hall, Herb, Lucas.

Background Information

The LWVMN checking account is at Northwestern and we have learned that we avail our group of Telephone Transfer services if we open a savings account there. This would earn interest on any funds not needed at the moment, and our cash flow could be better regulated.

5. Convention: motion: agrees to hold the 1977 state Convention at St. Olaf.

Background Information

Watson will have all the details at the meeting; they were not available as we went to press.

6. M-A-L: motion: provides an honorary M-A-L for Arley Waldo for services above and beyond the call of duty.

Background Information

Arley was the "luncheon" speaker at all five fall workshops and was the hit of the show according to the evaluations. In recognition of his services, he should be awarded the Soap Washboard Award!

REQUEST

1. There was only one Board person assigned to the Organization of State Government Committee. That was to be the PR person, who has not yet appeared. Who will volunteer to serve on the committee to review a full-time vs. part-time Legislature?

DISCUSSION

1. Budget: At last month's meeting you received Countdown to Council Budget Building for 1976-77. In Item #5 you were requested to "be prepared to utilize this list in two ways at the October Board Meeting:

First: to file a "Dream Budget" request with Budget Committee (you will come to another room individually during Board meeting time-span to present your request to representatives of the Budget Committee).

Second: to be the "champion" of the objectives and their functions in a total Board discussion of overall priorities for '76-77." (Staff's dream budget is enclosed; attention is called to item one - space.)

2. Commission: Should LWVMN join a Women's Coalition in support of establishing a Minnesota Commission on Status of Women?

Background Information

Plans are being formulated by a small, representative group from the Women's Coalition to push for the establishment of a Task Force or Committee on the Status of Women at the upcoming session of the state Legislature. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 30th when the idea will be presented to a larger gathering of women from the various groups within the coalition.

Most of the organizations in the coalition feel that the problems of women are not being adequately addressed by the Department of Human Rights. They are also discouraged by the fact that after a hearing on the employment status of women held in July, the House Labor Committee does not seem ready to push aggressively for legislation which might correct some of the inequities outlined at that hearing.

Ronnie Brooks, a Senate researcher, is currently drafting tentative legislation to set up such a body. She is trying to avoid the word "commission," as the Legislature is trying to hold back on creating new commissions.

According to Esther Wattenburg, director of the U. of MN Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Minnesota is one of only two states that does not have a Commission on the Status of Women. Esther recently attended a national meeting in Washington on women's affairs. There the prevailing feeling was that the ERA would not get passed - and that women were going to have to push for equal rights, state by state. She came back convinced that Minnesota has to set up some official vehicle, stronger than the Women's Committee of the Department of Human Rights, to do this.

My hunch is that on October 30th the idea will be "sold," and following that, LWVMN will be asked to endorse such a proposal. This seems to be contrary to our position of wanting to consolidate state governmental units. How should we proceed?

3. See minutes of October 7 Action Committee meeting, particularly sections pertaining to Capitol Letter and coordinators.

4. Publications: a. Do we really have to accept the lowest bid? What part should printer cooperation/layout and quality play in bid acceptance?

b. Review: Publishing Goals - Cost to members should be as low as possible but sufficient to allow break-even pricing. Cost of League publications to members will be less than the cost to the general public. Some publications may need to be subsidized to assure a low enough price for mass distribution. Pricing Policy - State office will bill local Leagues for price of publication plus postage and handling. (No prepayment of orders.) There will be a $1.00 minimum order for state publication mail orders. The pricing formula can be expressed this way: Prepublication expenses PLUS cost of printing, DIVIDED by quantity ordered EQUALS official price, PLUS postage and handling charge. Prepublication expenses will include the following: Zerox, typing, proofing, paper, printed stationery, mileage, billing, complimentary copies, promotion, noncollectables, contingency expense. Total Pre-publication Expense.

INFORMATION

1. Sentencing: will distribute at the meeting.

2. Amundson will be "sprechen ze deutsch" when the Nov.-Dec. VOTER goes to press. Waldo and Lewin will be serving as guest editors. The focus will be on caucus participation.

3. V.I.P. brochure will be revised and re-insty-printed. (Cost approximately $20.00/side for 1000, which is approximately what LWVs order/year.)

4. Ballot Rotation will be done orally. (See also Action Committee minutes of Oct. 7.)

5. Development: see notice included with this mailing, or picked up earlier.

6. Evaluations: Cushing will have report on Tuesday.

7. Caucus/Focus: report will be made at the meeting.

8. The luncheon guest at the November 11th state Board meeting will be Liz Ebbott in her role as chairman of the Ethics Commission.

DREAM BUDGET
prepared by staff

1. More space: in addition to being crowded, we see the need for another desk (or two) to be used by Board members when they are in the office. For those of you who remember the basement offices, an area comparable to the little room would be just right -- it allowed for privacy and quiet. Such a space would also encourage boarders to invite people to meet with them in our offices, rather than boarders having to go to their offices. It's a shame we can't strike while the iron is hot; i.e. room 208 is vacant. Taking over 206, 208 and expanding into the hallway would provide over 1100 sq. ft. - at a cost of about $400/month.

2. Carpeting, drapes, pictures, plantings to beautify the new space, or carpet and drapes for the present Board room to brighten and quiet it.

3. Staffing: add a research assistant. Write new job descriptions. Pay scales comparable to United Way agencies or LWVUS'.

4. Replacement of Lucas' desk - to match others. (If more space, another new desk.)

5. Push button, light up phones with hold buttons that really work! A Wats line.

6. Equipment: A bundler for tying the VOTER which <u>have</u> to be bundled by individual zip codes. ($600.00). 7000 Xerox machine to give us reduction capabilities. Electric pencil sharpener, mail opener, tape dispenser. If you really want to go w-a-y o-u-t, an offset (to do own VOTERs, some printing, etc.) which could run $20,000. And a binder to bind our "done-in-house" publications ($2000.00).

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 14, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102, 9:30 a.m., Jerry Jenkins, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Amundson, Anderson, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Davies, DeSantis, Gross, Hall, Jenkins, Knutson, Jones, Lewin, Mueller, Poppleton, Reeves, Stone, Waldo, Watson.
Board member absent: Ponto
Non-Board member present: Jean Wirsig, Budget Committee

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.
Mover: Waldo Second: Knutson Carried

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 9th as circulated.
Mover: Knutson Second: Anderson Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/75	$14,084.40
Expenditures 4/1/75 to 9/30/75	33,634.59
Income 4/1/75 to 9/30/75	30,162.20
Balance on hand 9/30/75	10,612,01

Hall said the financial picture looks good. Watson asked if we are paying our national pledge. Hall said this has been done since her report. The September treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Action: EQ lobbyist

Jenkins asked Board members to submit names of a possible Public Relations chairperson to her.

LOBBYISTS: Poppleton presented the name of Sally Foley, Anoka, to replace Pat Stein as EQ lobbyist. The Board approved.

MOTION: To approve all state Board members and Pat Lucas as Board/staff lobbyists for LWVMN.
Mover: Knutson Second: Jones Carried

Local Leagues should be reminded that local League presidents must be registered as lobbyists.

MOTION: To approve Barbara Malone, St. Louis Park, as Education lobbyist.
Mover: Atchison Second: Borg Carried

MOTION: To approve Janet Court, Sharon Moeller and Phyllis Hanson as Corrections lobbyists.
Mover: Mueller Second: Knutson Carried

SAVINGS ACCOUNT: MOTION: To authorize the opening of a savings account at Northwestern National Bank, signatories to be Jenkins, Hall, Herb and Lucas.
Mover: Hall Second: Amundson Carried

Anderson asked if there was a charge if you withdrew too many times in a time period. Hall will check on this.

CONVENTION 1977: Watson reported that the Northfield League is willing to have us again with help from other Leagues in the area. It did cost them about $50.00. Cushing suggested we set aside this amount for expenses for the next time. Knutson asked if this would appear in the budget. Watson asked about dates because of Memorial Day. Jenkins noted possible date conflict with CMAL Convention.

