



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 1979 - 9:30

State Office - 555 Wabasha

Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

9:29 Determination of quorum and call to order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of the November 14 State Board Meeting\* - Dunn
- 5 Treasurer's Reports\* - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Lobbyist approvals - various + Phelan + Jeanette
- 15 Grand Rapids, Houston County - Cushing
- 5 National Council delegates - Borg
- 5 Lists to Legislators - Borg and Berkwitz

DISCUSSION

- 30 Budget - Bergeson
- 10 IR - Borg/Llona
- 10 Future Agendas - Borg

SMOKERS' BREAK

- 15 Service to Local Leagues - Cushing
- 10 Citizens Information - Maher
- 10 Constitutional Convention - Anderson
- 10 Trends in American Politics - Borg
- 10 State Convention Plans
- 10 Voter Format - Rosenblatt
- 15 Fundraising - Herb and Borg - Sue

INFORMATION

- 6 D.C. and Open Meetings - Buffington
- 10 Action - Berkwitz + Sue
- 1 SLL High Spots - Thompson
- 10 ABC and NES reporting - Hall and Waldo
- 2 State Register

Emergency - Mary P.  
Girl's Alk. - Drummell

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for January 8-February 12, 1979 (canary), voucher (green).

UPCOMING EVENTS (As listed on the calendar):

- January 8 - CMAL Study Committee - 9:30 - state office (s.o.)
- 10 - Solar meeting - ? , s.o.
- 11 - CMAL Board meeting - 9:30, s.o.
- St. Paul Day at the Legislature
- 18 - CMAL Legislators' Luncheon
- 23 - Development Committee meeting - 9:30, s.o.
- February 1 - CMAL Board meeting - 9:30, s.o.
- 6 - Action Committee meeting (and CAPITOL LETTER deadline) - 9:30, s.o.
- 13 - Board meeting - 9:29, s.o.
- 14 - Focus

REMINDERS: There were to have been three other major items on this agenda (Guidelines for off-Board chaired committees and/or grant managers, has the lack of consultant visits created a loss of cohesiveness, and ABC payments to

reporters). However, no recommendations or requests were received.

A subcommittee of the Action committee was to have designed a supplemental activities/planning form to replace the regular blue planning form. Where in the planning stage is it?

What is the status of the case study?

Board Memo material is due in by January 12th, at 9:30 a.m., so it can be readied for typing beginning on Monday.

#### ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the November 14, 1978, state Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the November 14, 1978, state Board meeting as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
3. Development: A Humanities Commission grant (\$1653) matched by \$1661 LWV money will underwrite the "Initiative and Referendum" focus. Judy is researching companies in the armament and organizations supporting disarmament or a discussion of the arms race to determine possible funders. The check from the St. Paul Foundation is due momentarily to pay for the Library Study. McCoy's letter to Hasbins has brought in \$265 so far. The tiny Jackson LWV sent us \$300 (wow!); Moorhead, \$75; and a Ms. Lackore, \$100. Total cash so far = \$9071. We might just about break even on the debates - at least we will have cut our loss some.

#### Revision of Agenda

4. Lobbyists: motion: approve Nancy Witta, LWV-Mpls., as lobbyist for FSG; Jeanne Crampton, LWV-St. Louis Park, as lobbyist for NR; and Jan Jahnke, LWV-Crystal/New Hope, as lobbyist for D.C. representation. *Janet Court, Cottage Grove, C.D.; Grace Harkness, Mpls, H.R.*

#### Background Information

Witta is a past Minneapolis president with lots of experience in the government finance area; she will be assisting Fran Boyden with tax lobbying. Crampton, former White Bear Lake president, did NR lobbying for the LWV-Florida when they lived there (they came back to MN last year). Jahnke called and volunteered to do D.C. lobbying!

5. Grand Rapids: Motion: to recommend that national grant local League recognition to the provisional LWV of the Grand Rapids Area.

#### Background Information

Located in Itasca County, their area is a semi-circle to the north and east of Grand Rapids and includes Cohasset, Bovey and Coleraine. At least 90% of their members are in Grand Rapids. Membership: at time of organization - 62; at present - 43. The drop is not a cause for concern (any more than any drop is a cause for concern). It has occurred over a two-year + period and represents the loss of those who often join a provisional just to help them get started as well as normal attrition.

Finance: Their first budget was \$1926 for an 18-month period. Their current budget is \$2660. It's a handsome budget; they're actually over-budgeted in a number of categories. There was more than the usual reluctance to the first finance drive. The president was solidly behind it - understood the concept. After lengthy encouragement from Field Service during two visits, they pitched in, found an excellent chairman and went \$250 over their goal. This led to just a touch of "I told you so-ing." We're all human.

Voters Service: excellent. They've engaged in a wide range of activity from Candidates Meetings to caucus information to registering voters. They have excellent relations with the County Auditor. They do interesting things in their county fair booth - straw votes and such.

Program: Their local survey is excellent, and they have already moved into local program - the appointment process. State and national program has been covered well for the most part - a little weak in HR, but they know this and are scheduling in more. They have used their bulletin to good advantage for background and catch-up. It carried an excellent ERA article. They have three units - all functioning well. Many of the original Board members had previous organization experience, and it showed. They were able to take hold quickly, which was a blessing, since their advisor became non-existent. They are an enthusiastic, vigorous group - really super. They will continue to have periodic visits from SLL for the next year or so.

Houston: motion: recommend that national grant recognition to the provisional LWV of Houston County.

#### Background Information

Houston County: Population - 17,500; 1st Congressional District; 35B Legislative District; 31 members. Located in the most southeastern corner of the state. LaCrescent, located on the river, is the largest town - 3,000 +, but Caledonia is the county seat and more the core city of the county and certainly the hub of League activity. The area is very conservative. The League has provided the meeting ground for the less conservative. It's very much a "think alike" group which is not too swift. They need to broaden their base which may not be easy.

This group attempted to organize over a year ago. They were able to come up with only 21 members, so they were established as a state unit - members-at-large. In the past year they have operated in a rather unstructured manner in the Program area, but because they had gone through the organization process all the way, they ended up quite structured administratively, so in many ways they operated very much like a League. I'm sure their community image is that of a full-blown League.

The biggest problem facing them now is to take a more "League-like" approach to Program. There seems to be some resistance to moving into units and away from just general meetings with speakers which they need to do now with that many members and because of the geographic aspect. They'll have one to cover Caledonia and Spring Grove, the other to include Hokah and the river towns of LaCrescent and Brownsville. It's apparent that they have done a good job in covering the entire county. They have an able advisor in Mabel Spear of Winona who will be able to help them get into the swing of things.

Their budget is \$675, but it's just a 6-month budget.

They've done a surprisingly good job in Voters Service. To cover the area, they held three separate Candidates Meetings for both school board and the general election.

6. Two delegates will attend Council in Washington, D.C., 4/30, 5/1-4.
7. Do we want to send legislators list of lobbyists and/or local League presidents?

#### DISCUSSION

1. Budget: See attached pink sheets. The enclosed proposed budget gives you one last chance at discussion and revision before final action is taken at the February budget meeting. The biggest changes involved greater equalization of committee meeting expenses, lowered president and Board and lobbying expenses, added expenses of renting a memory typewriter for five months and added income from renting out one IBM Selectric. Please note HH's suggested option to League visitations as described in the budget explanation for "Direct Services to Local Leagues."
2. I.R.: Ruth Robbins, LWVUS I.R. Chair, asks "your state Board to select a League leader from your state to attend a national trade conference the League of Women Voters Education Fund is holding April 5-7, 1979, at Wingspread, the Johnson Foundation Conference Center in Racine, Wisconsin. This national conference is the



first step of a trade education outreach project which will consist of State League trade education projects. The money contributed to the trade education project by a wide variety of donors will fund the national conference and will provide \$500 pass-through, seed money to all state Leagues, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for their projects. The League leader selected to attend the April conference should be prepared to develop and direct the state League project.

"We will be able to cover most of the expenses of League participants. The Johnson Foundation is providing conference facilities at Wingspread, including luncheons and dinners. Contributions from several corporations and organizations will make it possible for the League to provide lodging for all participants. We will also defray 85% of the transportation costs for the 53 Leagues involved."

The LWVMN has also been asked to participate in the Mid-Continent Dialog on the Changing World Economy. Borg has met with Vici Oshiro about this, and Llona has talked to Vici via phone. They'll provide you with more details at Board meeting. (See enclosed.)

3. Future Agendas: At the February meeting we will do final approval of the budget. We will make recommendations to national. We must also determine dates and location for Council in 1980.

The LWVMN should begin making plans from June, 1979, to as far into the future as we can. You will note we have calendars on the wall through '80, and we have a month-by-month calendar for 1981. (Same may be hung in a better form before Board meeting.) What would you think about having a joint ("old" and new) Board meeting in March to begin the planning process (including decisions on Outlook)? Attached (blue) Maxims of Planning are from a booklet on the planning process. Do we need another "retreat"?

4. Consider one evening a month with Board members in office to answer collect calls from local Leagues. Consider Activity chart.
5. Final Focus plans and WCCO 10-second spots.
6. YWCA Action regarding Constitutional Convention - where do we stand?
7. Rogers' letter (see attached).
8. State Convention. Do we need to appoint an official chair? Who determines rules? etc.
9. VOTER. Which format do we like? What are price differences?
10. Fundraising - ERA projects and workshops for corporations.

#### INFORMATION

1. D.C. voting Representation. Sent information to all MN legislators. Coalition: Self-Determination for D.C. is growing. Besides LWVMN, Common Cause, DFL, Americans for Democratic Action so far. Good chance that MN Civil Liberties Union will also join.

Open Meeting Law Update: Draft has gone out to readers. Should be ready to go out in February with Board Memo mailing to all local Leagues.

2. Action: Please review the Minutes of the committee's January 2 meeting.
3. Verbal summary.

4. SLL - Some High Spots

Columbia Heights - is including reprint of national VOTER article on Herb Green, president of LWV of Plainfield, N.J., in new-member kits.

Marshall - After their very successful Candidates Night, the Tracy Jaycees called to get pointers on Conducting a Candidates Meeting.

Moorhead - With Citizens Utility Coalition has received funds from Clay-Wilkin Opportunity Council for an energy education project.

This month's sympathy award:

St. Peter - Candidates Meeting was video-taped for TV - sound track turned up blank!

Crookston - asked to present their Library Funding study to the Lions Club.

Cheers for this month - or any other month - to: Willmar - 16 new members this fall pushes their membership to a whopping 50 - an all-time high.

Question of the month:

Edina - did they ever get the metal bird from the library to city hall where it belongs? To quote: "How was we get the big metal bird .....?" (I used to know some people down along the Missouri River bottoms who talked like that.)

Mid-Mesabi - You think you've seen poor attendance? At the November evening unit, no one - 0 - showed up!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand April 1, 1978	\$ 5904.88	- checking
	5844.59	- telephone transfer

*OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	December	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
1. Maintenance of Equipment	\$ 540	\$ 150.00	\$ 272.00
2. General Supplies	3627	242.89	1503.85
3. Postage	7200	1071.76	2429.32
4. Telephone and Telegraph	1534	-	624.68
5. Insurance	240	102.00	273.02
6. Rent	4690	390.80	1563.20
7. Salaries (Ex.Dir.,sec'y.,bookkeeper,clerk)	23112	1712.05	8158.74
8. Salary taxes (all)	3668	147.40	811.40
9. Copier	3783	384.94	1865.86
10. Bank and miscellaneous charges	25	-	-
11. Audit expenses	125	-	-
12. Capital expenditures	1056	87.36	349.44
TOTAL	49600	4289.20	17851.51

EXPENDITURES		BUDGET	December	April 1 Dec. 31 *
	Operating Expenses		4289.20	
100	Direct Service to Local Leagues	\$ 26684	80.93	16918.98
200	Administration	15191	42.50	10641.77
300	Publications	8086	62.75	5313.09
400	VOTER	3994	871.00	3989.84
500	Delegates and Affiliations	5523	-	9815.02
600	National PMP for Members at Large	100	-	
700	Action	17385	97.22	3927.18
800	Development and Public Relations			
	General Fund	7177	486.40	8041.41
	Grant	7176	-	-
900	Educational Activities			
	General Fund	3115	8.83	1496.03
	Grant	19277	93.04	4987.85
980	Citizen Information/Voters Service			
	General Fund	700		553.93
	Grant	34050	368.38	14959.93
	General Fund	\$ 87955	5938.83	60697.25
	Grant	53327	461.42	19947.78
	GRAND TOTAL	\$141282	6400.25	80645.03

\*Operating Expenses are allocated to their budget categories.

Script type indicates grant amounts.

INCOME	BUDGET	DECEMBER	April 1 Dec. 31, 1978
1. Local League Per Member Payments	\$ 51186.60	\$ 4355.75	\$34379.51
2. Provisional Leagues	1137.00	--	--
3. Balance of previous year's LL support	800.00	--	1095.25
4. Member-at-large dues	180.00	--	45.00
5. CMAL assessment	75.00	--	18.75
6. Non-cash contributions	4000.00	78.58	2343.14
6A. Cash contributions			159.50
7. Publications	4000.00	137.60	1512.55
8. MN VOTER	25.00	3.00	38.00
9. DPM Subscriptions	480.00	30.00	298.25
10. Capitol Letter	2872.00	456.00	536.00
11. State Council/National Convention	3000.00	--	8135.95
12. Workshops: Leadership and general	1900.00	5.00	1265.18
13. Lobbyist training workshop	195.00	--	725.80
14. ABC precinct reporting	2075.00	--	2050.00
15. Interest on savings	600.00	--	208.47
16. Miscellaneous (postage, Xeroxing, supplies)	3200.00	595.34	6082.80
17. From cash on hand	2155.40	--	2500.00
18. State Development Fund Raising			
General Fund	5285.00	--	181.89
Grant	4435.00	--	400.00
19. Designated grants: Library Funding	6065.00 6380	--	50.00
Criminal Justice	9680.00	--	--
Open Meeting Law	1082.00	--	--
Election Monitoring			
Guide	2804.00	--	--
Voters' Guide	6400.00	--	3125.00
TV Debates	10000.00	--	6750.00
3 Focus on Issues			
Meetings	12000.00	--	237.50
Voters' Hotline	1400.00	--	--
Hennepin County Precinct Service Contract	4250.00	--	4250.00
General Fund	\$ 83166.00	5661.27	61576.04
Grant	58116.00	--	14812.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 141282.00	5661.27	76388.54

Reserves \$17,682.42

On account with Ed. Fund \$5466.50 + 215 in transit



# Time Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hours & LWV Activity

Week of	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./ Sun.
Jan. 8						
Jan. 15						
Jan. 22						
Jan 29						
Feb. 5						

# PLANNING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month of Jan. 8 - Feb. 12, 1979

## Portfolio

STAFF AUTHORITY  
CODE: A - Complete;  
B - act and report;  
C - act after  
approval.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE TO START	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	TYPE OF STAFF ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CODE: A - Complete B - act and report; C - act after approval.