MOTION: To hold the state Convention in Northfield, June 1,2 and 3, 1977.
Mover: Watson Second: Cushing Carried

MOTION: To commend Jessie Merrell for her work in compiling an index to the Board Minutes, 1965-April 1975.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Borg Carried

Amundson commended Cushing for her "$ and Members" poster figures. Jenkins thanked all of those who went on workshop trips.

MOTION: To provide an honorary MAL to Arley Waldo.
Mover: Knutson Second: Poppleton Carried

Jenkins will see that this is done.

Knutson requested help with reviewing full-time vs. part-time Legislature before February. Watson volunteered to help. Stone asked if Knutson would need money.

Jenkins mentioned possibility of someone going to the National Municipal League meeting in Chicago.

BUDGET PREPARATION: Wirsig, chairman of the Budget Committee, asked if anyone had problems in going through their requests. Stone asked about division between cash and non-cash contributions. All should be budgeted as cash. Lewin said she was confused about personal expenses. Hall explain that all should be turned in as either cash or non-cash contributions. Expenses for visiting consultant Leagues should be reported. Hall asked if priorities aren't set by Convention. Jenkins said Board priorities should be reflected in the budget. Wirsig said the Budget Committee wants very specific goals listed so that they have a yardstick by which to measure in paring the budget. Board budget priorities were then discussed:

Operating Costs: Amundson noted that we're moving towards more paid staff and this implies more space. Hall and Jones emphasized the importance of staff. Atchison mentioned the need for more office space and suggested that we may need to deal with this before a new budget is adopted. A paid bookkeeper and clerical/typing staff are essential. The Board agreed on the need for a quiet, private room in which several persons could meet. Lewin asked if we had looked at other buildings. It was agreed that an office near the Capitol is a top priority. It would cost about $1200/year additional to expand in space available in the present building. Knutson questioned the need for draperies or carpeting. Jones asked about the cost of a WATS telephone line. Jenkins mentioned that some state Leagues use conference calls extensively. Jones noted that travel is a poor use of time and energy; many committee meetings could be handled by telephone. Hall reported that a Minnesota WATS line would be $722.00/month. A WATS line was given a low priority. Gross asked if we could share someone else's. This has been explored. Stone asked for figures on a 1-hour, 6-person conference call to see how it compares with a meeting. The Board agreed that a top priority should be greater use of the telephone. Hall said we need an equipment accrual fund. Knutson sees need for paid research staff; we need to emphasize research. Stone believes a mistake was made in turning down student interns. Borg said we didn't have the staff to supervise. Reeves has checked with Carleton College and said the professor, student and LWVMN would make a contract. If we go to research staff, we definitely will need more office space. Stone and Jenkins said we would need Board training in using such help. Stone suggested the need for an organizational development person, either staff or Board.

Board and Administrative Committees: All agreed that we need better meeting room. Stone emphasized training session for Board and staff. Borg suggested the need for help in how to use non-League help. Stone believes we have an obligation to train students and to find ways to use them. Lewin questioned whether we are thinking about serving those from whom we get money or about making life easier for ourselves, and suggested

that part of the value of League is in getting members involved in the work. Jenkins noted that we need to cope with the changing role of women. Watson suggested we eliminate "paid" from the priority "paid temporary research help training." The Board agreed that a high priority should be placed on statewide representation. Stone said the Board isn't utilizing the Development Committee and therefore not getting its money's worth. The Board should be thinking of entire program items which can be funded with grants. No proposal for grants have been submitted to the committee.

Delegates, Travel and Affiliations: Watson questioned the need for two delegates to national Council. Hall would like to see national Convention every year and suggested a state accrual fund for Convention. Cushing said our affiliations go along with our Board priority of being state leaders. The general feeling was that these affiliations are necessary. It was felt that travel to meetings must be evaluated on an individual basis according to direct benefit to LWVMN. Jones suggested that it is more important to go to League-sponsored meetings. Poppleton siad it was important to meet with other leaders as well. Question was raised as to whether Program or Organization/Administrative meetings are more important.

National Services: Board agreed that meeting pledge is a top priority.

VOTER: Agreed that this is essential as the only every member communication. Board prefers present format and a balance between Program and Organization material.

Educational Activities: Borg said we need to do more on present positions to keep all, especially new, members informed. Hall would like to see more Program publications. We have cut back too much. Jones noted that we always talk of Program in terms of money limitations. Jenkins reminded the Board of Education Fund money for educational material. Lewin asked if updates could be appended to the VOTER. Knutson asked if more publications would mean using research staff. The feeling was yes it would. The Board agreed that we have enough work to do on the present Program and that a priority should be to update members on current Programs and to inform them of new phases of current Program. Anderson said that her Financing of State Government item will depend on development money and that the Board needs to deal with this. She suggested a travelling resource team to take Program information to the members. Borg suggested that this could be used for outside groups as well. In Citizen Information, Waldo said we need to bring the public along as we go. Hall noted the need for a good tax attorney if we set up our own Education Fund. In Action, we also need to budget money for legal advice.

Position Support: Knutson asked about amendment promotion. It was agreed that a specific budget category is needed. Litigation was not deemed a high priority, but this would depend on the issue. Reeves sees need for an accrual fund for litigation.

Workshops: The Presidents Workshop and regional workshops were viewed as important. The Columbus Day meeting is not a necessity if it's just to have a meeting. Borg said we have an obligation to educate. Anderson suggested that a Program workshop need not be in October. If we have another October workshop, we should do it on our own. Questions were raised as to whether LWVMN should pay expenses for Board members to attend other meetings and whether Board members should be required to attend all League-sponsored meetings and workshops. Amundson noted the total Board responsibility involved. Jones said Board members should attend League-sponsored meetings, but time priorities are important. Reeves suggested that League wears out its leaders. Borg said more use could be made of taping meetings. The feeling was that attending regional workshops is a Board expense; if you are required to be there, it is a Board expense. Hall said that if you attend a meeting of benefit to LWVMN, it should be reported for cash or non-cash contribution. It was noted that Focus on State Government meetings on emerging issues could qualify for Education Fund money. Reeves questioned whether "regional" workshops are the best way to group Leagues; perhaps size of League or common characteristics would be better. This might increase travel costs and emphasize differences.

Atchison introduced Mary Peek who spoke during the lunch break on eliminating sex bias in the schools.

The Board continued discussion of budget priorities. Jenkins asked where leadership development comes in our priorities. Stone called for a new portfolio with responsibility for Board training...we need to do what we are doing better with the time available. Borg questioned spending more time training "us" since members come and go. A staff organization specialist would be better.

Publications: Lewin sees VOTER and publications going together. She feels we have both too few and too many publications. She questioned whether we need FACTS, LEAGUE SUPPORTS and LEAGUE IN ACTION since they cover same material. Lewin also questioned whether we want to do our publications as cheaply as possible. Jenkins asked whether we should have a separate price for League members. The feeling was that all three of the above publications are geared to different audiences, that quality of publications is important and members should receive a lower price. Lewin suggested the need for a new pricing policy. Atchison said we need to work on getting local Leagues to buy publications. Lewin said there have been complaints that our publications don't come out in time for members to use before consensus. Hall asked if the Capitol Letter is distributed to the public, and if so, more attention should be paid its appearance. Capitol Letter subscriptions were discussed. Lewin said that if publications are vital to local Leagues, they should receive them automatically and asked if this could be budgeted. Borg noted that if every member received the Capitol Letter, the Times for Action response would be better. DeSantis countered that those who pay for a subscription are more likely to read it. The Board did not see getting the Capitol Letter to each members as a priority item. Borg would like to see more publications..."really neat ones." Waldo indicated that she has difficulty identifying CI topics common to all local Leagues. Knutson suggested placing discussion of publications on another month's agenda to discuss further. Board agreed that it would like more publications to give away and that this should be part of PR budget. Some questioned whether CI is where League members want to be; isn't Action preferred. Davies noted that at the Columbus Day workshop, the importance of CI activities was brought out. Jones questioned how much the state League can do on CI, that perhaps this is up to the local Leagues. Is Waldo's role to service local Leagues rather than doing projects herself? Waldo said we don't need to duplicate what the office of the Secretary of State does.

position papers

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: A coalition of women's groups is meeting October 27 and will probably favor the establishment of a Minnesota Commission on the Status of Women. DeSantis said that the women's division in the Department of Human Rights has been weak. The Department of Human Rights has been responsive primarily to blacks and not to Indians, Chicanos or women. Knutson said support would conflict with our Organization of State Government position which opposes fragmentation of functions and duplicating agencies. However, we did not study independent boards and commissions. Jenkins questioned whether it would be a duplication if the state Department of Human Rights isn't doing anything. Knutson agreed. Ideally, we should go after the Department of Human Rights first, but this appears futile. Our position will be discussed further in November.