August, 1978

## STATE PROGRAM ACTIVITY CHART - 1978-1979

STATE POSITION	ACTIVITY WITHIN LEAGUE		ACTIVITY AIMED AT LEGISLATURE		ACTIVITY IN LOCAL COMMUNITY		OTHER
	Active Committee (AC) Unit Meeting (UM) General Meeting (GM) Voter Article (VA) Distribute State Pubs. (DSP) Visits to Local or Regional Agencies, Institutions (V)		Letters/Telegrams (LT) Personal Contacts: Home (PCH) Springfield (PCS) Telephone Calls (TC) Letter Campaign (LC) Petition Campaign (PC) Coalition Work (CW)		Letters to Editor (LE) Survey/Questionnaire (SQ) Local Publication (LP) Pub. Meeting/Conf. (PMC) Newspaper Article (NA) Statment to Loc. Govt. (SG) Coalition Work (CW) Speakers Bureau (SB) Distribute State Pubs. (DSP) Referendum Campaign (RC) Petition Campaign (PC) Monitoring (M) Observing (O)		Check and describe on reverse side
	1977-78	1978-79	1977-78	1978-79	1977-78	1978-79	
School Finance							
Fiscal Policies, incl. Assessments							
Land Use, incl. Housing							
Election Laws							
Child Welfare/Juv. Jus.							
Constitutional Imp/Am Merit Selection							
State Bd. of Educ.							
Single Memb. Dist.							
Corrections							
Handgun Control							

Insert code letters in the appropriate columns. Note activities of the year ending June 30, 1978 in the "1977-78" column; planned activities for 1978-79 in the "1978-79" column.

Return two copies to the State Office by October 6, 1978. Keep third copy for your files.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS  
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## MAXIMS OF PLANNING

Before effective use can be made of the basic steps of planning, regardless of the context in which they are applied, certain philosophical and practical maxims of the planning process must be understood and either accepted or rejected. The following planning maxims are brought together in this format to encourage self-study and discussion.

*The planning process  
helps make decisions;  
it does not make decisions.*

*The planning process  
is best approached objectively,  
but the final decisions  
are necessarily a subjective matter.*

*Realistic planning  
is reasonably flexible.*

*People must accept  
both the inevitability and  
the acceleration of change.*

*There can be change without improvement  
but not improvement without change.*

*Purposeful change  
has both force and direction.*

*Planning is a cooperative process  
with centralized leadership.*

*One group planning for another  
is almost certain to be ineffective.*

*Reactive and brush-fire tactics  
require more energy and money  
than preventative strategies.*

*A change agent is a planner  
and a planner is a change agent.*

*People who plan are  
constantly concerned with:*

ends	— means
future	— present
theory	— practice
plans	— actions
groups	— individuals
unanimity	— consensus

*Planning is  
a continuous process.*

*The planning process is  
a means for making decisions  
about what will be,  
about what ought to be,  
about what ought to be done,  
about how to go about doing it,  
about why changes should be made,  
about what changes should be made,  
about how changes should be made.*

*The planning process is  
a procedure for interrelating  
better information  
for better evaluation  
for better decision-making  
for better programs.*

*Continuous planning  
is a means for  
determining procedures,  
drafting procedures,  
adopting procedures,  
implementing procedures,  
evaluating procedures,  
modifying procedures.*

*Planning groups  
are change groups.  
Change-groups  
can change institutions.*

*Changing institutions  
depends upon people changing.*

*Changing people  
depends on changing behavior.*

*Changing behavior  
depends upon changing attitudes.*

*Changing attitudes  
depends upon emotional  
as well as logical conviction.*

*Improvement is  
a change for the better.*

*A change for the better  
depends upon making better decisions.*

*Better decision-making  
depends upon better planning.*

*Comprehensive planning  
is a logical process for  
implementing continuous improvement.*

*Implementing continuous improvement  
necessitates a logical process  
for organizing systematic change.*

*Organizing systematic change  
necessitates a logical process  
for preparing for the future.*

*Preparing for the future  
necessitates a logical process  
for preventing undesirable change  
and producing desirable change.*

*Producing desirable change necessitates  
commitment, hard work, cooperation,  
involvement and creativity.*

*Without planning  
whatever will be,  
will be.*





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JAN 3 1979

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January 2, 1978

Helene Borg, President  
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555 Wabasha  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Ms. Borg:

Is there a new kind of American politics which has shown up in the recent election? Has there been a decline of party identification? Is media politics the new wave? Is there any new selectiveness among voters? Are single issue campaigns something really new? In other words, are there some really fresh and different emerging trends in American politics which thoughtful people should be discussing?

Our department of Continuing Education in Public Policy has a responsibility for adult education on such issues. Do you think a half-day or full-day conference on the new politics would be worthwhile and would serve a need? If so, what topics might be included and who should be our speakers? I'd like to hear from you by letter or phone if you have a positive reaction to my questions.

Short  
Frazer

Voter apathy

Yours sincerely,

William C. Rogers  
Director

WCR:mje

cc. Barbara Stuhler

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# MID-CONTINENT DIALOG ON THE CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY

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SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15, 1979

WED — "WORLD ECONOMY DIALOG"

November 28, 1978

Helene Borg, President  
League of Women Voters of MN  
555 Wabasha  
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Deare Helene:

The YMCA, The United Nations Association and several other non-governmental organizations have begun planning a major regional conference on international economic issues for September 13, 14 and 15, 1979 in the Twin Cities. The purpose of the conference is to bring together people with diverse backgrounds and interests to discuss the implications of the changing world economy. The United Nations is helping us in the planning and part of the purpose of the conference is to allow the UN staff and resource people to hear the views of the people in the upper midwest states of the US and the prairie provinces of Canada.

A similar conference was held in Los Angeles in September 1977 and one is being planned in Seattle for March 30 to April 1, 1979. The Planning Committee in Los Angeles included representatives from 120 participating organizations.

We invite you to participate by:

- Appointing a representative to the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will meet once every six or eight weeks. It's function is to oversee the general direction of the dialog. A Steering Committee has been established to handle the detailed planning.  
and
- Promoting the conference within your own network.  
and
- Contributing \$100 or more toward pre-conference expenses.

We expect the planning process to be at least as valuable as the conference itself. If funding permits, we hope to hold pre-conference events during the early months of 1979 in the Twin Cities and in other cities in the region. We hope you will join us. To ask questions or to indicate your interest in participation, please call me.

Sincerely,



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## MID-CONTINENT DIALOG ON THE CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY

Increasing global interdependence and the rapid changes in international economic relationships have a major impact on the lives of people in the mid-continent region. There is a growing need to understand more about these issues and to learn ways in which we, as individuals and groups, can have an impact on the governments and organizations that make decisions which affect us. To serve these purposes a number of organizations are planning the Mid-Continent Dialog on the Changing World Economy.

What is it? A major conference in Minneapolis, September 13, 14 and 15, 1979.

If funding permits, a series of preliminary forums in the Twin Cities and in other parts of the mid-continent region will be held.

What is the mid-continent region? Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Western Ontario. Some adjacent areas may also want to participate and are welcome to do so.

Who will participate? The dialog is designed to provide for interchange among people with a broad range of interests - academic, agriculture, business, labor, religious groups, social service and social advocacy groups. Participating organizations will plan the dialog. Individuals may participate as members of one or more of those organizations or may contact conference staff or committee chairs directly.

The United Nations is offering consultative assistance in planning the dialog and will have staff at the major conference whose purpose will be to learn what people in the mid-continent region feel about the issues discussed.

For more information you may contact:

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## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### MID-CONTINENT DIALOG ON THE CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY

Citizens in countries throughout the world are becoming increasingly aware of our global interdependence. This awareness is accompanied by a growing sense of uneasiness about the rapid changes that are occurring in our own communities because of this interdependence.

In the mid-continent area food production has reached record levels, and there is major concern about farm surpluses and international grain sales, while at the same time millions of people around the world remain hungry or literally starve to death.

The U. S. dollar has been experiencing a significant decline in purchasing power, both at home and abroad, and many other governments are confronted with similar fluctuations in their own currencies.

Employment and job security in this region have become issues that affect many people, as businesses look for less expensive ways of producing the goods we use and foreign competitors garner ever larger portions of North American markets.

Energy has become a source of concern not only for the future, but in our daily lives, as nations that possess large quantities of non-renewable fuels realize the value of these resources and become determined to use them to secure a voice in the decision making bodies of the world.

Many people are beginning to feel a moral responsibility to individuals in less developed countries, as they see the disparity between our own standard of living and the real poverty that exists in 3rd world countries.

These global issues and others, have a major impact on the lives of people in the mid-continent region. There is a growing need to understand more about these issues, and to learn ways in which we, as individuals and groups, can have an impact on the governments and organizations that make decisions which affect us.

To serve these purposes a number of organizations are working to organize the "Mid-Continent Dialog on the Changing World Economy". It will be held in the Twin Cities September 13--15, 1979.



## MID-CONTINENT DIALOG ON THE CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY

September 13-15, 1979

Minneapolis, Minnesota

WORK GROUPS will define issues and identify resource persons in preparation for the September 1979 event, during the period February through July. Issue areas to be addressed by work groups are:

### 1. FOOD PRODUCTION AND TRADE.

What is the export situation of foods produced in the mid-continent region?  
How does the export trade function? In Canada? In the U.S.?  
What determines world market prices in cereal grains?  
What would be a fair price for Canadian and U.S. producers?  
What foods are imported to the region from other parts of the world?  
Which of the food imports are competing with mid-continent producers?

### 2. FOOD PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION.

What is the value of food processing to the region's economy?  
Do regional food processors sell overseas? Do they process overseas?  
Does processed food move across national boundaries without trade barriers?  
What determines the location of processing for foods that move internationally?

### 3. TRADE: ON WHAT TERMS?

In commodities other than food, who produces raw materials for the region?  
What raw materials other than food are produced by the region?  
What is happening to commodity prices in relation to industrial goods?  
Which commodity arrangements are being negotiated between nations?  
Why are the low-income nations asking for a Common Fund for buffer stocks?  
On what commodities do the U.S. and Canada have import barriers? Why?

### 4. LABOR: WHO IN THE WORLD DOES WHAT?

How substantial is the shift in global distribution of labor?  
If the low-income nations process more of their own raw materials, what will be the effect on the work force in this region?  
Should the U.S. and Canadian governments provide for retraining of workers and retooling of plants as processing jobs are "exported"?  
Does the principle of comparative advantage in classical capitalist theory still deserve support?

## 5. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: WHITE OR BLACK HATS?

What role do corporations based in the region play in international economy?  
What kinds of operations do these transnationals conduct overseas?  
How do they understand their participation in development of low-income countries? in the transfer of technology?  
Do they tend to be relatively labor-intensive or capital-intensive in their overseas operations?  
How do they view the establishment of codes of conduct for international regulation of corporations' behavior?

## 6. DOLLARS IN DISTRESS

Why do the currencies of Canada and the U.S. appear shaky on the world money market?  
How does the international monetary system work, anyway?  
What seem to be the causes of world-wide inflation?  
What role do our lending institutions have in international finance?  
Do we play any significant part in financing the development of the low-income nations?

## 7. FAMILIES AND THE HUMAN FAMILY

What is happening with population growth trends world-wide? in the region?  
How do the roles of women and men affect economic development? How do they affect population growth?  
What is the situation of children globally--in nutrition, health, education?  
How do cultural understandings of family relate to economic well-being?

## 8. LIMITED RESOURCES AND THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENT

Is the development of energy resources in basic conflict with the search for a clean environment?  
How will adequate energy supplies be made available for this region in the next 25 years? to the developing nations?  
What is the situation regarding other non-renewable resources?  
How do the Law of the Sea negotiations affect this region? the developing countries?

## 9. VALUE SYSTEMS: ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, CULTURAL

What underlying ideologies shape this region's approaches to economic life?  
Is the threat and promise of future change likely to nurture a new ethic?  
What are the strengths and weaknesses of the contending social ideologies in today's global community?  
How does concern for economic growth relate to concern for "the sustainable society" in a time of resource limitation?

### Guidelines for Work Groups

1. Each will have two co-chairpersons, representing different constituencies or perspectives on the issue cluster assigned to the group.
2. The chairpersons are responsible for
  - a. enlisting participants for the work group process
  - b. convening and chairing work group meetings, on a schedule agreed to by the group
  - c. collecting and reporting work group recommendations to the Program Committee
3. The work groups are asked to
  - a. define the major issues to be dealt with in the September event by their subject area (the parameters of the topic)
  - b. identify resource persons to be invited to the September event for their subject area--normally two presenters of varying viewpoints and two or three responders
  - c. prepare or select background reading material for September participants, as well as brief bibliographies
4. Work group subjects at the September event will be
  - a. limited to approximately 80 participants
  - b. dealt with in a six-hour period (9-12 and 1:30-4:30) on Friday and Saturday for two separate audiences, that is, each participant will be able to select two issue areas, one for Friday and one for Saturday

		FRIDAY 14 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY 15 <sup>th</sup>
Forenoon	Work Groups A	(9:00)	(9:00)
		(12:00)	(12:00)
		(1:30)	(1:30)
Afternoon	Work Groups B		
		(4:30)	(4:30)
THU. 13 <sup>th</sup>			
Registration 4:30-6:30 Opening meal event 6:30	Major speaker (6:30) Dinner + evening plenary		
Eve. (9:30)	(9:30)		

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
January 9, 1979

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102, 9:40 a.m.,  
Helene Borg, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Borg, Reeves, Waldo, Dunn, Hall, Anderson,  
Armstrong, Berkwitz, Buffington, Cushing, Kahlenberg, Llona, Maher,  
Phelan, Poppleton, Rosenblatt, Scribner, Tews.  
Board member absent (excused): Schmitz  
Non-Board member present: Bergeson  
Staff present: Herb

MINUTES: To approve the minutes of the November 14, 1978, state Board meeting as  
circulated.