ACTION COMMITTEE: Borg referred Board members to the Action Committee minutes sent earlier. In the future, Capitol Letter subscription will run for two years. Since there are one or two more issues due in the current subscriptions, two will be done in the next session rather than during the interim. Anyone not already subscribing may get the two issues for $1.00. Borg reported that the Action coordinators have not worked out as well as was hoped. They will be invited to attend an Action Committee meeting to kindle their enthusiasm. Borg said local Leagues have been advised that their Action chairman can be receiving the Times for Action rather than the president, if they so advise the office. Legislative interviews have been received. Program chairmen should get resolutions for precinct caucuses to Borg by the November 3rd Action Committee meeting. Board members should get lobbyist numbers to Herb. Hall said the procedures for introducing resolutions at caucuses should be explained.

GOALS: Atchison distributed objectives worked out by the committee. Board members are to study and discussion will be on the November agenda.

BALLOT ROTATION: Reeves reported that our attorney, Milton Bix, said costs run from $20 to $200. There was no objection to going ahead, but Reeves should check the possibility of duplicating the briefs ourselves.

DETERMINANT SENTENCING: Mueller distributed a sheet showing that on the basis of "...basic human rights commensurate with constitutional rights..." in the Corrections consensus, the Corrections Committee had decided to support determinant sentencing. The Action Committee questioned this since we had not really studied this and we might just be climbing on the band wagon. Jenkins suggested that the purpose of broad positions is to allow us to address specifics. Borg asked what we tell local Leagues when we have conflicting positions. The Human Rights, Judiciary and Corrections positions are in conflict. It was pointed out that the "methods to reduce disparity in sentencing" in the Judiciary consensus could be used to support determinant sentencing. Cushing said that if the Board is this concerned, we should go to the local Leagues. DeSantis said we need to listen to the grass roots. Atchison countered that the Convention upheld the concept that the Board should take Action on positions without going back to local Leagues. Atchison asked if we can speak specifically to McCutcheon's bill. DeSantis felt we could postpone action and that appearance at a Novemer 20th legislative meeting would not be that effective. Jenkins said we need to trust the committee which wrestled with this. Amundson said she couldn't see why it should go back to the members. The Board agreed we could support.

REPRINTING V.I.P.: The Board agreed to reprint but with updating to show men and women in LWV.

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: Stone urged attendance. October 30th. She noted that another group is having a similar meeting on October 29th. Jenkins asked if costs to Board members for attending the meeting can be put in as Board expenses. Stone said yes for parking and mileage.

WORKSHOP EVALUATIONS: Cushing distributed an evaluation summary. She said we need to guide hostess Leagues more. We need to emphasize a positive point of view. Locations of meetings were often hard to find. Hall suggested that the Board practice their parts before they go.

METRO 2000: Atchison asked for a substitute for October 17th, and Waldo for October 30th. There were no volunteers.

CAUCUS/FOCUS: Waldo distributed information on caucus kits and Focus on State Government meetings. Waldo was asked to include information in caucus kits on when and how resolutions are presented. She also should communicate to the GOP and DFL that some members did not have any opportunity to present resolutions at their last caucuses. Waldo reported that the Focus on Emerging Issues series is taking more time than expected so a grant seems impossible to apply for. Three off-Board committees for the series are proving cumbersome. Stone said the Development Committee is ready to help but needs to be called on. She suggested it would still be possible to obtain grants for the second and third meetings. Stone would like to meet with the committees.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER VOTER: Waldo distributed information on contents for the VOTER which she and Lewin will edit. Amundson said the Union Advocate can now set things in italics. Waldo is sending questionnaire in next VOTER to determine what League members are doing in party work. It is similar to a survey done 10 years ago. Waldo explained what precinct caucus material would go in the November-December VOTER. Suggested resolutions will go in the kit, not the VOTER. It was suggested that

not all of the survey results need to be published. Local Leagues need to be encouraged via the Board Memo to gather member responses to the survey and return to the state office. Hall suggested a note saying that the results would not be public information.

Atchison reported that Liz Ebbott, chairman of the State Ethics Commission, will be our November luncheon guest. Suggestions for the future include Gove, Vanderkone, Schoen and legislative leaders.

Watson reminded Board members to be thinking of national Program suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davies, Secretary

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memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

This is going on DPM
November 1975

TO: State and Local League Presidents
FROM: Ruth Clusen and Carol Toussaint

This memo is a reminder that young people can be a resource for League activities.

Early this year, the Girl Scouts approached the national office regarding possible cooperation between local Leagues and Girl Scout Councils. The result of the discussion is the attached memo which comes to you compliments of the Girl Scouts. By it we hope to remind local leaders of our common areas of concern and the opportunities in cooperation between the two organizations.

Other youth groups also share interests with the League. For example, in forty-one states, the YMCA conducts programs to involve high school age boys and girls in the state legislative process. While YMCA's in nine states have "You the Judiciary" Programs which deal with mock civil cases in court-room-like situation. Still other cities have similar programs for youth on local government and even had model UN assemblies. You may want to see if your "Y" is conducting one of these programs and offer them your expertise as resource persons. You might also want to ask YMCA members to help you in some of your Voter Service activities, giving them the opportunity of exposure to the election process at the same time.

With a membership of over 180,000, Girls Clubs of America provide daily programs for girls from 6 to 18 in 230 different centers around the nation. Girls Clubs vary greatly from one city or town to another since programs are developed locally. A major and recently established goal of the Girls Clubs of America is to "help girls become knowledgeable, creative and active participants in a representative society." Another goal is "to take a leading role as an advocate for the rights of girls of all backgrounds and abilities." If those goals sound a familiar ring, they may signal grounds for discussion with your local Girls Club. Girls Clubs are staffed by professional leaders and are open every day after school, evenings and weekends. Program topics can vary from art to employment orientation. However, with such variety it is possible that your Girls Club is working in an area shared by your League program and it may be worth your while to contact them.

If you're interested in tapping these resources -- we hope you'll find the information helpful.

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Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the League of Women Voters

working in partnership for the benefit of youth

Dear League members and Girl Scout leaders:

Today we are bombarded with living history via television, radio, and newspapers. Energy, inflation, recession, unemployment--before we are able to figure out where the crisis is coming from, we're in the middle of a new problem. It all adds up to a huge case of future shock. And we're not sure what--if anything --we can do about it.

One reliable tonic for future shock is information--something that the League of Women Voters has been dispensing to citizens and legislators for years to help them deal with the problems. And, when it comes to helping people, the Girl Scouts are doing their share as well. Together, Leagues and Girl Scouts can be "just what the doctor ordered" for future shock victims.

Environmental quality, land use, unemployment, energy, and voting rights are all issues Scouts and League members could work together to improve. Some Leagues and Girl Scout troops already have well-established relationships, while others may want to explore new ways to cooperate. Leagues provide nonpartisan information on candidates, ballot issues, voter registration, and voting rights. Scouts can help local Leagues by distributing brochures and flyers and assisting in voter-registration drives. Girl Scouts who have already completed environmental studies may choose to work with their League to increase public awareness of what can be done to clean up the environment. Obviously, the ways Leagues and Girl Scouts can cooperate are limited only by time and imagination.