Mover: Anderson Second: Armstrong Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand 4/1/78	\$ 5904.88 - checking
	5844.59 - telephone transfer
Expenditures 4/1/78 to 11/30/78	74244.78
Income 4/1/78 to 11/30/78	70727.27
Balance on hand 11/30/78	2178.90 - checking
	3553.06 - telephone transfer
Expenditures 4/1/78 to 12/31/78	80645.03
Income 4/1/78 to 12/31/78	76388.54
Balance on hand 12/31/78	1439.92 - checking
	3533.06 - telephone transfer

A complete treasurer's report of each budget category was distributed to Board  
members.

MOTION: To change the Criminal Justice income (grant) figure.  
Mover: Anderson

Bergeson asked members not to confuse a treasurer's report with a budget and that  
it is difficult to compare one year's budget with another year when the budget is  
revised. Members noted that the largest differences are in projects that were pro-  
posed to be done only if grants were obtained. The motion was withdrawn. The  
treasurer's report was filed for audit.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Action: Lobbyists - Phelan and Kahlenberg  
Borg  
Add to Information: Energy grant program - Poppleton  
ERA - Scribner  
Girls' Athletics Project - Kahlenberg

Bergeson corrected the agenda, page 3, Budget, "February budget meeting" should  
read "February Board meeting."

LOBBYISTS: MOTION: To approve Nancy Witta, LWV-Minneapolis, as lobbyist for  
Government

Mover: Anderson Second: Waldo Carried

MOTION: To approve Jeanne Crampton, LWV-St. Louis Park, as lobbyist  
for NR

Mover: Poppleton Second: Anderson Carried

MOTION: To approve Jan Jahnke, LWV-Crystal/New Hope as lobbyist for  
D.C. representation

Mover: Anderson Second: Poppleton Carried

MOTION: To approve Grace Harkness, LWV-Minneapolis, as lobbyist for  
H.R.

Mover: Kahlenberg Second: Waldo Carried



MOTION: To approve Janet Court, LWV-Cottage Grove, as lobbyist for Criminal Justice

Mover: Phelan Second: Rosenblatt Carried

In response to questions, the Board agreed that a person approved as a League lobbyist may lobby in another Program area if that Program chair agrees. Observers do not have to be approved, but Program chairs must be aware that observers may quickly move to lobbying.

RECOGNITION: MOTION: To recommend that national grant local League recognition to the provisional LWV of the Grand Rapids Area.

Mover: Cushing Second: Anderson Carried

MOTION: To recommend that national grant recognition to the provisional LWV of Houston County.

Mover: Cushing Second: Poppleton Carried

Information on the Leagues was distributed to Board members. Cushing commented and answered questions.

LWVUS COUNCIL: MOTION: To nominate Berkwitz to serve as LWVMN delegate to National Council April 30 - May 4.

Mover: Waldo Second: Poppleton Carried

MOTION: To nominate Joyce Lake to serve as LWVMN delegate to National Council April 30 - May 4.

Mover: Poppleton Second: Reeves Carried

Criteria for delegates was discussed, Board preferring to send one delegate nominated for the new Board as well as one with previous Board experience who will serve on the new Board.

LISTS: MOTION: To submit the list of local League presidents to Mary Jo Richardson, Governor's Assistant for Appointments, in order that notification of board or agency vacancies may be sent to them.

Mover: Waldo Second: Anderson Carried

Borg noted that we should support members to serve on boards. The Board agreed that since few local Leagues have offices or listed phones, the best way to contact local Leagues is to contact the president.

MOTION: To send two separate lists to state legislators: one of local League presidents and one of state lobbyists.

Mover: Rosenblatt Second: Waldo Carried

This was seen as being informative to legislators and also PR for LWVMN.

RESIGNATION: MOTION: To accept with deepest regret the resignation of Harriett Herb as LWVMN executive director, effective February 9.

Mover: Hall Second: Dunn Carried

Thanks were expressed to Herb for the outstanding work she has done for LWVMN. Hall, chair of the office management committee, asked for input from the Board. It was agreed that the position would be advertised, and the proposed ad was discussed. Letters will also be sent to local League presidents and other League members suggested to the committee. Suggestions are to be given to Herb or Hall.

BUDGET: Bergeson led budget discussion, covering budget line by line, noting any differences between original request and budgeted amount and asking for comments.

100 series

MOTION: To increase #120 to \$1000

To increase #121 to \$ 500

To increase #122 to \$ 744.

Mover: Reeves Second: Hall Carried

Cushing noted that fewer League visits were needed this year because of all the con-

tacts made the previous year and that rather than cut budget in this area, Board should be looking to possible increases, perhaps in more paid staff. Anderson noted that this area was cut at Council and further cuts should not be made. It was suggested that #120 be described as "League contact" in order to allow for flexibility for service other than visitation, such as regional meetings of local Leagues.

400 series

Rosenblatt questioned whether the budget for VOTER should be increased when it is used for Program materials, increasing the size of the VOTER and eliminating cost of separate printing of the material. Further discussion was tabled until later in the agenda.

700 series

710.4 changed to 6 members at 2 meetings (HR Action meetings)

721.6 changed to 1 at 4 or 5/week (Government lobbying)

Anderson noted that taxes will be an important issue and that lobbyists are available for this much time.

930 series

Rosenblatt suggested money be budgeted for distribution of the VOTERS with Criminal Justice material, since the cost of printing additional VOTERS is minimal. \$200 was added.

Kahlenberg questioned what money is available for HR efforts, since there is money for Action and \$100 for resources (#722). Anderson, noting that Government also has nothing budgeted for education said that may be accurate but that the explanation should be expanded so that local Leagues are aware of the work of these committees. Borg noted that if these committees later wanted an education project, they could apply for a grant. Anderson and Kahlenberg will meet with Bergeson to determine if some items in other areas of the budget should be in the education category.

980 series

It was noted by Waldo that if budget is needed for information or action on amendments, adjustments could be made at Convention.

990 series

It was suggested that the explanation for #992 add "for rent and speakers." Bergeson and Maher will revise figures for this series to more accurately reflect costs of Focus.

Income

Membership figures are not certain. #6, contributions, was increased based on past experience. #8, VOTER, was increased because of plans to increase subscription amount and selling more because of inclusion of Program material. #19 g., Focus, will be increased along with expenses.

Operating Costs

Changes include increase in #12, Capital Expenditures, for costs of leasing a memory typewriter.

Board members also discussed what may be budgeted as Action and what may be budgeted as education. The allocation of operating costs was clarified. Bergeson asked for suggestions for explanations to accompany the budget and reminded members that final Board approval is at the February Board meeting.

I.R.: Llona will attend the national trade conference the LWV Education Fund is holding April 5-7, at Wingspread, Racine, Wisconsin. She suggested that the \$500 pass-through money be used to purchase and distribute publications.

MOTION: To direct Llona, Borg and Berkwitz to make decisions regarding LWVMN participation in the Mid-Continent Dialog on the Changing World Economy after obtaining more information.

Mover: Reeves

Second: Armstrong

Carried

Information about the Dialog was distributed with the agenda. LWVMN has been asked to co-chair the trade work group and chair the convening session which is intended to be a dialog of area governors and Canadian provincial governors. Borg noted that the Dialog is in September but that the commitment and most of the work would be done during the term of this Board. Llona, who has attended planning sessions, expressed some questions about the dialog. It was seen as potentially very positive for LWVMN and as an opportunity to bring International Relations information to people not usually participating. The budget chair will be informed of any costs, but Borg said she felt there would be none to League, since participants would be working for the Dialog.

PLANNING: MOTION: To hold a joint planning meeting of the present Board and nominees for the new Board on Wednesday, March 21.  
Mover: Reeves Second: Waldo Carried

Long-range planning will be done as well as planning for the '79-80 Outlook. Nominees will be notified immediately and also invited to attend a regular Board meeting before Convention.

AGENDA: Members were reminded that the February Board agenda will include budget approval, recommendations to LWVUS to accompany the annual reports due March 15, and decisions for dates and location of state Council, 1980.

CALL-IN: MOTION: To schedule during February, March and April, one evening a month with Board members in the office to answer collect calls from local Leagues.  
Mover: Reeves Second: Armstrong Carried

This is being done on a trial basis before Convention. Cushing will set up a schedule. Board members volunteered, some expressing preference for the evening of Board meetings.

ACTIVITY SHEET: A planning activity form used by the Illinois local Leagues was distributed and discussed. Members considered it helpful to both local Leagues and the state Board. Cushing will make necessary changes and introduce it at the Presidents' workshop.

FOCUS: Maher informed Board members of details of the February 14 Focus on Initiative and Referendum. A grant has been obtained from the Humanities Commission for funding. Borg will serve as moderator.

Llona gave details of the March 14 Focus, World Arms Control: Facing Off or Facing Up. It will be co-sponsored with the World Affairs Center of the University of Minnesota, and LWVMN will co-sponsor a World Affairs Center debate on SALT on April 5. Publications for distribution will be purchased with grant money.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: Responding to a letter from the YWCA stating reasons for opposition to a national Constitutional Convention, Anderson explained that there is no LWV position on this but that there is a recent Facts and Issues about Constitutional Convention. LWVUS will be contacted in regard to the YWCA request for support, and local Leagues will be informed of the request and the publication.

CONFERENCE: A request from Bill Rogers of the University of Minnesota for an opinion on a conference on the new politics was discussed. Borg was directed to answer with a positive reaction, and suggestions for topics and speakers were made.

CONVENTION: MOTION: To appoint Cushing chairperson of the State Convention.  
Mover: Waldo Second: Hall Carried

Convention rules and information will be presented at the February Board meeting.

VOTER: Board members expressed favorable opinions to recent VOTER changes in format and content. There have also been positive comments from local Leagues. It is difficult to compare costs with cost of previous VOTERs, especially since Program



material is being included. The cost of additional copies is minimal, and Rosenblatt and Board members expressed desire for wider distribution. It was agreed that more money should be budgeted for VOTER printing and postage. A subscription form will be included in each issue.

ERA FUNDRAISING: Scribner reported that negotiations for sale of ERA items will be finalized next week. Potential markets have been identified.

WORKSHOPS: Borg stated that since LWVMN was encouraged by Toro Corporation to put on workshops for corporations, a package should be developed. This would contribute to development but would be citizen information. Maher will work on the project, looking for program content from the effective citizen workshop and identifying potential speakers. A charge will be made, and it was felt that speakers should be paid.

GOVERNMENT: Information on D.C. Representation has been sent to all state legislators. Groups in the coalition for Self-Determination for D.C. are: Common Cause, DFL, Americans for Democratic Action. The draft of the open meeting law update has gone to readers, and it is planned to send it to local Leagues in February.

ACTION: Berkwitz announced time and place for interviews with Senator Durenberger and Representative Frenzel. Mounds View has asked for concurrence on an airport issue from other area Leagues, and this will be discussed by CMAL. Rosenblatt mentioned an error in the family violence consensus as printed in the VOTER; a correction will be printed. Board members were reminded of the January 15 deadline for application for appointments by the Governor's office.

ENERGY: Copies of the Proposed Policy for Administration of LWVMN Grants was distributed, and members were asked to add comments or revisions and return to Post or Poppleton. Poppleton, reporting on the energy education project, said the first of four newsletters will be sent this week and that a slide/tape show on alternative energy sources has been purchased for use by local Leagues.

H.R.: Kahlenberg reported that the form for Leagues to report back findings on school athletics has been done and will be reviewed by Berkwitz and Borg. LWVMN will testify at the hearing on Department of Human Rights rules for athletics. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dunn, Secretary



STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 1979 - 9:30

State Office - 555 Wabasha

Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

9:29 Determination of quorum and call to order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of the January 9 state Board meeting\* - Dunn
- 5 Treasurer's Report\* - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Lobbyist approval - Buffington
- 2 Ratify Executive Director - Hall
- 5 Corporate Authorization Resolution - Sawyer
- 10 Proposed Policy for Administration of LWVMN Grants - Schmitz
- 20 Library Consensus - Borg
- 10 1980 State Council Site - Cushing
- 30 1979-80 Proposed Budget - Bergeson

Urban Policy  
proj  
list - Borg  
- Poppleton  
Hall - ABC

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

- 10 Discussion of Retreat Agenda - Reeves
- 20 Proposed By-Law Changes - Reeves
- 15 Convention Information and Proposed Convention Rules - Cushing
- 15 March 14 Focus Program and Funding - Llona
- 1 World Economic Dialogue Progress - Llona
- 10 State Responsibility to LWVUS Contributing Member - Borg
- 20 Recommendations to LWVUS - Borg

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Berkwitz
- 5 Recommendations for National Leadership - Borg
- 15 April Focus - Maher
- 5 Shoreview-Arden Hills LWV Protest - Kahlenberg
- 10 AmERICA - Financial Commitments - Sawyer
- 2 Service to Local Leagues - Thompson

65 precincts  
26 Lgs.  
Hall ABC  
Waldo NES  
Armstrong  
Reeves - union

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS (As we have them on the calendar)

- February 14 - Initiative and Referendum Focus
- 27 - Development - 9:30 - state office (s.o.)
- March 1 - CMAL Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - s.o.
- 6 - Action - 9:30 a.m. - s.o. - Capitol Letter deadline
- 13 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - s.o.
- 14 - Arms Control Focus
- 15 - CMAL Delegate Meeting

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for February 12-March 12, 1979 (canary), voucher (green).

REMINDERS: Mary Stone, our out-of-state speaker, will arrive in Minneapolis on February 13th at 6:00 p.m. Barb Maher plans to meet her and go out to dinner with her. Would anyone else on the Board like to join them for a late supper? They will probably eat near her hotel (Sheraton-Ritz) at 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. Barb will have more details at Board meeting. We also need someone to drive Mary to the airport on February 14th to catch a 5:00 plane.

(More Reminders)

REMINDERS (Continued): There was to have been one other item on the agenda: ABC payments to Local League reporters.

What is the status of the Case Study?

Board Memo material is due if possible by Board meeting day. Your new Harriett needs as much lead time as possible! The deadline for the first class mailing is Friday, February 23rd.

#### ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the January 9, 1979, state Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the January 9, 1979, state Board meeting as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
3. Development: Monies in grants - \$1753 from the Minnesota Humanities Commission to fund the February 14 Initiative and Referendum Focus.  
Activities - Marketing Initiative and Referendum; researching for Arms Control Focus grants and developing proposals; P.R. for Initiative and Referendum; researching for Education Focus; finishing Debates '78 funding.  
A copy of the January 29th report to LWVUS on energy grant is on file; you may ask to see it if interested.

#### Revision of Agenda

4. Lobbyist: motion: approve Charlotte Helseth, LWV-Minneapolis, as a lobbyist for Government.
5. Ratification of Executive Director: motion: ratify hiring of Executive Director, Sally Sawyer.

#### Background Information

There were 54 applicants for the position. The office management committee met at 4:00 p.m. the 19th and cut the list to 12. The committee met again on the 23rd and determined the nominees to be interviewed. Appointments were made for the 26th, and each applicant was requested to bring a work plan to get ready for Convention. Office management committee met again on Monday, the 29th, and made the final selection. And now it's memos from SS rather than HH.

6. Corporate Authorization Resolution - motion: approve Sawyer, Jenkins, Lucas, and Hall as signatories for the VISA Master Charge Account for AmERICA.

#### Background Information

The First National Bank of Minneapolis has set up a VISA-Master Charge Account for the LWVMN AmERICA project. Our costs will be \$.20 + 2½% of the face amount of draft plus purchase of an imprinter at \$20.80. We're investigating the possibility of free checking. The charge account should enhance sales of AmERICA items by an estimated 10%.

7. Proposed Policy for Education Fund Grants: motion: approve proposed policy for administration of LWVMN Grants (see attached pink sheet).

#### Background Information

Last month you considered a draft proposal. This proposal incorporates the wording changes suggested...they are underlined. The one substantive change is that Proposals should be reviewed by both Development and Office Management Committees.

8. Library Consensus: motion: to approve Library Consensus as attached (blue).
9. 1980 State Council Site: motion: that the 1980 state Council meeting be held at

\_\_\_\_\_ on April \_\_\_\_\_,  
1980.

Background Information

1980 State Council Site -

Camp Courage - you're familiar with it. 1978 charge per person - \$17.50

American Lutheran - outside Onamia, just south of MilleLacs - approximately 100 miles north of St. Paul. Attractive site, very rustic. One building would house everyone - separate building available if Board wanted it. Meet in chapel. Extra rooms available. Pool, 2 recreation rooms, etc. Six to a room (bunks) - bath to each room. Main meal at noon as at Courage. 10% discount for mid-week would make it run \$18.00 per person (1978).

Silver Lake Camp - County Road #E and Silver Lake Road - about one mile south of I694. Very attractive site, semi-rustic. Housing varies from very comfortable to more spartan, bunk-bed dorms (in this metro setting, the main lodge housing might be all that's needed - otherwise, first registered, first in the lodge). Meet in chapel. Separate recreation center for registration, socializing. Would handle post-Council Board meeting with supper. Main meal is evening - special meals - at higher cost - can be ordered. In round figures - \$15.00 per person (1978). That's for main lodge housing. People will bitch about the parking.

Villa Maria Center - Frontenac. Can't handle our size for overnight.

Shore of St. Andrew - New London. Sounds good, but too small at present. While expansion was underway, it all burned. So much for that for now.

Faith Haven Lodge - Battle Lake. Could just handle us. Probably a great place - we plan, cook, etc.

Motels - everyone knows that story. Even the independents are \$25.00 per double (1978), food much higher. Many of these somewhat cheaper ones can't accommodate our size. If you want more specific motel information, Carolyn Cushing has it.

10. Approval of Proposed 1979-80 Budget: motion: approve 1979-80 proposed budget.

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

1. Retreat Agenda: The date is March 21, 1979. The place is Silver Lake Camp. If you have specific ideas for the agenda, don't be shy about offering them. Do you want to appoint a committee to develop the agenda?
2. Proposed Bylaw Changes: See attached (canary) for changes proposed by the state Board committee. Bylaw suggestions from local LWVs are due in the office on March 2nd. (A Memo reminder re that and Program suggestions would be a good idea.)
3. Convention information and Proposed Convention Rules: General Convention Information from 1977 Convention is attached (buff). What changes should be made? Convention Rules from 1977 are attached (buff). What changes should be made?

4. March 14 Focus - Program and Funding

Background Information

Medelman is contacting about 15 corporations for Arms Control Focus. She has had no success as yet, but the letters were just going out February 9. Question: Will there be a charge for the Focus? Some information has gone out to several organization news-letters setting the cost at \$6.00 including lunch. To date we have approximately 10 reservations and some checks.

5. World Economic Dialogue Progress - oral report

6.. State responsibility to LWVUS contributing member. As you know, the bylaw passed at LWVUS Convention. What is our responsibility to that member? We don't have one yet (we can be farsighted for a change).



7. Recommendations to National and State League Boards

1. If your state or local League Board has any suggestions for changes or improvements in policies, procedures and services of the national Board, please describe. Give reasons.
2. If your local League Board has any suggestions for changes or improvements in policies, procedures and services of the state Board, please describe. Give reasons.

The deadline for these recommendations is March 15. The Board will have time to give final approval at March 13 meeting. Please bring your suggestions in writing so we can xerox more easily - so all can have a copy. Thanks.

INFORMATION

1. Action - Minutes of 2/6/79 meeting enclosed.
2. Recommendations for National leadership - LWVUS is beginning its search for a slate of 4 officers, 8 directors, and 4 members of the Nominating Committee for presentation to the 1980 Convention. Deadline for Nominating Committee is June 1, 1979, although further suggestions will be accepted until September 1, 1979.
3. April Focus: The tentative agenda for the April 18th Focus, Current Trends in Education, is:
  - 9:30 - Overview of Education Trends in the Last Decade
  - 10:00 - Classroom Size: An Educational, Financial Dilemma  
Concurrent tour of Plato at TVI 916
  - 11:15 - Competency Testing  
Concurrent Tour of Plato
  - 12:30 - Lunch - Speaker on Gifted
  - 1:30 - Panel on Community InvolvementRuth Armstrong is busy lining up the speakers for this agenda.
4. Protest: Shoreview-Arden Hills LWV objects to "precipitate action" by the state Board, specifically our testifying on the Department of Human Rights proposed rules before the League's girls' athletics "study" is complete and our objecting to Dorothy McIntyre of the MN State High School League's being on the Task Force to select a new Human Rights Commission. (They also mention "abortion funding.") I am responding that the athletic project is not a study; that we are testifying on a support position for equal opportunity; and that League never objected in public to Dorothy McIntyre.
5. AmERICA - Financial commitments.

1 - Purchase of original order	\$2265.00	5028
2 - Printing brochures	415.00 for 10,000	
3 - Credit card imprinter	21.00	
Total front end	\$2701.00	

In addition, we have hired Suzanne Jenkins at \$4.00 per hour to do all jobs connected with the project - mailing, bookkeeping, ordering, inventory and any other responsibilities as they may come up. We will also have to provide the mailing supplies, postage, paper, etc., that will be needed until orders start coming in. The best guess for these amounts is:

salary \$224.00  
postage (boxes) \$65.00-\$100  
supplies (envelopes) - \$25.00

Financial obligations to VISA, First National Bank - we will be paying them .20 + 2.5% on face value. Example: on \$10 of business, we would pay .45 of each transaction.

What does the LWVMN stand to gain?

1. We would recoup our front end money.
2. We would be repaid from earnings for salary, supplies and postage.
3. We would charge the project 10% of our monthly operating costs. This amounts to about \$420 per month.

What does ERA fund stand to gain? The remainder after all expenses.



6. S.L.L. - (MORE STRANGE NAMES THAN FAMILIAR)

Moorhead - Class at Moorhead State - "Can the Political System Work for Me" - being coordinated by LWV's of Fargo and Moorhead.

New Brighton - president was one of the ground breakers at the beginning of their new elderly housing project.

Red Wing - up to 86 members!! FANTASTIC!

Thief River Falls - scratch them for the moment. The chief instigator has left town. Moorhead is keeping in touch.

Forest Lake - had an inquiry from there. That would be a nice one.

Elbow Lake - what may well be a pre-organization meeting is scheduled for 2/15. They would organize as Grant County.

Bemidji - made their second TV appearance plugging the wild rice cookbooks. They have a standing invitation from the crew - who get to eat all the food.

Graceville - another inquiry. It's in Big Stone County. This must be the time of the year when people get around to doing all those things they were always going to do.

Bemidji - Covered 57(!) precincts for NES. The precinct in Grygla relies on kerosene and candles for light.

Prestigious Award of the Month has gone to Mary Watson, Westonka - She has been "reelected again to Soil Conversation."

ADDITION TO ACTION

ABC - Waldo, Hall

motion: The LWVMN will continue to collect the payment per precinct as we have done in previous years.

Background Information

It is a statewide project, and the same Leagues would get the benefits every two years. There would be more bookkeeping and costs for mailing checks to various Leagues.

# PLANNING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month of February 12 - March 12

Portfolio \_\_\_\_\_

STAFF AUTHORITY  
CODE: A - Complete;  
B - act and report;  
C - act after  
approval.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE TO START	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	TYPE OF STAFF ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CODE: A - Complete B - act and report; C - act after approval.

# Time Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hours & LWV Activity

Week of	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./ Sun
Feb 12						
Feb 19						
Feb 26						
Mar 5						

Budget Explanation: Changes made in the budget since the January Board meeting include:

1. Operating costs were reduced by \$5000 taking into account the new salary for the Executive Director. All hours/position for part-time employees are approximations as they are to be assigned as needed for the various tasks. All allocated operating expenses were refigured for each category using the new total of \$74742. Some percentages were also changed to increase the percent assigned to Dev./P.R. as that original figure was too low to include the P.R. staff salary.
2. All committee figures, such as (3 + 1 @ 3) are those for this '79-80 period.
3. 100's - Additional monies were budgeted as directed by the board. Membership advertising was added.  
400's - Voter printing was increased per request.  
600, 650 - Were revised to eliminate M-A-L units. Cushing and Thompson feel provisionals is a better way to go. Income figures were also changed to reflect this thinking.  
700's - Action meetings and lobbying figures were revised.  
800's - Since the salary of the staff assigned to this area represents 6% of the operating expenses, the total allocated to Dev./P.R. was raised from 8% to 14.9%. Because we incur expenses whether or not we get grants, the amount assigned for payment from grants was lowered from 80% to 65%. This is still up from 50% in the '78-79 budget.  
900's - There was a split decision on whether to show the '78-79 budget figures for comparison. This is where it begins to get messy showing both grant and general fund monies. Everything in italics should be fundable from specific grants, everything else can be paid for with tax-deductible monies if any are collected that are not designated for a specific project. Those categories expecting both grant money and general funds use italicized type for grants and their subtotal and straight type for general funds and their subtotal; e.g., Natural Resources. A new Appendix II has been added, showing Program Cost breakdowns.  
  
(We'd like your opinion on whether a straight '79-80 budget with nothing from '78-79 shown would be preferable to go to the LL's and/or convention delegates.)  
  
940, 960 - H.R. and Government were given educational budgets.  
970 - The LNVUS I.R. conference at Racine was added here and under income (at \$500 pass through plus 85% of travel).  
980's - The allocated costs included in grants are itemized for '79-80.  
990's - Citizen Information was refigured and shows allocated costs included in the two major projects for this category.
4. Income - Figures were revised to show current membership projections (down from 4010 to 3833, including provisionals). We have three existing provisional units and anticipate adding two more during this year--no M-A-L units.  
  
- Voter income was increased to encourage sales of the Criminal Justice issues.



- DPM and Capitol Letter subscriptions are running less than anticipated, so figures were revised downward.
- Interest on savings was decreased by half.
- Miscellaneous (xeroxing, etc.) was increased based on current trend.
- The Focus on Issues grant was raised to cover \$7000 of the budgeted \$9900 expenses. If a Humanities grant is used again, it requires our matching funds.
- The I.R. grant was added.
- This budget requires \$3350 from cash on hand (or reserves) and \$13913 from a statewide fund drive. Is this realistic?

## FUNDING OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MINNESOTA

LWVMM Position: SUPPORT FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES NECESSARY TO CONTINUE MEETING THE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE MINNESOTA LONG RANGE PLAN FOR LIBRARY SERVICE.

### Details:

\* Support for the goals of the Long Range Plan.

-- ranks the goals in the following order: (1) making services accessible to all citizens, (2) fostering a system of shared resources, (3) developing multi-county regional systems, (4) establishing libraries in areas without them.

-- emphasizes careful assessment of needs, avoidance of duplication, a preference for "accessibility" to mean extension of existing services rather than construction of new facilities (except when necessary), and a re-assessment of priorities at all governmental levels of funding to increase allocation to public libraries.

\* Support for substantial local control through a more uniform statewide ratio of local funding.

-- recognizes the present ratio as inequitable in that it depends predominantly (85%) on the property tax but also believes that local control insures sensitivity to local needs and is in direct correlation with local funding.

\* Support for a greater ratio of state funding.

-- believes that public libraries, like public schools, share significantly in the education of the state's citizens and recommends that the state assume a more comparable responsibility in their funding.

\* Support for moderately increased federal funding.

-- advises that federal funds be used for such expenditures as library construction, capital outlay, cooperative services, and federal mandates.

\* Disagreement with the funding ratios proposed by NCLIS (National Commission on Libraries and Information Science).

-- sees these ratios as unrealistic and proportionately too high at the state and federal levels, too low at the local level.

\* Support for distribution of state and federal funds according to a formula.

-- approves the use of a formula applying percentages based on population, area, and the inverse of assessed valuation but suggests biennial review and evaluation to achieve the most equitable and satisfactory distribution of funds.

\* Support for increased funding of Minnesota public libraries.

-- includes a combination of continued substantial but more uniform local funding statewide; an increase in state funding more commensurate with state responsibility; moderate increase in special-purpose federal funding; and a more diligent pursuit of private grants, donations and endowments.

\* Opposition to cutting services and/or hours.

\* Support for sharing resources; using trained and supervised volunteers; charging fees for time-consuming research, special materials, programs, equipment and services; and for developing a more aggressive and informative program of public relations.

Approved by members of  
Consensus Committee

Katherine Muff  
Sandra Shanley  
Hazel Helgeson  
Barbara Nanie

## PROPOSED POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF LWVMN GRANTS

The goal of a policy on administration of grants to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is to make best use of the grant monies to the benefit of the entire League as determined by the state Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Optimization of monies strengthens League program and purposes. The assumption is that this goal can best be met through coordination with state Board and the state office.

### Board responsibilities for grant administration:

To make clear to grant managers how the Board's goals/priorities will be enhanced;

To monitor progress of grant administration and require reports on grant direction and activities as well as financial records;

To notify managers of methods/timing for tying grants into the League overall program.