In Girl Scouting, members are continually involved in learning about the workings of democracy and the importance of being active citizens. League members not only applaud their interest in citizen participation, but also welcome their enthusiastic interest in League programs. And we hope Girl Scouts will continue to work with us toward an informed public and effective change. Together we can be good medicine.

Sincerely,

Ruth C. Clusen

Ruth C. Clusen
President

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.

an active partnership for democratic government

The purpose of the Girl Scout movement is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. The democratic process guides all Girl Scout activities.

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

League members will find Girl Scouting a highly effective laboratory for preparing young people to participate actively in government as adults. In the Girl Scout troop, girls have the opportunity to acquire and sharpen the skills of gathering and evaluating information, making an informed choice, acting on the preference of the majority while safeguarding the rights of the minority, and selecting leaders --the skills essential to responsible citizenship. While Girl Scout groups may not join the League in taking legislative positions on current issues, there are many activities in which Leagues and Girl Scouts can join which will contribute to better government, today and in the future. For example:

Brownie Girl Scouts--ages 6, 7, 8--gather in the "Brownie Ring" to discuss troop business and vote. A League member might tell these youngest Scouts, in simple terms, how their ring reflects the basic principles of democracy.

Junior Girl Scouts--ages 9, 10, 11--use the Patrol System, a first step in representative democracy. League members might develop a presentation showing the progression from direct to representative forms of government, or offer program consultants to help Junior troops earn Active Citizen, My Community, or World Neighbor badges.

Cadette Girl Scouts--ages 12, 13, 14--might call on League friends to help them earn Conservation, My Country, My Government, and World Understanding badges. Each badge requires a voluntary community service, which girls might perform in cooperation with a local League. The Cadette program also includes four "Challenges." League members can be of great help to Cadettes in preparing for the "Challenge of Active Citizenship" and to their leaders in developing the Challenge itself.

Senior Girl Scouts--ages 14, 15, 16, 17--say "We can do our share, too." Because of their deep involvement in the community, League members can create priceless openings for Senior Scouts to learn and serve. Some Senior troops choose "Community Action" as their specialty.

Although the types of activity vary with the girl's age, local Leagues and Girl Scouts can walk the same path to achieve individual and common goals. Each situation will likely offer original possibilities for mutual cooperation.

The singular area for League/Girl Scout cooperation continues to be in voter service. Girls can baby-sit while adults vote. They can accompany older persons to the polls. Senior Scouts can also contribute their time and energy to local leagues as researchers, information aides, and office assistants.

League members can serve as council consultants on projects for earning Citizenship, Community Service, Conservation or other badge work. They can: arrange court watching, explain governmental processes, conduct seminars on politics so office holders can explain their role and positions in government structure.

J.J, H.B, P.L, L.M

NOV 21 1975

J.J. Murray
1655 Hubbard Ave
St. Paul, MN 55104

Dear Ladies,

What do you suggest we respond?
H.H.

I have recently been informed of the fact that your organization is concerned over the increasing number of repressive measures being introduced and sent to committees in our congress. My feelings on this matter are also much opposed to the continued attempt by our legislature to infiltrate our laws with loosely worded bills that lean towards a "police state".

I am curious about your stand on such measures and how I might be a service in aiding the cause.

I would appreciate any information on SB1 and other legislation which threatens our rights guaranteed by the Constitution. If you have it available would you please send me some; are you aware of any other local organizations concerned about the same?

Sincerely,

Jim Murray

TO: All Boarders

When 5 of your 6 committee members have just resigned. . . .

When 3 local Leagues show definite signs that the end is near. . . .

When you're on your 4th workshop in 6 days. . . . .

When your budget request has been cut in half. . . . .

When your readers say the publication is too long, and you hadn't given them all of it. . . . .

Read the following and take heart!!!!

Thursday 10-30-75

Dear Mary, (Davies)

I'm sorry that none of us can make the meeting there today. Our secretary thought she'd be able to make it but she's a farm wife & has men to cook for. Bernice Merten thought she'd make it but she caught cold.

My life lately has been like a bad soap opera. My best friend from H.S. has cancer & we were visiting her in Fargo once a week. She's now at home in Breckenridge after treatments. My aunt is in St. Lukes now. My son had only his leg broken after being run over by a backing gravel truck. While we were visiting him last weekend in Ashland, Wisconsin my dad had a heart attack in Fergus Falls. I'm really sick of driving & visiting at hospitals but I guess that will be my first duty for awhile. That meeting in Mpls. with Ruth Clusen sounds very interesting too.

Things are bound to get better & they could have been much worse as all these ~~sick~~ sick people seem to be recovering. Hope we meet sometime yet.

Ginny Stabnow
Battle Lake

National Program Suggestions

Consideration of retaining present positions

A. Environmental Quality
   1. Solid Waste management
   2. Air Quality
   3. Water Resources
B. Land Use
C. Human Resources
   1. Equal Rights
   2. Education
   3. Employment
   4. Housing
   5. Welfare
D. International Relations
   1. United Nations
   2. Trade
   3. Development
   4. China
E. Representative Government
   1. Executive Branch
   2. U.S. Congress
   3. Campaign Financing
   4. D.C.
   5. Election of President
   6. Apportionment

Energy Task Force

Suggestions previously submitted

1. Rights to Privacy or rights of the individual
   Mpls. LWV Dimi Mitchell
2. Security/Defense System of the U.S. History, policies, mechanisms, costs
3. Administrative Branch of U.S. Govt. Present situation--provided by law, precedence, Consitution? Should there by more or less control by other branches?
   Karen Andersen
4. Law of the Sea Jurisdiction over fishing rights
   Navigation
   Marine Pollution
   Conservation of ocean resources
   Rights of land-locked countries
   Deep seabed mining
   Establishment of mechanism for international control and cooperation
   (Covers I.R. E.Q.)
5. National Health Insurance

Judiciary, Constitution, Food

Gaps Gleaned from Re-reading Voter All Things Considered

1. Use and management of public lands; study of fragmented authority, revenues received and restrictions on use (Land Use Letter #4)
2. Independent regulatory agencies
   Cabinet-executive department (See No. 3 above)
   Executive-judicial relationship

Review CRITERIA FOR SETTING PRIORITIES

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 11, 1975 - 9:30 a.m.
State Office - 555 Wabasha
Coffee, Tea, Skim Milk and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

Mins.	
	9:29 - Determination of Quorum and Call to Order
5	Minutes of October 14 Board meeting* - Davies
2	Treasurer's Report - Hall
	Revision of Agenda
	ACTION
3	Appointment of PR chairman - Jenkins
5	Detroit Lakes Application - Cushing
10	Latin American Studies Committee - Jenkins
15	Education Consensus Questions - Atchison
5	Energy Conference - Poppleton
15	Commission on Status of Women - DeSantis
	DISCUSSION
10	Publications - Lewin
5	Determinate Sentencing - Mueller
5	Bylaws - Holmberg
10	Goals - Atchison
30	Budget - Wirsig
20	Development Committee - Stone
Noon	Luncheon Guest: Liz Ebbott, Chairman, Minnesota Ethics Commission
20	Financing the LWV - Hall
	INFORMATION
5	Ballot Rotation - Reeves
	Thank you - Crookston

REMINDERS

1) There will be NO SMOKING in the Board meeting room so that the LWVMN is in compliance with Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act.
2) Board Memo material is due at the Board meeting or in the office no later than Friday, November 14, a.m.
3) Bring your National Program suggestions (for Mary Watson) to this Board meeting.
4) There will be no Board meeting in December. The next Board meeting will be January 6.
5) If you haven't already done so, please turn in your completed VOTER questionnaire.
6) Upcoming meetings:

November 12, 9:30, state office (s.o.) - Mini-presidents meeting - Ramsey county.
13, 9:30, s.o. - Mini-presidents meeting - Hennepin County
13, 9:30, ? - Focus meeting
13, 1:00, s.o. - Development Committee meeting
14, 9:30, s.o. - Focus meeting
20, 9:30, s.o. - CMAL Study Committee
24, 9:30, s.o. - Budget Committee

December 3, 9:30, s.o. - Financing State Government
4, 9:30, s.o. - CMAL Board

January 6, 9:30, s.o. - Board meeting
7, 9:30, s.o. - Financing State Government
8, 9:30, s.o. - CMAL Board

* Mailed earlier - bring with you to meeting.