### Manager responsibilities for grant administration:

To design/administer grant projects within the goals/priorities spelled out by the state Board;

To report on grant administration as well as spending to the Office Management Committee and Board through Board representation or as off-Board person, as determined by the state Board;

To seek to build and advertise the project within the League structure.

### Grant procedure:

Proposals should be reviewed by the Development Committee and Office Management Committee before submission to the grantor;

Status reports should be given at regular intervals to the Office Management Committee;

Proposals should be submitted by Board liaison person to the Board as a whole;

Status reports should be given monthly to the Board as a whole.

*All monetary benefits resulting from grants accrue  
to LWVMN*



### GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

**WHY CONVENTION?** Delegates from Minnesota's 69 local Leagues meet June 2 and 3, 1977, to consider and authorize a program and elect officers and directors for 1977-79 and adopt a budget for 1977-78 for the LWV of Minnesota.

**DELEGATE'S ROLE?** The local Board is responsible for briefing its League's delegates on member thinking on Program and on other questions to come before the Convention. Delegates go uninstructed, cast their votes after careful consideration of the discussion (informed about thinking of the members they represent), and prepared to interpret the decisions made at Convention to the members over the two-year biennium before Convention '79.

**THE WORKBOOK** Included are proposals for Program, Bylaw amendments, slate of nominees for officers and directors, and state budget expenditures and income. To inform delegates on subjects to be considered, proposed Convention rules, order of business and a review of parliamentary procedures are included also. Since we are sending copies for the number of delegates to which your League is entitled, each delegate should have a copy for pre-Convention study. **BRING THIS WORKBOOK WITH YOU TO CONVENTION!** (At the direction of the Budget Committee, Leagues not attending Convention will be billed for the cost of this Workbook.)

**REGISTRATION** Register at the Convention Registration Desk at Science Hall. There is an Advance Registration Desk for those registered before May 20. Changes in credentialed delegates and visitors who have not preregistered will be handled at the Delayed Registration Desk. Both registration desks will be open at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, June 2, and Friday, June 3. If you are an alternate delegate, be sure to bring your "credential card."

Room assignments will be given at the time of registration.

**MEALS** All meals will be in St. Olaf (Student) Center, cafeteria style. Friday, June 3, breakfast will be from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.; luncheon, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. No event is scheduled for either of these meals - free time to meet other delegates, relax, lobby Program, compare notes. Dinner on Thursday, June 2, will be a "sit-down" banquet in honor of Ruth Clusen and will be preceded by a reception in the Center Lounge (the ground floor of the cafeteria building). Following the evening's program, we will return to the dormitories, where coffee and dessert will be available in the recreation/lounge areas.

**BADGES** Wear the official badge you will be given when you register. There is no admission to Convention without it. Badges are in several colors:

Delegates, white; Visitors, yellow; Special Guests, white ribbon.

**CALL TO ORDER** Meetings start and end on time. Attend all meetings and stay to the finish. Your League is entitled to representation by a definite number of votes. Sit with your delegation; this aids on-the-spot consultation and determining when your full delegation is present.

**NO SMOKING** As a courtesy to nonsmokers, smoking is not permitted during Convention sessions.

**ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION** "Organization of Convention" includes the adoption of the Order of Business (agenda) and the Rules of the Convention. The proposed Rules have been used in previous Conventions. There has been one minor change in the proposed Order of Business as published previously. The Report on National Council has been moved from the evening to the afternoon of June 2 in order not to detract from Ruth Clusen's speech. The proposed Order of Business and Rules, which are adopted by a majority vote, may be altered at any time by a two-thirds vote.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT** There will be a report of the Credentials Committee at the beginning of each session and a final report at the end of the Convention.

PRESENTATION AND  
ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

The Program which emerges will consist of the subjects adopted by delegates (see Convention Rules, this Workbook, for details on procedure).

LOBBYING Brush up on your skills. Minds may be changed until the time debate ends and the vote is taken.

- \* Check to see which Leagues suggested the same subject or a subject related to what your League has recommended (see list of non-recommended subjects listed in this Workbook).
- \* Remember that wording of a subject must be in the original wording submitted by a League in the first round of Program Making. Contact the state office for exact wording and names of Leagues submitting subject.
- \* Flyers may be distributed before sessions begin or in advance of Convention.
- \* Caucuses are the responsibility of those interested in promoting particular Program items. State Board members are not responsible for organizing caucuses. Space will be arranged and announcement of meetings will be made at your request. State Board members have been instructed not to chair any caucus, since some members feel this inhibits the "grass roots" of League, but Board members will be free to participate in caucuses in which they are interested. (State Board members consider themselves no different from other members of League and will participate or not as they choose.) If you are organizing a caucus, it will be up to you to contact anyone you want present as resource person.

DEBATE Use the microphone when speaking on Convention floor. Wait for recognition from the Chair. Give your name and League. Your contribution will be briefer (and more influential) if you have organized your ideas; you may even want to write them down before you speak. The microphones may be designated PRO and CON during debate, both to allow the chairperson to alternate the points of view presented and to allow delegates to assess relative strength of the two positions by the length of the queues.

All main motions and lengthy amendments must be in writing (see Convention Rules). It will save time if these are prepared and distributed in advance of action, even though they have no validity until voiced.

Amendments may be made by adding (at the end), striking out or by any combination of these. An entire section may be amended by substitution (a complicated procedure about which we suggest you consult the parliamentarian). All amendments must be germane to and consistent with the intent of the main motion. Only one amendment to the main motion may be under consideration at a time. An amendment may be made to an amendment, but an amendment to an amendment may not be amended.

For details on specific motions, see the Simplified Parliamentary Procedure sheet included in this Workbook.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT After adoption of Program, as much time as possible is allocated to giving the state Board direction about the focus and emphasis the delegates wish to give study, consensus and action (see Order of Business in this Workbook).

SUGGESTIONS The dormitories are a long walk across campus from Science Hall and the Student Center. Comfortable shoes are a must. Clothing will be informal, although some delegates may wish to bring something special for the June 2 banquet. Air conditioning can be unpredictable, and jackets may be appreciated in the Convention Hall. Be prepared to cope with the weather - remember you will be walking outside a great deal.

CONVENTION RULES

NOTE TO DELEGATES: These are the Rules suggested for adoption by the Convention. Rules can be amended by delegate vote. A change in the Bylaws which affects the Rules of the Convention will automatically change the Rules upon adoption by the delegates.

1. Admission to Convention shall be limited to persons displaying official badges which must be worn at all meetings of the Convention. Badges are not transferable unless the change is cleared through registration.
2. Voting members and visitors shall sit in areas so designated. They may enter the convention hall after the Convention has started 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 persons 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. Speakers shall use a microphone and announce their names and Leagues 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 on the first day of the Convention. 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) Non-recommended subjects may be moved for consideration following clarification of the Proposed Program on the first day of Convention. 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 non-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 non-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 non-recommended subject requires a majority vote.  
Debate and amendments to the non-recommended subject shall be in order only during the third session. Adoption of a non-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 and 6 above.  
Subjects shall be open for debate and amendment in the following order:
    - 1) Proposed Program
    - 2) Non-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.
8. Officers and directors elected at this Convention shall take office upon adjournment of the Convention.



Proposed By-law Changes

For Board consideration - no changes from local Leagues.

1. Art. III Sec. 3. Types of membership  
c) Omit "They shall pay ... 20.00" and insert: "Dues shall be determined by LWVMN."
2. Art. IV Sec. 1. Insert after "... a second vice president" "a third vice president..."  
  
Sec. 2. Change "two" to "three" in first sentence and "no" for "neither" in second sentence.
3. Art. VI After c) insert d) In the event the non-qualifying League is merging with another local League its funds would go to the merged League minus a reorganization fee paid to and determined by LWVMN.
4. Art. VIII Sec. 2. Composition - insert after "... delegates chosen by members enrolled in the local League;..." "delegates chosen by member-at-large of LWVMN."  
  
Sec. 4. Representation - following last sentence add "members-at-large of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members chosen by a procedure determined by LWVMN."

Explanation for proposed changes.

1. The \$20.00 now stated is not enough - we are in fact now charging \$25. Amount of dues should not be in the bylaws.
2. A third VP is an attempt to formalize an arrangement that seems to make sense. One VP would oversee "Program/Action; one VP would oversee Voters Service and Citizen Information and one would oversee "Organization" - thereby assisting the president in a sound organizational structure.
3. Self-explanatory except perhaps the "reorganization fee" - it does cost LWVMN to help in the reorganization and also during the "dying" process - this is a way to recoup some of those costs.
4. According to the National Convention vote, MALS are "voting members" and we must provide a "place" and "opportunity" to do so.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
February 13, 1979

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN, 9:35 a.m., Helene Borg,  
President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Borg, Reeves, Waldo, Dunn, Hall, Armstrong,  
Berkwitz, Cushing, Kahlenberg, Llona, Maher, Phelan, Poppleton, Rosenblatt,  
Schmitz, Scribner, Tews.  
Board members absent (excused): Buffington, Anderson.  
Non-Board members present: Bergeson, Sargent, Frisch.  
Staff present: Sawyer.

MINUTES: MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 9, 1979, state Board meeting as  
circulated.

Mover: Llona Second: Kahlenberg Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance on hand 4/1/78	\$ 5904.88 - checking
		5844.59 - telephone transfer
	Expenditures 4/1/78 to 1/39/79	87320.04
	Income 4/1/78 to 1/31/79	84080.72
	Balance on hand 1/31/79	2434.43 - checking
		3575.72 - telephone transfer

Sawyer clarified that some money received for debates is still on account with the  
Education Fund.

The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

DEVELOPMENT: All but \$400 for debates has been received, and more is expected. The  
funds for the library study have been received, and vouchers have been  
turned in except for one for the VOTER. The Initiative and Referendum Focus is funded  
by the Humanities Commission. Progress is being made toward funding Arms Control Fo-  
cus. Reporting on the case study, Reeves reported that the first draft will soon be  
ready for response; total Board will respond to second draft. Borg asked that the  
first draft be ready in two weeks.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Action: Urban policy project - Borg  
Add to Information: Poppleton, Armstrong, Reeves, Hall, Waldo

LOBBYIST: MOTION: To approve Charlotte Helseth, LWV-Minneapolis, as a lobbyist for  
Government.

Mover: Waldo Second: Reeves Carried

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: MOTION: To ratify hiring of Executive Director Sally Sawyer.  
Mover: Rosenblatt Second: Berkwitz Carried

ERA SALES PROJECT: Sawyer said contracts for ERA sales have been signed. A press con-  
ference will be called to begin the sales campaign. It has been  
suggested that a Visa-Master Charge Account would increase sales and save labor costs.  
Costs were listed in the agenda, and Sawyer answered questions. Suzanne Jenkins has  
been hired for the project. Board discussed the projected operating cost reimbursement  
of 10% and considered that to be fair.

MOTION: To approve Sawyer, S. Jenkins, Lucas and Hall as signatories  
for the Visa-Master Charge account for AmERICA.

Mover: Schmitz Second: Waldo Carried

The project will be under control of the Development Committee. Borg commented that  
there is risk in the project but that it seems assured that we will recover expenses  
and there is much potential for income and increased support for the ERA.

GRANT POLICY: MOTION: To approve the proposed policy, with addition, for administra-  
tion of LWVMN grants.

Mover: Schmitz Second: Waldo Carried

Schmitz explained the minor changes made to policy as presented at January Board meeting, especially noting that proposals are to be reviewed by the Office Management Committee as well as the Development Committee. In response to concern expressed by Post, the Board made the following addition to grant procedure: "All monetary benefits resulting from grants accrue to the LWVMN."

LIBRARY CONSENSUS: Board members discussed the library consensus as formulated by the library committee. Concern was expressed about statements expressing relative preferences, since such statements are not meaningful for action. Borg appointed committee of Anderson, Berkwitz, Rosenblatt and Dunn to review the consensus results, check consensus statements and be certain of wording which will permit meaningful action and reflect member consensus.

STATE COUNCIL: Board discussed sites for the 1980 Council as listed on the agenda. A committee of Cushing, chair, Reeves and Berkwitz will make final decision of location, considering Board comments.

URBAN POLICY PROJECT: Borg related information from LWVUS about a proposed state urban policy report. Participation interest is being assessed before pursuing the project further, and LWVMN is one of the state Leagues being asked to participate.

MOTION: To inform LWVUS that LWVMN is willing to participate in the urban policy report project.

Mover: Berkwitz      Second: Dunn      Carried

MAILING LIST: LWVMN has been asked by the IR Party for the mailing list to inform all members of a Women's Conference. The Board decision was to examine the information about the conference, and if it appears appropriate for distribution to members, a fee will be set in order for the envelopes to be run through the League addressograph.

BUDGET: Bergeson distributed copies of the 1979-80 budget; changes made in proposed budget following the January meeting had been sent with the agenda. Budget considerations of the ERA sales project were discussed. There was agreement that the person hired for the project would not be paid from the general fund, but her salary would have priority as money is received from sales. The amount included in the budget as income, 17a, is the recovery of 10%, operating costs, in addition to direct expenses, to be paid to LWVMN after which money will be given to the ERA fund. The expense and other income would be a separate budget.

MOTION: To remove the ERA project from the general budget with the understanding that an amount may be reinserted when the separate budget is completed.

Mover: Rosenblatt      Second: Poppleton

It was suggested that 17a be called "ERA Product Sales Overhead Reimbursement." Dunn expressed the opinion that the item could be left in the general budget even though the project would have a separate budget because the amount of operating cost reimbursement would be actual income to LWVMN. Rosenblatt withdrew the motion.

MOTION: The motion was reintroduced.

Mover: Hall      Second: Berkwitz      Motion failed

Borg commented that the original commitment was to maintain the present PMP and because there is \$5000 less to be paid in salary than originally budgeted, that difference should be used to lower the PMP for next year. Bergeson noted that total membership is down, so income from dues is less than originally budgeted.

MOTION: To change income item #12 to 5 workshops at \$500 each, increasing the income by \$1750.

Mover: Llona      Second: Hall      Carried

The Board's opinion was that the higher amount reflected projected quality and costs more accurately.

Capitol Letter subscriptions number 100 more than in the budget. Bergeson will adjust cost and expense to reflect the additional subscriptions.

MOTION: To reduce income item #1, PMP, by the amount of additional income now in the budget.

Mover: Dunn

No second

MOTION: To reduce income item #18, general fund raising, to balance the budget.

Mover: Maher

Second: Rosenblatt

Carried

MOTION: To approve the 1979-80 budget as amended.