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with reading of the October Board meeting minutes.
motion: To approve as corrected.

Knutson: "In the 10/14 minutes - p. 3 - Position support. My impression was that we not have a specific budget category for amendment promo. The rationale: with opposition to the amending process - it would be easy for Council delegates to cut this out, it would be added to G. Position Support. Am I correct or not?"

2. Treasurer's Report: to be filed for audit.

3. Appointment: motion: to approve the appointment of Marge Colbert as PR chairman for a two-year term.

Background Information

Marge is a member of the St. Paul LWV. Address: 1900 E. Shore Dr., Apt. 302, St. Paul 55109-phone: 776-7374. Marge is currently the PR chairman of the LWV-St. Paul.

4. Detroit Lakes: motion: to recommend to the LWVUS that LWV-Detroit Lakes become a recognized League.

Background Information

See attached (blue)

5. Latin America: motion: to allow the Latin American Studies Committee of the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities to list LWVMN as a co-sponsor of a Minnesota Humanities Commission-funded symposium on "Multinational Corporations in Latin America: Private Rights and Public Responsibilities."

Background Information

The Latin American Studies Committee of the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities has recently been awarded funds by the Minnesota Humanities Commission to conduct a series of programs related to multinational corporations in Latin America. They very much would like to have the official encouragement of LWVMN and the involvement of constituency in these endeavors. Several prominent businessmen-industrialists with experience and operations in Latin America have lent their names in support of this project. They neither need nor request any financial support from us.

6. Education: motion: to approve the consensus questions as submitted by the Education Committee.

Background Information

See attached (blue).

7. Energy: motion: to co-sponsor Energy Conference.

Background Information

LWV has been asked to co-sponsor an energy conference with the Center for the Study of the Physical Environment. The State Energy Agency also will be involved.

8. Commission: motion: See attached (yellow)

DISCUSSION

1. Publications: There is a misprint in the new FACTS, page 1, bottom should be 68 LWVs, not 62. How do we correct this? (Bill paid before error caught.)

2. Determinate Sentencing. Mueller will have the latest "news" at Board meeting.

3. Bylaws: The LWVUS Bylaws Article III, Sec. 2, (a) states, "Voting members shall be those citizens at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues." The Golden Valley League has two non-citizen members, one of whom is very active (currently in charge of our Finance Campaign). Our Board of Directors feels that to deny non-citizen members a vote in the conduct of League affairs is illogical and inequitable.

   Obviously a non-citizen cannot vote in public elections, and we do not quarrel with this. Yet their daily lives are influenced by our government. They must pay taxes, obey our government's laws, breath our air, etc.. In other words, they are touched by matters which are of vital concern to the League of Women Voters program, and their vote can be just as valuable as that of a citizen.

   They have no voting voice in a government which affects them very basically. We believe they should have a voice in some way and that the League of Women Voters is a most appropriate forum.

   Historically, the League was established to aid women who were recently entitled to vote. Many non-citizen residents are in the process of becoming naturalized citizens. Voting membership for non-citizens in the League is a logical extension of the League's original purpose.

   It is the intention of the Golden Valley League to propose an amendment to the above-mentioned section of the LWVUS Bylaws so that it would read, "Voting members shall be those persons at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues." We would like the reaction of the Board of Directors of the LWVMN to this proposal, and suggestions as to how best to proceed to accomplish the change we desire.

4. Goals: Please review goals sheet distributed at October 14 meeting and bring list of names to this meeting.

5. Budget: see attached, long green. What is the impact of these budgets on local Leagues? What is the pledge increase ceiling suggested by the Board? (Refer to Treasurer's Report for present amounts.) Where and what does Board suggest cutting? Now that you see all as accurate as possible costs, what are your priorities?

6. Development: This will be an oral report re: Evaluation of development workshop, committee report, review of project proposal procedures.

7. Financing the LWV: Please read the Leaders Guide, and two-part Facts & Issues you received on DPM in early October. Chart 5 of the Leaders Guide deserves some explanation which is rather completely explained in McCoy's Memo to Lucy Benson of March 23, 1973 (attached).

   Jerry Jenkins appointed a committee of Hall, Wirsig, Herb to develop recommendations for your consideration. The recommendations are:

   1) that within the next five years, LWV have uniform organizational dues of not less than $15.00 with $5 going to LWVUS, $5 to LWVMN, $5 to local League. If that does not provide sufficient moneys to operate the LWVs, a pledge could be asked for, preferably based on a formula. Rationale: organizational dues provide for uniformity within and across the entire LWV. Admittedly it does not consider ability to pay, but a study might show that the average income of Leaguers is available to support $15/year dues. (The equivalent of 3½ cartons of cigarettes or 3 bottles of whiskey.) Uniform dues, with a three-way split, guarantees income. Locals could keep finance drive money at "home" which would

improve PR with local contributors. Organizational dues would be collected at and forwarded from local Leagues. National dues would require too much bookkeeping, (there might be an analogy to federal taxation, where the "return" is about 67¢ on the $1.00.) and it isn't as "grass rootsy."

2) that, with the exception of family dues, there is no advantage to establishing membership/dues categories. Rationale: A family membership is needed if couples or parents and children join the LWV. It is suggested that only one VOTER go to the family so there need be no money for LWVUS or MN for more than one person; local Leagues should collect $5, based on the $15 of above, if they so desire. (Hopefully, LWVUS' computer could cope with such a set-up!) It is recommended that local Leagues set up units in nursing homes and work with retirement groups, either subsidizing or collecting dues on a monthly basis for those on very restricted incomes. There is no reason why units could not be set up in offices; there is a unit at the Capitol, and some Leagues are experimenting with noon meetings of business and professional people. It is felt that those who can afford to give over and above dues should be asked to do so and corporations, unions should be called on for substantial "development" funds.

3) The answer to one above probably answers this question.
Explanation: We do have some reservations on the effect of un-met p.m.p.s and pledges on budgets; that will necessitate having larger reserves. Education will be needed to get LWV out of the "brown bag," hand-to-mouth, financial thought process, which we see starting already with newer members.

4) Again see answer to question 1.

5) You are referred to the budget compilation received and discussed earlier on the Agenda.

INFORMATION

1. Ballot Rotation will be presented orally.
2. From Crookston LWV: Thank You letter: "Thank you to the State Board for sending Liz and Nancy to Crookston to our September meeting. They were not only an asset to our evening meeting, but our Board meeting as well." Signed by Irene Hoff, President.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA 555 WABASHA ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

November 6, 1975

TO: Human Resource Committee Members

FROM: Lois DeSantis, Chairperson

Thanks so much to all of you for your input on the subject of a Commission on the Status of Women. You are a good group!!

Below is a copy of the motion I plan to make at the November State Board meeting, along with an accompanying explanation. You will note that the next steps include some interviews - following which we should probably have a committee meeting. Would any of you have any time between now and the first week in January to help me with our "research project"? If so, please let me know. (866-5171)

MOTION: To defer action in regard to a Commission on the Status of Women while an assessment is made as to whether or not the Women's Division of the Human Rights Department can be strengthened and made more responsive to the needs of women.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Half of the members of the Human Resources Committee felt strongly that LWVMN should not support a Commission on the Status of Women but should work to strengthen the Women's Division of the Human Rights Department (DHR). The other half, while pessimistic about the possibility of accomplishing that, acknowledged that LWVMN had not made such an attempt. The prevailing feeling was dissatisfaction with the DHR. Yet it was felt that we should not rely on the statements of other women's groups that nothing can be done; rather we should delve into it further ourselves.

Accordingly we will try to arrange for appointments with some key people - e.g. Commissioner Wilson, Senator Ralph Doty or other members of a Senate Committee which studied and made recommendations about the DHR in 1974, a member or members of the Women's Advisory Committee, etc. Hopefully we can do this by the first of January, so that we could still join the Women's Coalition in support of a Commission if we feel the DHR is indeed hopeless.

I, as chairman, am quite comfortable with this position as long as no one feels women's rights are a burning issue with League members. If Board members, through their contacts with local Leagues, find women's issues in the forefront of concerns, than I wonder if we can afford to go what will probably be a slow route of changing the DHR. It is my personal feeling that if we want more funds to pursue women's concerns, the sooner we ask, the better. The anti-ERA forces are organizing against Women's Commissions and programs also, and they could undermine whatever attempts we make.

I will continue to attend the Women's Coalition meetings, explain our position, gather their materials, and plan to make further recommendations at our January Board meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

Memorandum to Lucy Wilson Benson, President, League of Women Voters of the U.S. (copy to local Leagues in Minnesota)
From Mary Ann McCoy, President, League of Women Voters of Minnesota
March 23, 1973

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota voted at its March, 1973, meeting to pay the balance of our suggested state pledge to national for the fiscal year, 1972-73. The total suggested for Minnesota is $11,539. We have paid $4,192, our affirmed state pledge (see explanation in Memorandum to the League of Women Voters of the U.S. June 29, 1972). Enclosed is a check for $7,347, the balance of the 1972-73 Formula State Pledge.

Explanation: Our action described in the June 29th memorandum responded to requests by local Leagues that the amount they could not pledge not be deducted from state services and action but be cut from the pledge to national.

In January, 1973, the State Board revised our budget to reflect realities of expenditures and income. We were reminded that at the June, 1972, meeting when the state pledge at a reduced amount was voted, discussion indicated the Board wanted to add to the pledge "if monies were available later."

It is with pleasure and no little satisfaction that we report that the decision to pay the balance resulted from an examination of our income from sale of publications and from reorganization of office procedures which result in a more favorable income balance than could be anticipated 9 months ago.

By this action the Board underscores its November, 1972, decision to place the suggested state pledge for 1973-74 in the state budget at full amount and to build supporting proposed state income with "fair share pledges" from local Leagues based on an equalization formula.

We recognize that we shall be reviewing and interpreting our decision as we consult with Leagues, attend their annual meetings, and enter state Convention discussion of proposed budget and Program decisions.

This action represents a broad consensus that the League of Women Voters must be adequately and fairly funded at all levels. Our total health and effectiveness depend upon this realization.

TELEPHONE 224-5445

We commend the National Board's efforts in communicating this need to League membership. As part of League's leadership structure, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota acknowledges its financial responsibility for support of national services and action.

LWV of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102

DETROIT LAKES APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION 11/7/75

Located in Becker County, population 6600, 7th congressional district, 10A legislative district. Some light industry, agriculture (some pretty good, some marginal), heavy reliance on tourism.

Membership: Stands at 37 now from a high of 60. Their advisor, Mary Davies, can fill in the Board on their efforts at increasing membership. They emphasize the over-organization of the town, but it's no different from any other outstate town.
They operate with two units now - meet twice a month, attendance just fair but probably as good as many established Leagues. One is a baby-sitting unit.

Finance: First drive was pretty good after a slow start - kick-off had inadvertently been set on first day of deer hunting season! They are presently in the midst of the second drive, and it looks pretty good.
Their second budget shows a healthy increase. They've budgeted for 50 members which is good. They do not yet budget any accrual for national Convention.

PR: They have a good relationship with media - receive very good coverage. They've made their mark - people know they're there. They receive requests from organizations and schools for speakers; planning commission has asked them to suggest a League member to fill a vacancy; county auditor asked their help in voter registration.

Program: Had an active EQ chairman and committee (they do use committees); devoted considerable time to Land Use. Established a land use shelf in the library. They made extensive use of the MN land use computer map.
In HR, the greatest concentration has been on Indians - undoubtedly prompted by their area.
Their coverage of national Program has been generally good and complete.
The impression is that Corrections has been their only work on state Program. Perhaps the advisor can provide more information.
Local - impressive survey, different from most in that it's 8½x11 with plastic spiral binding and many pictures. The council and industrial commission helped finance it. The material was very completely presented to the units. They've had information meetings on the schools - the junior high school is a major concern of many in the community.

VS/CI: They have held two candidates meetings, both very well attended. They published a local Voters Guide as well as distributing the state Guide. They were asked to do legislative interviews even though still provisional - only League in the district, and they registered voters.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102
November 1975

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR EDUCATION CONSENSUS:

VOTER article will be ready for Shirley's return the first week of December.
Readers will be Board committee members. Who else should be added?
We plan detailed discussion guide for unit meetings.
Additional reading has been recommended.
This is a fairly simple set of questions. Does the Board have recommendations for further service to local Leagues?

Proposed Consensus Questions for Education Study:

1. The school aid formula now takes into account several factors that add costs (i.e. special education, aid to families with dependent children).
   A Should additional income be allowed to school districts which have high salary costs per pupil unit?
   B If not explain
   C If so, should income be provided by State Aid?
   Specify: factor in foundation aid formula
   through categorical aids

   Or should the income be provided from local property tax?
   Specify: allow limited additional levy
   retain referendum provision
   provide for reverse referendum
   provide for power equalization
   other

2. Should methods of aiding school districts with fluctuating enrollments be changed?
   A - If not explain
   B If so, do you favor categorical aid (money for that specific purpose)
   local levies
   other

Other comments:

AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

ST. PAUL POWER SQUADRON

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 11, 1975

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul MN 55102, 9:30 a.m., Jerry Jenkins, president, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Anderson, Atchison, Borg, Cushing, Colbert, Davies, DeSantis, Hall, Jenkins, Jones, Knutson, Lewin, Poppleton, Reeves, Stone, Waldo, Watson.
Board Members Absent: Amundson, Gross, Mueller, Ponti.
Non-Board Members Present: Louisa Holmberg, Golden Valley, Jean Wirsig, state budget chairman.

MINUTES: MOTION: To dispense with the reading of the minutes.
Mover: Jones Second: Cushing Carried

Corrections: page 3, Position Support Concerning Amendment Promotion, should read: "It was agreed that we not have a specific budget category.".
page 3, Delegates, should be" "Hall would like to see national Convention budgetted for each year.".
page 4, Publications, add after Borg's comments on more publications: "position papers to keep our positions up to date".

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October 14, 1975 Board meeting as corrected.
Mover: Waldo Second: Anderson Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand 4/1/75	$14,084.40	
Expenditures 4/1/75 to 10/31/75	44,128.19	
Income 4/1/75 to 10/31/75	39,444.75	
Balance on hand 10/31/75	4,400.96	checking
	5,000.00	short term investment

Hall noted that we lost $137.00 on fall workshops. When Board members are expected to attend, their expenses should be included when setting the registration fee. The report was filed for audit.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Action: Office holidays
Ballot rotation
Human Resources - TV spots
Request for mailing list.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Marge Colbert as public relations chairman for a two-year term.
Mover: Jenkins Second: Knutson Carried

MOTION: That the state office be closed November 28, 1975 and December 26, 1975.
Motion: Hall Second: Borg Carried

BALLOT ROTATION: MOTION: That attorney, Milton Bix, be retained to represent LWVMN and to prepare an amicus brief in support of the ballot rotation suit.
Mover: Reeves Second: Borg Carried

Reeves and Watson have met with Mr. Bix. The suit questions the constitutionality of the present law, but our position says little to this point. Reeves presented the Board with a brief statement of League position explaining why LWVMN is interested in the suit and the basis of our position (14th amendment). Jenkins asked if there is a need to add something about equal protection being denied minority parties. Bix will not submit anything without prior League approval. The statement is for Bix. Reeves will check to see whether our arguments need to depend on those of the suit. The statement will be further clarified. Bix warned of political repercussions to the League. He expects the suit to be appealed. Amicus can present testimony on appeal. Costs are not certain yet.