Mover: Hall

Second: Maher

Carried

It was agreed that last year's budget amounts should be left in and that line 19i should not be lined out. Rosenblatt asked that more explanation be given regarding VOTER increases, noting that it now prints more program material. Sawyer asked for clarification of responsibility for ERA sales project budget, and Borg said the project director, staff and the development committee would be responsible.

ABC REPORTING: MOTION: That LWVMN will continue to collect the payment per precinct for ABC reporting as has been done in previous years.

Mover: Hall

Second: Schmitz

Carried

Hall explained that all Leagues benefit from this arrangement. Expenses of members doing reporting is completely reimbursed. Waldo noted that League has no control over which precincts are chosen and that the reporting involves only one phone call.

RETREAT: Plans for the March 21 retreat were discussed. Suggestions for the agenda included: communication, especially as related to the VOTER, service to local Leagues especially in light of decisions made by the present Board, state studies and programs, a brief evaluation of the present Board, and long-range planning through at least 1981. Present Board members should each have in mind plans for next year and the next several years and an outline for the Outlook. A committee of Cushing, Tews, Anderson and Berkwitz will assist Reeves in planning the agenda and make recommendations for time.

BYLAWS: Bylaws changes as recommended by the committee and distributed to the Board were discussed. Bergeson asked if off-Board chairs who have business at the Convention would be delegates. This had been considered, but it was felt that this practice could increase the number of delegates not representing local Leagues and that these chairs should remain as non-voting but having the privilege of the floor and have expenses paid by LWVMN.

CONVENTION: Rules of the previous state Convention had been distributed for Board consideration. There was general agreement that the rules seemed suitable for this year's Convention, noting that rules may be changed by Convention delegates.

FOCUS: Llona reported on the Arms Control Focus in March, with program plans nearly complete. If funding is received, persons who have paid registration will receive partial refund; the method to do so will be determined later. Llona also commented on the foreign policy briefing in March to which Board members had been invited. She informed the Board that LWVMN's participation in the World Economic Dialogue in September will be limited to acting as co-chair of the trade portion.

MEMBERS: Borg had asked members to suggest the means and extent of LWVMN service to contributing members. The Board suggested that such members receive a letter of welcome containing information including the name and contact for the nearest local League. The original contact would also include FACTS, publications catalog, Program for Action and a copy of a recent study or publication. Contributing members would receive the VOTER. There are no members in this category at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommendations to LWVUS to be included with the annual report were discussed, and the following recommendations were made. There should be more accounting for publications - costs, numbers sold and to whom sold. Names changes should be made faster; it is hard on local Leagues when they are delayed, and it is



costly. The National Board Report is not received promptly enough after national Board meetings to be as helpful as it could be. It would be more helpful if there were some communication immediately after the Board meetings. It would be more effective if there were a quicker response to national events, citing the decision on ERA extension. Report from the Hill would be more useful if it were received sooner after being written. League members should be kept more completely informed of actions of National Board, citing the resignation of Neuman as an example. Members were reminded that further recommendations could be made at the March meeting.

ACTION: Minutes of the Action committee meeting had been distributed. Berkwitz answered questions and reported on progress of Congressional interviews. Members were strongly urged to lobby on the D.C. representation issue.

NOMINATION: MOTION: To submit the name of Helene Borg to LWVUS nominating committee.  
Mover: Reeves                      Second: Waldo                      Carried

FOCUS: Maher referred to the Focus information on the agenda, and details of the February 14 Focus were discussed.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Kahlenberg reported on the testimony on the Department of Human Rights proposed rules regarding athletics. A local League had expressed concern about this testimony and will be sent a copy. Kahlenberg explained the errors about League testimony and concern about the task force selecting a new human rights commissioner that had appeared in the press. LWVMN took no public stand on the task force issue.

NES: Waldo reported briefly on local League participation in the News Election Service. It was suggested that information about the participation in both ABC reporting and NES be published in the VOTER.

EDUCATION: Armstrong informed the Board of an appointment with Governor Quie's education advisor and invited other members to attend or submit questions.

MEMBERSHIP: Reeves listed Leagues who had retained the same membership or had increased membership. Borg suggested that the number of new members gained this year be found and attention be given to that.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dunn, Secretary





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## MEMO

TO: ALL BOARDERS

FROM: Helene

SUBJECT: Annual Reports

DATE: March 9, 1979

### P L E A S E   R E A D

Annual Reports must be in the office Tuesday, March 13, so I can read them that evening. I go to Austin early Wednesday morning and the reports must be mailed that day. See Agenda Reminders to see if you must file report.

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.

State Office - 555 Wabasha

Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

9:29 Determination of Quorum and call to order.

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of the February 13 State Board meeting\* - Dunn
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 5 AMERICA Report - Sawyer
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Lobbyist approval - Berkwitz
- 5 Convention cost decision - Cushing
- 10 Recommendations to LWVUS Board - Borg
- 5 Publication Guidelines approval - Schmitz + Karen
- 10 Library consensus - Rosenblatt
- 5 Disbanding of LWV Blaine - Cushing
- 5 Arden Hills-Shoreview merger - Cushing
- 2 Approval Trade Negotiation Information Service - Llona

SMOKER'S BREAK

DISCUSSION

- 10 Funding calls by Board members - Schmitz
- 10 Consultants to local Leagues - Cushing
- 5 LWVUS Litigation Workshop - Cushing
- 20 Convention/Presidents Workshop - Cushing
- 5 Membership-drops questionnaire - Reeves
- 5 Rockefeller Public Service Awards - Borg
- 5 Other LWV advertisement policy - Borg

MN Project - Borg

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Berkwitz
- 5 Progress of D.C. Amendment - Buffington
- 5 Girls' Athletics - Kahlenberg
- 5 Global Arms Control Focus - Llona
- 2 Initiative and Referendum Focus - Maher
- 5 AMERICA progress report - Sawyer
- 5 Old/new Board retreat - Reeves
- 2 Office Management-Action - Hall
- 2 Wingspread - Llona
- 2 VOTER - Rosenblatt
- 2 Leadership Training Manual - Borg
- 5 3rd class mailing permit - Rosenblatt
- 2 Service to local Leagues - Thompson

Gov. aide - Ruth  
Ed Focus - Ruth  
HCLWU - Tew  
Membership - Borg

\* Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS: (as we have them on the calendar)

- March 13 - News conference - 3:00 p.m. - state office
- 13 - Call-In Night - Borg - Dunn
- 14 - Focus II - Global Arms Control
- 15 - CMAL delegate meeting
- 15 - Recommendations due to LWVUS
- 21 - Old/new Board retreat - Silver Lake

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

- April 3 - Action Committee - 9:30 a.m. - state office
- 5 - CMAL Board - 9:30 a.m. - state office
- 10 - LWVMN Board
- 11 - Focus III - New Trends in Education

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for March 12-April 9, 1979 (canary), Voucher (green).

REMINDERS: Annual Reports are due March 15 in the LWVUS office. Buffington, Tews, Kahlenberg, Llona, Poppleton, Post, Waldo, Borg, Scribner, Schmitz received sections to complete. Please turn them in no later than the March 13 Board meeting.

Board Memo material is due at the March 13 Board meeting - we should get the memo out as soon as possible following the state Board meeting to make it as useful as possible to local Leagues - thanks!

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the February 13, 1979 state Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the February 13, 1979 state Board meeting as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - enclosed with this mailing - to be filed for audit.
3. AMERICA: see attached (white)
4. Development: Debates \$180 - Arms Control \$950 - Education Focus \$750.

Revision of Agenda

5. Lobbyist approval: motion: approve Peggy Lucas, LWV-Minneapolis, as lobbyist for HR.  
motion: approve Margee Bracken, LWV-Minneapolis, as lobbyist for HR

Background Information

Peggy Lucas and Margee Bracken have been Housing co-chairs for LWV Minneapolis for several years and have researched and written several excellent studies on Minneapolis housing issues. They plan to work on the job-sharing issue.

6. Convention cost decision: motion: to authorize Cushing and Executive Director to set costs of Presidents Workshop and Convention.

Background Information

Cushing and Thompson met with St. Cloud people last week. The figures for costs are available if anyone is interested, but are still broken down into their components. Determining the cost will be fairly complicated because we aren't charged a flat fee for the use of the facility. For example, rooms are charged at different rates. We plan to send cost information to local Leagues with March mailing. Should we consider travel equilization?

7. Recommendations to LWVUS Board: motion: to approve recommendations as discussed at February 13 Board meeting and as stated below, (with the addition of ....?)

Background Information

The following suggestions were made at the February 13 Board meeting: LWVUS should:

- account more fully for publications-costs, numbers and to whom sold
- process name changes more quickly
- communicate with state and local Leagues immediately after the national Board meeting which would be more helpful than the present national Board report

Recommendations to LWVUS Board continued

- dispatch Report from the Hill to state and local Leagues as soon as possible after it is written
- inform members more completely of national Board actions and actions of its members - for example: we would like a full report from Nancy Neuman about her resignation from the NACW (National Advisory Committee on Women?)
- try to respond more quickly to national events - for example the decision on ERA extension was made very late.

Are there additional recommendations?

- Sawyer suggests we add a complaint about the slowness of LWVUS priority mailings. We have ordered several publications on a rush, priority basis (for which we pay 20% more) and have not received them soon enough
- Borg suggests they consider state or local advertisements in National VOTER - rooms, products, publications, etc. *or Catalog*

8. Publication Guidelines approval: motion: to approve the proposed Guidelines for writing LWV publications as attached (yellow)

Background Information

In order to help committees plan their publications, these guidelines were drawn up by Karen Anderson, Rhoda Lewin, Judy Rosenblatt and Judy Medelman. The Development Committee thinks these guidelines would be a valuable tool for a resource committee planning a publication.

9. Library consensus approval: motion: to approve the Library consensus as attached (blue) *and amended*

10. Disbanding of Blaine LWV: motion: to recommend withdrawal of recognition from Blaine LWV and approve requested disposition of their funds.

Background Information

Blaine has been struggling with dropping membership and lack of leadership for a number of years. This year the nominating committee could find no one willing to serve on Board or as an officer. They have explored the possibility of joining the LWV of Anoka-Coon Rapids Area and their active members intend to do this, maintaining their community presence as the Blaine unit. They propose to use their savings to pay PMP to both state and national.

11. Arden Hills-Shoreview merger: motion: to recommend to national that the merger of LWVs of Arden Hills and Shoreview be approved and that the new League be known as the LWV of Arden Hills/Shoreview.

Background Information

They started working cooperatively in Program areas four years ago. The cooperation has continued and expanded to the point that they are operating now much as one League. Arden Hills shares two of its boundaries with Shoreview, and the two communities share almost everything else except local government.

This sharing of League activity is what has kept Arden Hills alive. Shoreview, originally much the stronger partner, has not been faring too well the last couple of years and will now benefit from the merger as much as Arden Hills.

This combined membership will be just over 40. The merger will allow a single, expanded Board able to cover more areas of Program and administration. They will have separate local items.

The settling in as a single League should give their membership efforts a boost. In the past they did well if one of them had a membership chair, and she would concentrate her efforts in whichever community she represented. There's never been an overall coordinated effort.



Arden Hills-Shoreview merger continued

The current example of two Leagues that went through this same lengthy process - gradual merger - is Excelsior-Deephaven. That merger has been very successful.

They understand that at their annual meeting they both vote to disband, then to merge and to accept the very imaginative name.

12. Trade Negotiation Service subscription approval: motion: to approve TNS subscription

Background Information

This publication subscription costs \$10.00 and would be available in the office to anyone interested.

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

1. Funding calls by Board members

Background Information

In the next month the Development Committee would like to see 20 corporations or foundations called upon for unrestricted Education Fund money. Drawing from your reactions to the Debate funding calls, we have set up appointments (so the initial contact has been made).

We would like you to sign up if there is one scheduled during your "free" time. The schedule will be passed around at the Board meeting. You will get a general funding letter and other materials so you have some ideas. Generally be prepared to talk about League and its accomplishments.

2. Discussion of Service to Local Leagues meeting to review decision on consultants and attached proposed report form (green).

Background Information

Cushing would like to schedule a minimal number of routine visits to local Leagues beyond proposals for answering distress calls and supervising provisionals. With careful selection, this need not affect the budget figures. Visits would be done by SLL Committee and interested, available Board members would be scheduled in the OUTLOOK and carefully explained.

In a further attempt at encouraging communication the proposed report sheet will be sent to local League presidents.

3. Proposal to include LWVUS workshop on Litigation in June Convention.

Background Information

Doris Bernstein of the LWVUS Litigation Dept. called us to offer to do a litigation workshop at our Convention - at LWVUS expense.

Do you seen any time except immediately following adjournment?

- should we try to get some show of interest?
- should we try to develop interest?

4. Convention/Presidents Workshop plans. (See proposed agendas - to be distributed)
5. Membership - questionnaire to drops?

Background Information

Membership figures show that local Leagues have gained more than 500 new members. We also know that we have lost many more members than we have gained.

Should we consider sending a questionnaire to former members to try to determine why we are losing them?

6. Rockefeller Public Service Awards.

Rockefeller awards continued

Background Information

For the fourth year, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University is sponsoring a series of public service awards which honor individuals whose outstanding achievements in public service have contributed creative and constructive ways to the solution of important national problems.

Categories for the awards include: contributing to a more stable and equitable world society; conserving and developing resources wisely; increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of state and local public governments; revitalizing communities and neighborhoods; helping young people become responsible adults; reducing crime and improving justice; advancing the health of American people.

Nominees must be U.S. citizens and may not be seeking or holding elective office or be sitting judges. Deadline for receipt of nominations is May 15, 1979.

With the many contributions that League members and other citizens have made to their communities, states and the nation, we think you'll be able to come up with some excellent nominations for the award. In addition to the honor of being named a recipient, a cash award is given.

Do we want to nominate someone?

7. Advertising other LWV products.

Background Information

We frequently are asked by other Leagues - local and state - to advertise/purchase products they are pushing to raise money. Examples: LWV Minneapolis calendars, LWV Illinois cocktail napkins, LWV San Diego League labels. Thus far we have handled these on a case by case basis ---do we need a policy?

Keep in mind that we are hoping for free advertising from other state LWVs for our AMERICA project.

INFORMATION

1. Action - minutes of March 6, 1979 enclosed.

2. Progress of D.C. Amendment - oral report

3. Girls' Athletics

Background Information

HR Department has withdrawn its proposed rules. New legislation has been introduced on the subject

4. Global Arms Control (Focus II). Judy Rosenblatt is in charge of setting up - any volunteers? One of the speakers, Leslie Brown, will meet the press in our Board room at 3:00 p.m. right after the Board meeting. We received \$750.00 from MTS Systems for the Focus! - 50.00 from PAR Systems - 200 from UNA.