MAILING LIST: MOTION: That our local League presidents list be made available to the Minnesota State Home Economics Association.
Mover: Waldo Second: Anderson Carried

The Minnesota State Home Economics Association is trying to make their members more politically aware and are interested in promoting precinct caucus attendance. They would like to pruchase some of our caucus kits. They would like the names of local presidents in order to use League leaders as local contacts and in workshops. DeSantis asked if League presidents would be warned. Waldo intends to inform them through the Board Memo. Borg emphasized that they be told not to use the list for any other purpose. Stone noted that the goals of the group are similar in many areas to those of the League.

DETROIT LAKES: MOTION: To recommend to the LWVUS that the LWV of Detroit Lakes be granted recognition as a local League.
Mover: Cushing Second: Knutson Carried

Davies noted that they have carried state League legislative testimony in their bulletin thus keeping their members informed on state Program. They continue to work on membership. Jenkins said they will need some help on bolstering support for the ERA, and they would welcome a visit from Borg.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES COMMITTEE: MOTION: To allow the Latin American Studies Committee of the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities to list LWVMN as a cosponsor of a of a Minnesota Humanities Commission-funded symposium on "Multinational Corporations in Latin America: Private Rights and Public Responsibilities".
Mover: Jenkins Second: Knutson Carried

There will be no cost to the League. In response to questions from Stone on whether the IR committee feels it's appropriate, Davies said she sees no conflict with our position. Atchison questioned putting our names behind events which no one attends. Jenkins said we are not guaranteeing attendance, only agreeing to publicize it to our members.

EDUCATION CONSENSUS QUESTIONS: Atchison presented the questions submitted by the Education committee and included with the agenda. She noted that local Leagues will need to do local research. Stone referred to the ad hoc committee on consesnus report completed last spring and asked if this had been followed, particularly in having outside people and new members test the questions. She said that if we expect local Leagues to follow this procedure we should also be doing so. Jenkins noted that without reading all the material it is difficult to judge the questions. Anderson said the wording of question #1 made sense to her but questioned whether it would to a novice. Lewin asked if AFDC adds to cost of schooling. Anderson suggested postponing a decision until later in the agenda and that suggestions for revisions be given to Atchison. Lewin asked why we include "if so" and not "if not..." or "why not"

and if this doesn't slant the questions. Jones said "if so" was to give reasons for support, and "if not" might be good for the same reason. Stone expressed concern that non-Board people aren't involved in formulating consensus questions and asked Board members to take another look at the consensus publication. She said we need to break the pattern of Board hammering out consensus questions at the last minute. Jenkins suggested the questions could be tested on Ramsey and Hennepin County League presidents in meetings scheduled this week. Atchison would like to send out discussion guides in December to local Leagues. Waldo may have Secretary of State's precinct caucus material then, too.

MOTION: To approve special mailing to local Leagues in December.
Mover: Anderson Second: Watson Carried

Cushing suggested that the committee guide is more important than how the consensus questions are worded. Lewin suggested that her job as publications editor should include sitting in on consensus question formulations and feels a reader should go over them. Jenkins noted that we do need to discuss procedural matters we may have missed in June Board orientation.

NATIONAL BYLAWS: In order to hear Louisa Holmberg, LWV of Golden Valley, this discussion item was moved up on the agenda. Holmberg explained that they have two active non-citizen members, and their Board feels that to deny non-citizen members a vote in the conduct of League affairs is illogical and inequitable. She asked for the reaction and advice of the Board. Borg said there are probably non-citizen Board members across the state. Atchison said it's discouraging to the non-citizen. Many Leagues probably ignore it. Knutson asked if Holmberg wants the support of the state Board. Anderson suggested use of the Board Memo to explain to local Leagues. Jenkins mentioned that the state Bylaws committee can include this as one of their recommendations. Letters to other state and local Leagues will depend on how much Golden Valley wants to spend on the effort. Atchison suggested Holmberg contact Irene Janski for advice. Knutson asked if this Bylaws change hadn't been suggested in previous years. Jenkins sees a change in keeping with the "internationalization" of the LWV as suggested in Ruth Clusen's recent speech in Minneapolis. Hall will include this in the Bylaws discussion.

ENERGY: MOTION: To cosponsor an Energy Conference at a not yet determined date.
Mover: Poppleton Second: Watson Carried

Last spring's Energy Conference dealt with national policy; this will be on alternative energy for Minnesota. It will be a two-day conference. Poppleton mentioned that a bill to create a state Department of Transportation will be heard on the same day as our lobbyist training and that someone from League should attend the hearing.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: DeSantis referred to the committee memo included with the agenda. The present Women's Division seems quite hopeless, but we haven't put pressure on the Governor to shape up the Department of Human Rights. Knutson questioned whether a Status of Women Commission bill would pass. DeSantis suggested that it could be successful if a time limit for its existence were placed on it. Anderson said she feels women's issues are a burning issue with League members. Jenkins said we will need thoughtful sessions on how to deal with our stance through public relations so our position is not misinterpreted. Borg questioned how we explain our actions if we don't support a separate commission and all other groups do. Reeves said if we do support we also need to make known why. Colbert warned about our coming out against a woman's issue. Davies noted that women she had talked with are more concerned about the entire Human Rights Department and treatment of all minorities.

MOTION: To defer action in regard to a Commission on the Status of Women while an assessment is made as th whether or not the Women's Division of the Human Rights Department can be strengthened and made more responsive to the needs of women.
Mover: DeSantis Second: Anderson Carried

Borg pointed out that a good way to force strengthening of the Department of Human Rights might be for us to support a separate commission. Watson feels we have more leverage if we can say we've tried to make the present department more responsive. Jenkins and DeSantis will be making personal calls on department officials. Lewin suggested Betty Howard be invited to lunch.

For Board information, Jenkins mentioned the open appointments bill.

DeSantis has asked Colbert to see about using the equal opportunity in housing TV spots available from LWVUS.

PUBLICATIONS: Jenkins asked if there are questions about procedure. We have not been running all written materials through Lewin. Lewin said she'd like to attend the first committee meeting discussing a publication and would like to advise before the first draft. Jenkins reminded the Board of the need for both on-Board and off-Board committees of readers. In response to questions from DeSantis, Lewin would like to see updates both before and after committee revisions. Copy to be read by off-Board readers should be of good quality. Lewin won't know what publications are in the works unless Board members let her know.

DETERMINATE SENTENCING: Borg reported for Mueller. At the Corrections committee meeting, two members who had not attended the other meeting opposed the position taken at our last Board meeting. Borg said we need to stick with our decisions. If we do not support, the public assumes we're against it. Cushing said the Judiciary position was the deciding factor. DeSantis said she does not feel uncomfortable in saying that we have no position. But Borg questioned why, after four years' study, we don't have a position. Poppleton asked if we could do a concurrence. Stone noted that corrections is a field in which League can have a great deal of influence. Reeves suggested we get a review out to local Leagues so they know the basis of our position. Jenkins asked Borg to have Mueller and Gross prepare something for the Board Memo.

BUDGET: Budget chairman Wirsig noted the amount to be raised through pledges in the bare bones budget. She would like the Board to set a ceiling on the percent of increase for local pledges which we could accept. In response to a question from Knutson, last year's original budget asked $68 ,881 in local League pledges before being cut back by the Board. Hall questioned the continued dependence on pledges. Atchison said we need to justify the services to local Leagues. Wirsig asked whether we can expect a 60% increase in pledges in one year, or what can we expect? Wirsig said we need to count on 10-12% inflationary factor. Reeves suggested the problem was that no one in the local League wants to bother with all of the figures. We need to summarize them and use graphs and charts to make local Leagues understand state budget needs. DeSantis raised the problem of inactive members costing League money. This was disputed.

MOTION: That 25% increase be ceiling for local pledge requests.
Mover: Cushing Second: Poppleton Carried: 9 ayes
6 nays
1 abstention

Hall would like to see the 25% before Development money is taken into account. Atchison suggested we make special effort with Leagues that have not accepted pledges as requested. Wirsig cautioned against citing specific pledges not accepted. Stone said best chance for more money comes from the Leagues that have given best in the past. Anderson said we need to try harder for grants. Lewin said we should concentrate on expenditures first, not pledges. Hall suggested that the budget committee not the Board should set a ceiling on pledges increases. Herb commented on the high new study cost proposed and noted that this year's budget was not realistic in this area. All costs need to be reported. Davies asked about ABC reporting income, and Waldo said we can't count on this. Anderson asked why non-cash contributions were not budgeted as income in the bare bones budget. Hall said figures for non-cash contributions received this year could be plugged in at Council to balance the budget. Reeves said that local members are unaware of the time and expenses given gratis to the League by Board and metro area committee members. We need to get the message to local Leagues. Wirsig noted that local League acceptance of pledges comes prior to state Council. Jenkins suggested that maybe we should reinstate state budget building day, open to all Leagues. Wirsig asked if the Board was satisfied with the amount budgeted for field serivce. The Board agreed that the present budget is "bare, bare bones" in terms of field service. Wirsig asked if the Board should anticipate a raise in our national pledge. It was thought likely, and therefore a budget priority. Wirsig suggested the need to put money from publications sales back into publications. Jenkins noted that our philosophy steers away from dedicated funds. Hall suggested the rent category may change again due to renewed possibility of more office space. Anderson asked if we are budgeting for accomplishment of goals this Board set for itself.

The luncheon guest was Liz Ebbott, chairman, Minnesota Ethics Commission, who discussed the work of the Commission.

GOALS: Atchison reported that she had received only a few lists of names requested. She has received no additions to the goals presented at the October meeting.

DEVELOPMENT: Stone reported on the evaluations of the October 30th Development Workshop. On a 1-5 scale (1=excellent) the overall rating was 2.3 and on facilities and arrangements, 1.9. The Development committee believes the League will not be able to function even on the current level without getting Development money. The workshop served both as a way to show members the need for Development money and as a pep talk. Local Leagues attending (Edina, Blaine and New Brighton) asked for more specific fund-raising techniques and step-by-step procedures of the Education Fund. State Board members attending wanted to see Development related to the whole Program selection process, flet there were too many speakers, and appreciated the positive encouragement. Many Board members couldn't identify their own needs in terms of Development and wanted more information on how to draft a proposal. Suggestions from the workshop include holding follow-up workshops, research fellowships and including noon speakers at Board meetings from industry and foundations. DeSantis raised question of possibly going for money just to get money. In her portfolio she could propose grants but would the topics be that important? Waldo questioned how she, as one person, could do all of the possible grant-seeking in her area. Tape made at the workshop will be available to local Leagues. Stone was pleased with the enthusiasm and positive suggestions but was disappointed that more Leagues didn't attend. Stone presented a timetable for financial Development projects: 4-6 months before date identify need; develop a good idea to meet it; prepare outline stating need, idea, goals of project, who will it serve, how will it work, cost, who will implement, how will you measure your success; submit to Development committee. Board members shouldn't have to worry about the actual writing of proposals. DeSantis said each League member should have had the opportunity to hear Walter Reeves.

FINANCING THE LWV: Hall, Wirsig and Herb developed recommendations contained in the Board agenda. They recommend the League have uniform organizational dues. Jenkins sees the need to allow for state and national MAL. Stone asked what publications would be included, and Hall said only the VOTERs at each level. The $15 suggested would be plus pledges until the League becomes more self-supporting. Jenkins feels it's a shame more members don't receive publications and suggested a member option of paying more to get more publications so that a member would be entitled to a large proportion of our publications. With changing role of women we need to recognize the need to get publications into the hands of members. DeSantis felt dues would need to be higher than $15, but Jones asked if local Leagues would back us at $20. Our recommendations are our own and local Leagues make their own recommendations on financing the LWV. he Board agreed to leave suggested dues at $15. For question #2 the Board could see no advantages of membership dues categories except MAL where there are no local Leagues. Cushing suggested MAL might be a place for national collection of dues. In response to question #3, by becoming more self-supporting the League becomes healthier. Question #4 - see answer to question #1, and to answer #5 Hall will refer to our proposed bare bones, intermediate and dream budgets.

Jenkins noted that good public relations costs money, and we didn't really consider this in our budget. National also needs more of that kind of money.

Education questions, as amended, were read by Atchison.

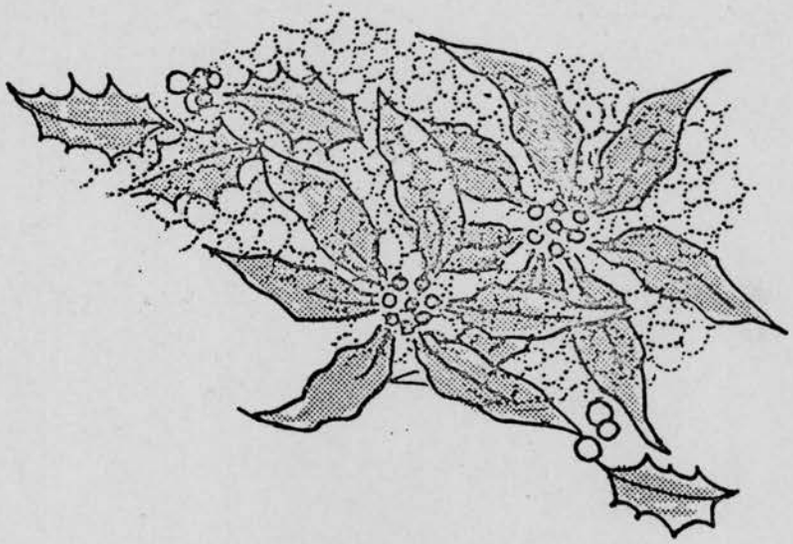
MOTION: To approve the Education consensus questions as amended.
Mover: Atchison Second: Poppleton Carried

Recommendations on national Bylaws and Program will be brought to the January Board meeting. Board members will need to be working on Board agenda requests during Christmas.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davies, Secretary



To: All Boarders
From: The Bard
A Cuplet Boarder Bits - The season's hit
December 23, 1975

We didn't want you to feel neglected.
League mail never stops - as might be expected.

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Thanks to our "Spirit of Christmas Future", our Dot,
League has a 3,375 dollar grant in its pot.

The Humanities Commission funded the Focus series.
To Waldo and Dottie we give rousing cheer-ies.

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In case you thought holidays were all fun and games,
ALL agenda material is due in Monday, dear dames.

To some of you, potential agenda material's included.
Jessie's in Tuesday to type, so don't be deluded
Into thinking there's plenty of "free" time left
To dilly and dally - come Jan. 6, you might be bereft.

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Catalogs are in very short supply.
What's in or out? Rhoda'd like a reply.

So come to the meeting with your list updated -
The office and Rhoda would sure be elated.

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If Santa didn't bring you plenty of books,
We've some here in which you can get your hooks.

States' Responsibilities to Local Governments: An Action Agenda,
Impact Statements, Waste Water Disposal and Fortune ought ta send ya'.

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The staff joins this "bard" in extending grateful thanks and greetings
To the twenty one greatest "bosses" - there is no group beating.