5. Initiative and Referendum - report on Focus I. The meeting was well attended with 130+ Leaguers and guests. Many of the guests represented other civic and political organizations or media so the information will get even wider dissemination than the numbers indicate. The summary of the 83 questionnaires that were completed gave us some insight into who the people are that attend weekday conferences. They are: Male 5, female 73; age 20-30 8, 31-40 28, 41-50 20, 51-60 18; homemaker 42, volunteer 9, nurse 3, teacher 3, student 3, business 8; heard about program in LWV publication 62; incomes - \$15,00-24,999 19, 25,000-34,999 21, 35,000-49,999 12, above \$50,000 11.

It is probable that most of the 83 questionnaires came from our well-trained Leaguers who are used to ending a conference with an evaluation. There were more men in attendance than the summary indicates.

The use of volunteers to register worked well, thanks to Jeannette Kahlenberg,

Focus I continued

Jean Tews, Ruth Armstrong and Jean Reeves. We would like to free our staff from chores like this when possible. We hope the Board members who attend the March 14 Focus will help out again. Special thanks to our "nationally prominent" (see national VOTER) M.C. Helene Borg and to Jean Reeves who scouted the site and escorted our Maryland speaker back to the airport.

6. AMERICA

Background Information

Since last Board meeting we:

- established VISA/Master Charge with First Banks
- set up LWV-ERA Fund account at Roseville State Bank
- set up separate books and report form for the project
- established bulk rate policy
- sent out boxes of materials to national and state Leagues, letters to local League presidents
- sent brochures to local Leagues for every member
- sent boxes and brochures to other national organizations and brochures to local feminist organizations
- secured Senator Humphrey's consent to serve as honorary co-chair
- wrote Betty Ford asking her to serve - (we are rethinking this since we haven't heard)
- have started to receive orders! and thank you from Nancy Neuman, LWVUS vice president:

"I am delighted with the wonderful package of ERA products I received from your office, resplendent with the new logo. The quality was very impressive! I hope your venture is a great success."

7. Old/new Board Retreat - see attached map (canary).

8. Office Management Committee - minutes of February 26, 1979 attached (buff).  
Pat Lucas will resume these duties as Action staff person: 1. pick up journals -  
2. assist Action chair with Capitol Letter - 3. notify Board members of bills listed in Phillips Service

9. Wingspread - oral report.

10. VOTER

Background Information

Although the deadline is April 2 (or 3 if you attend the Action Committee meeting). Rosenblatt would appreciate getting any completed items earlier than that. All submissions should be typed, double spaced, 39 characters wide. Include your name and phone number.

11. Leadership Training manual - see attached (pink).

12. Bulk Mailing Permits

Background Information

We are exploring various bulk mailing rates. LWV St. Paul has a non-profit organization permit which enables them to send each piece at 2.7¢. We recently mailed about 1800 Focus II flyers first class at 15¢ apiece. We would like to avoid that cost in the future. There is also a new second class special mailing as outlined in January National Board Report. The various rates available and the requirements for each are bewildering. Rosenblatt/Sawyer are pursuing.

13. S.L.L. (things are slow all over)

Minneapolis - received \$1000 from Fingerhut for their local publication.



S.L.L. continued

Red Wing - the Cannon Falls (their outlying unit) Know Your Town is out - funded by the bank. It's a full-blown survey, not just a mini, and a good one.

Mankato Area - the new MSU president is a League member.

Columbia Heights - school board candidates meeting to be an ice cream social - "come and get the scoop" is the theme.

St. Paul - received support from an unusual source. The Credit Bureau is doing printing for them.

- planning a year round voter registration project. Private businesses would be trained to instruct personnel departments to remind employees with a change of address to be sure to register in new precinct.

Name any League - and you'll get yet another way to spell initiative, though several do prefer the state version.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand April 1, 1978 \$ 5904.88 - checking  
 5844.59 - telephone transfer  
 February, 28, 1979 4793.24 - checking  
 3575.72 - telephone transfer

			Jan. 1
			Feb. 28
*OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	February	
1. Maintenance of Equipment	\$ 540	--	--
2. General Supplies	3627	359.39	359.39
3. Postage	7200	1000.00	2003.15
4. Telephone and Telegraph	1534	179.66	479.02
5. Insurance	240	--	--
6. Rent	4690	390.80	781.60
7. Salaries (Ex.Dir.,sec'y.,bookkeeper,clerk)	23112	2247.72	4577.32
8. Salary taxes (all)	3668	159.45	428.48
9. Copier	3783	630.51	1220.32
10. Bank and miscellaneous charges	25	--	--
11. Audit expenses	125	--	--
12. Capital expenditures	1056	87.36	174.72
TOTAL	49600	5054.89	10024.00
EXPENDITURES		BUDGET	April 1-2/28
Operating		5054.89	10024.00
100 Direct Service to Local Leagues	\$ 26684	531.78	17710.97
200 Administration	15191	348.36	11318.51
300 Publications	8086	82.32	5419.82
400 VOTER	3994	1063.00	5052.84
500 Delegates and Affiliations	5523	12.00	9830.92
600 National PMP for Members at Large	100	315.00	315.00
700 Action	17385	281.42	4445.23
800 Development and Public Relations			
General Fund	7177	523.50	9140.66
Grant	7176	--	--
900 Educational Activities			
General Fund	3115	11.25	1529.08
Grant	19277	1569.80	6577.15
980 Citizen Information/Voters Service			
General Fund	700	--	715.23
Grant	34050	848.81	15882.76
ERA AMERICA		3000.00	3000.00
Energy Directory Phase II - Grant		160.50	160.50
General Fund	\$ 87955	11223.52	78502.26
Grant	53327	2579.11	22620.41
GRAND TOTAL	\$141282	13802.63	101122.67

\*Operating Expenses are not allocated to their budget categories.  
 Script type indicates grant amounts.

INCOME	BUDGET	February	April 1 Feb. 28
1. Local League Per Member Payments	\$ 51186.60	4520.01	43312.53
2. Provisional Leagues	1137.00	--	--
3. Balance of previous year's LL support	800.00	--	1095.25
4. Member-at-large dues	180.00	--	70.00
5. CMAL assessment	75.00	--	75.00
6. Non-cash contributions	4000.00	244.00	2809.81
6A. Cash contributions		150.00	314.50
7. Publications	4000.00	162.20	1806.72
8. MN VOTER	25.00	--	38.00
9. DPM Subscriptions	480.00	24.00	334.25
10. Capitol Letter	2872.00	208.00	1411.76
11. State Council/National Convention	3000.00	--	8135.95
12. Workshops: Leadership and general	1900.00	--	1265.18
13. Lobbyist training workshop	195.00	--	725.80
14. ABC precinct reporting	2075.00	--	2211.30
15. Interest on savings	600.00	--	231.13
16. Miscellaneous (postage, Xeroxing, sup- plies)	3200.00	609.53	8294.32
17. From cash on hand	2155.40	--	2500.00
18. State Development Fund Raising			
General Fund	5285.00	--	181.89
Grant	4435.00	--	400.00
19. Designated grants: Library Funding	6065.00	--	50.00
Criminal Justice	9680.00	--	--
Open Meeting Law	1082.00	--	--
Election Monitoring			
Guide	2804.00	--	--
Voters' Guide	6400.00	--	3125.00
TV Debates	10000.00	--	7122.57
3 Focus on Issues			
Meetings	12000.00	1670.70	1908.20
Voters' Hotline	1400.00	--	--
Hennepin County Pre			
cinct Service Con-			
tract	4250.00	--	4250.00
Energy Directory			
Phase II		8573.00	8573.00
General Fund	\$ 83166.00	5917.74	74813.39
Grant	58116.00	10243.79	25428.77
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 141282.00	16161.44	100242.16

Reserves 17957.17

On account with Ed. Fund - as of March 9 - 71345.50 -- 4912.45 was deposited to our checking on March 3.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF AMERICA PROJECT

March 1, 1979 \$ 3,000 cash in checking

March 9, 1979 306.85 cash in checking

March 1-

TOTAL March 1-March 9

INCOME: SALES

157.92

157.92

Checks / CASH

157.92

VISA

—

EXPENSES:

PAID

UNPAID

Owed  
LWVMN

Total

March 1-9

March 1-9

Salary

—

\$ 120.00 (30 hrs)  
1/31 - 3/9

\$ 120.00

P.P.C.

\$ 2,295.00

\$ 2,295.00

Postage

\$ 75.07

\$ 62.24

\$ 137.31

Brochure Printing

Supplies

481.00

\$ 25.00

\$ 506.00

Xerox

—

\$ 5.30

\$ 5.30

LWVMN

—

3505.50

LWVUS

—

1st Nat'l  
Bank

—

Sales tax

—

\$ 3.62

\$ 3.62

TOTALS

\$ 2851.07

123.62  
216.16  
3599.12

\$ 3067.23  
6572.73

## PLANNING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month of March 12 - April 9

## Portfolio

STAFF AUTHORITY  
CODE: A - Complete;  
B - act and report;  
C - act after  
approval.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE TO START	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	TYPE OF STAFF ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CODE: A - Complete B - act and report; C - act after approval.



# Time Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hours & LWV Activity

Week of	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./ Sun
Mar. 12						
Mar. 19						
Mar. 26						
Apr. 2						

*info note*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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FEB 26 1979

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- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
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I enclose \$25.00 payment for each manual.

Office Management Committee  
Minutes of February 26, 1979 Meeting

Present: Hall, Berkwitz, Borg, Waldo, Schmitz  
Staff Present: Sawyer  
after noon: Jenkins, ERA coordinator

Hall expressed concern about the November Board resolution granting Executive Director a lump sum of salaries to distribute and authority to hire help for special projects as needed. She pointed out that special projects such as Energy, ERA do take office time in addition to person hired to do the job. She suggested that before projects are approved by Board there should be a more thorough analysis of its costs and staff time required.

Schmitz pointed out that the Board at its February 13 meeting had directed that all new projects be reviewed by both the Office Management Committee and the Development Committee.

Sawyer asked if Office Management Committee (OMC) should review (approve?) hiring of new staff. She was told that OMC should review hiring of staff for special projects (such as AMERICA which is taking more hours than anticipated).

The Executive Director's responsibilities were reviewed. Sawyer said that work was going well in spite of the fact that Xerox required three service calls in one week and half of staff is on vacation. She expressed pleasure in good efficient staff members.

She was advised that the Board Memo should go out as soon as possible following the Board meeting.

The Phillips Legislative Service has been a problem. Betty Ann finds it very tedious. Often the list of bills doesn't get out while it's timely. It was suggested that Sawyer or Thompson could put together the list of Board members and their bills and Betty Ann would just have to type it. Berkwitz stressed the importance of getting the information out while it is timely.

Sawyer said she is comfortable writing letters in the name of the LWV but asked who should respond to "Program type" letters. Berkwitz suggested that Sawyer ask resource person to respond first or draft a letter and ask resource to approve it.

Sawyer mentioned that Pat Lucas has agreed to report regularly on salary amounts spent (and other costs) so that we are not scrimping unnecessarily or exceeding budgeted amount.

Sawyer reported one staff meeting held on February 12. OMC urged her to hold regular meetings with all staff members present.

PR/Development person has been looking for another job. OMC discussed whether to keep the position or whether to have several people absorb her duties (either staff or volunteers).

PR/Development person initially received conflicting directions from Board members.

Executive Director should know about all requests for staff time. Board members should conduct business through Sawyer.

Borg mentioned that when PR/Development was hired we needed someone to look at the direction of League, at ideas for raising money, and to identify foundations and corporations to approach. She suggested that volunteers could research services themselves if we purchased a foundation directory for the office at \$325.

Waldo said LWV should retain PR/Development staff position.

Schmitz asked that Sawyer direct Medelman to complete her tasks by the March 13 Board meeting.

- 1.) for Focus III - prepare a list of potential givers and give to Schmitz, Armstrong and Maher to follow up
- 2.) General Fund Drive - set up 20 appointments between March 15-April 15 with foundations and corporations. Board members will keep the appointments and will sign up at the March 13 Board meeting.
- 3.) she should prepare a Development financial report the Friday before the Board meeting.

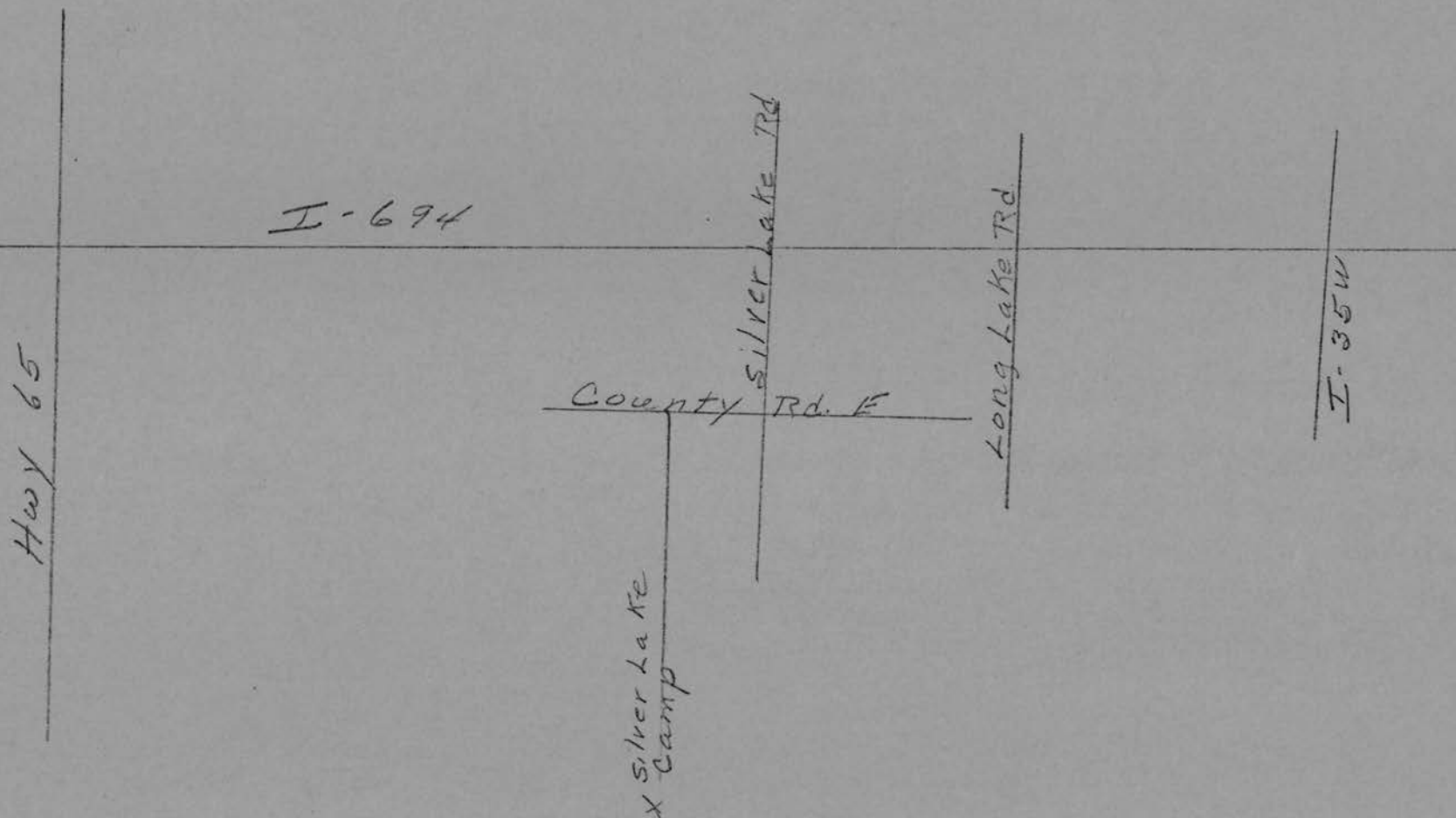
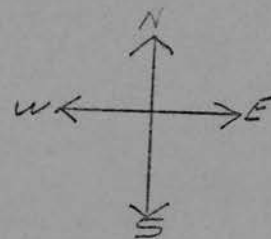
OMC members agreed that staff people should not staff Focus meetings but that Board volunteers should be responsible for the meetings.

Jenkins reported to the OMC on the status of the ERA-American sales project. She showed books and report form that will be appended to the treasurer's report.

After much discussion of bulk rates OMC agreed to offer a 10% discount on orders of 100-499 (per item) and a 20% discount on orders of 500. Consignment orders are to be limited to Board members. Orders picked up at office will get no discount rate. Jenkins will spend one day/week in office filling orders.

Question: if LWVMN sells products for resale do local Leagues have to collect sales tax?





New/Old Board Retreat March 21st

The goals of meeting, in addition to getting to know each other, are:

- . Board process and orientation - what it's like to serve on the Board, the "different" points of view, mechanics, communication, etc.
  - . where we are now - what present Board has tried to do, ... a kind of an evaluation - including discussion on VOTER.
  - . future planning - through 1981 (longer if possible) combining ideas from both old and new members.
  - . counterpart/Outlook discussion - to begin the process of "Outlook" writing so it will be available at state Convention.
- Former state Board member Nancy Atchison will be our able discussion leader. The meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 9:30 and end at 3.

The office will need to know who will be there for the Dutch Treat lunch so please give a call or drop a prompt note. Remember car pools. For directions, see maps.

# Campsite

Entrance to camp is marked. It's less than a block off Silver Lake Rd

You can drive up to the lodge to unload - you cannot park there. you'll likely want boots.

Lodge ← Entry

Parking

County Rd E

## PUBLICATION GUIDELINES:

Before beginning the research/writing/publishing process:

- I. Establish the purpose of the publication.
  - A. Are you presenting background to prepare LWV members for consensus?
  - B. Are you presenting new information on an issue on which LWV has a position?
  - C. Are you presenting information on an issue on which LWV has no position and on which consensus is not to be taken?
  - D. Will you be presenting all sides of the issue?
  - E. What will the "point of view" be?
  - F. If the researchers have preconceived biases, do the biases balance out to insure all views will be (re)presented?
  - G. Are there other publications available that address this issue? Why is yours necessary?
- II. Establish the audience.
  - A. Who is the audience?
  - B. What does the audience need/want to know?
  - C. Why does the audience need/want to know it?
  - D. How will the audience use the information once it is obtained?
  - E. What is the best method of presentation to use to reach your audience?
  - F. Develop a detailed distribution list to receive the material developed.
- III. Establish a time-line for the study and its method of presentation. Explore financing and technical production possibilities (publications, slide and script, slide and tape, movie, TV show). Be sure to check with suppliers re their time-lines.
- IV. Submit above to Board liaison and/or president for review or approval.

### Techniques

#### I. Outlines

- A. Outline the publication(s). Possible outline "patterns" include the following:
  1. Chronological order
  2. Geographical pattern
  3. Issue or topic
    - a. History
    - b. Current status
    - c. Perceived problems
    - d. Possible solutions
- B. Outline the subheadings or sections. A sentence outline - or even an outline composed of summary paragraphs - is strongly suggested and preferred.
- C. Submit outline for review and approval by the Board liaison and/or president and editor.

(Over)

II. Style (primarily for committee chair and editor)

- A. If there are several writers, aim for a consistent writing style. (See LWVMN style guide.) Editor, committee chair and, if possible, all writers meet and discuss consistency early in the process.
- B. Predetermine style for references/footnotes and bibliography, heads, sub-heads, etc. Be sure there is internal consistence. Very important.

Standards

- I. Is the information presented in a factual, non-biased, non-leading manner, allowing the reader to draw his/her own conclusions?
- II. Are there facts and/or figures to substantiate comparisons between (among) items needing same? (E.g., In \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ was spent and the \$1 was worth \$1, but in \_\_\_\_\_ year, \_\_\_\_\_ was spent and a \$1 was worth only 90¢ according to the Consumer Price Index.) As you know, figures can be found to substantiate almost any claim re government services. Document all figures. Beware of comparing apples with oranges. Make sure you are comparing apples with apples. Beware of figures from subjective sources.
- III. Are all sides of the issue presented?
  - 1. Use a pro and con format if necessary.
  - 2. If there is a statewide focus/balance, does the non-Metro area get as much emphasis as the Metro area, if appropriate?
- IV. Are interpretations of data objective, rather than subjective, and adjectives/adverbs bias free?



## FUNDING OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MINNESOTA

LWVMN POSITION: SUPPORT FOR INCREASED AND RESTRUCTURED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES SO THAT THE STATE CAN MEET GOALS INCLUDED IN THE 1977 MINNESOTA LONG RANGE PLAN FOR LIBRARY SERVICE.

### DETAILS:

#### LWVMN:

- \* supports increased funding of Minnesota public libraries by means of a combination of substantial local funding; an increase in state funding; <sup>and</sup> a moderate increase in special-purpose federal funding; ~~and pursuit of private grants, donations and endowments.~~
- considers the 1978 funding proportions -- 85% local government, 6% other local funds, 6% state, 3% federal -- to be inequitable, *in that funding depends predominantly on the local property tax.*
- supports substantial local funding (more than the 30% proposed by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) but less than the current 91%), ~~with commensurate local control~~, in the belief that local control insures sensitivity to local needs.
- *state* supports ~~assumption~~ by the state of an increased level and greater proportion of funding for public libraries (but not to the 50% proposed by NCLIS), believing that public libraries, like public schools, share significantly in the education of the state's citizens.
- *Funding far less* supports ~~assumption~~ by the federal government of an increased level and moderately increased proportion of public library funding (but not as much as the 20% proposed by NCLIS); ~~and advises that federal funds be used for such expenditures as federal mandates, cooperative services, and capital outlays such as library construction.~~
- \* - supports distribution of state and federal funds to Minnesota public library systems according to a formula based largely on population, but also taking into account square miles of area served and the inverse of assessed adjusted valuation, so as to achieve the most equitable and satisfactory distribution of funds.
- \* supports four goals of the Minnesota Long Range Plan for Library Service, ranked as follows: (1) making services accessible to all citizens, (2) fostering a system of shared resources, (3) developing multi-county regional systems, (4) establishing libraries in areas without them. ~~Whenever possible, existing services should be extended in preference to construction of new facilities.~~
- \* supports the sharing of resources; using trained and supervised volunteers; <sup>and</sup> charging fees for time-consuming research and special materials, programs, equipment and services; ~~and developing an aggressive and informative program of public relations.~~
- \* opposes cutting services and/or hours. (1979)

To: Local League Presidents

Subject: Evaluation Report

Purpose: To assist new Service to Local Leagues chair and new Board in evaluating strengths of local Leagues and finding common areas of concern in order to plan for workshops, etc.

Direction: Please fill this out yourself. We want this evaluation to come from the experienced president. Do not give it to incoming president or other Board members. You may want to ask the Board some of the questions but please include your personal view as well as any Board consensus. This report is an attempt to provide some of the information usually gained by visits by consultants and advisors.

RETURN TO THE STATE OFFICE by April 15. LWV of \_\_\_\_\_

State of the League Report

Membership: Up \_\_\_\_\_ Stable \_\_\_\_\_ Down \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one, fill in numbers)

Finance: Income other than dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Source: \_\_\_\_\_

No. serving on Board: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) How would you describe your League?
- 2) What was your most significant achievement this year?
- 3) What was your most personally satisfying achievement this year?
- 4) What do you consider to be your League's greatest asset(s)?
- 5) What would you say is your League's major problem at this point?
- 6) What do you think can be done to effectively deal with this problem?
- 7) What changes do you predict for your local League and/or LWVMN/US in the future?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
March 13, 1979

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102, 9:35 a.m.,  
Helene Borg, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Borg, Waldo, Dunn, Hall, Anderson, Armstrong,  
Berkwitz, Buffington, Cushing, Kahlenberg, Llona, Phelan, Poppleton,  
Rosenblatt, Schmitz, Scribner, Tews  
Board members absent: Reeves, Maher  
Non-Board members present: Marie Goss, Hazel Helgelson, Harold Kittle-  
son, Sandra Shanley, Jeanne Crampton  
Staff present: Sawyer

MINUTES: MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 13, 1979, state Board meet-  
ing as circulated.

Mover: Buffington Second: Waldo Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand 4/1/78 \$ 5904.88 - checking  
5844.59 - telephone transfer  
Expenditures 4/1/78 to 2/28/79 101122.67  
Income 4/1/78 to 2/28/79 100242.16  
Balance on hand 2/28/79 4793.24 - checking  
3575.72 - telephone transfer

It was clarified that the Education Fund amounts on the treasurer's report included  
are for a part of March; the treasurer's report was to the end of February.

AmERicA Project: Cash in checking 3/1/79 \$3000  
Income 3/1/79 to 3/9/79 157.92  
Expenses paid 3/1/79 to 3/9/79 2851.07  
Unpaid to LWVMN 3/9/79 3505.50  
Cash in checking 3/9/79 306.85

Reports had been distributed with the agenda. Hall explained changes in the form  
made to make clear the loan made by LWVMN. The Board agreed that salary for Jen-  
kins for her time beginning 1/31/79 should receive priority from income.

The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

DEVELOPMENT: The following has been received: \$180 additional for debates; \$1100  
for the Arms Control Focus; \$1500 for the Education Focus; (\$150 in  
undesignated funds.)

REVISION TO AGENDA: Add to Action: Anderson  
Add to Discussion: Borg - Minnesota Project  
Add to Information: Armstrong - Education Focus  
Tews - Hennepin County Leagues Meeting  
Borg - Membership

LOBBYISTS: MOTION: To approve Peggy Lucas, LWV-Minneapolis, as a lobbyist for  
Human Resources.

Mover: Berkwitz Second: Tews Carried

MOTION: To approve Margee Bracken, LWV-Minneapolis, as lobbyist for  
Human Resources

Mover: Berkwitz Second: Schmitz Carried

CONVENTION: MOTION: To pay the expenses of local League members helping with the  
Presidents Workshop at Convention as follows: dinner and  
overnight expenses if member is also a delegate; dinner, overnight and travel ex-  
penses if member is not a delegate.

Mover: Hall Second: Waldo Carried

Board members felt that since these members were contributing their time, expenses  
should be paid.



MOTION: To authorize Cushing and the Executive Director to set costs of Presidents Workshop and Convention.

Mover: Cushing                      Second: Rosenblatt                      Carried

Determining costs will be complicated because of different charges for different meeting rooms. It was the opinion of the Board that members of the budget and nominating committees should have costs paid by LWVMN. A travel equalization plan was discussed, and it was agreed that it would not be done this year but included in evaluation at Convention or as a question at the Presidents Workshop.

RECOMMENDATIONS: After discussion, the Board wished to make the following recommendations to LWVUS in addition to those made at the January Board meeting. State that publications ordered on a rush, priority basis, have not arrived soon enough. Ask that LWVUS develop a means for state and local Leagues to exchange information about products and/or services they are selling. Ask for more careful research in articles, citing misinformation about ERA rescission in Minnesota which appeared in the National VOTER and Report From the Hill and about the Minnesota tax system, as cited by Anderson. There was discussion of the recommendations made in January. Board members wished to express concern for more visibility on issues at the National level including feminist issues and wished to express support for Neuman's resignation from the NACW.

GUIDELINES: MOTION: To approve the proposed Guidelines for writing LWV publications.  
Mover: Schmitz                      Motion withdrawn.

The Board wished to have a broader perspective on developing program.

MOTION: To compile a packet of materials to serve as guidelines in state study programs to include: State Study Programs (October '77), Consensus Guide, Style Guide, and Guidelines for State Study Items, Updating and Revising Publications as Necessary.

Mover: Anderson                      Second: Cushing                      Carried

A committee composed of Anderson, chair, Berkwitz, Buffington and Rosenblatt will compile the material and submit it to the Board before Convention.

LIBRARY CONSENSUS: The consensus had been distributed to Board members. Rosenblatt, Berkwitz and Anderson had examined consensus sheets and talked to committee members in developing the consensus. Members of the library committee present commented on some of the statements, and minor changes and deletions were made.

MOTION: To approve the Library consensus as attached and amended.  
Mover: Hall                      Second: Buffington                      Carried

The library position will be included in the education portfolio. Berkwitz will speak with library committee members regarding Action.

WITHDRAWAL: MOTION: To recommend withdrawal of recognition for Blaine LWV and approve requested disposition of their funds.  
Mover: Cushing                      Second: Buffington                      Carried

Cushing informed the Board of meetings she has had with the Blaine LWV. It is the intention of the active members to join the Anoka-Coon Rapids League and to use their funds to pay 1979-80 PMP to state and national.

MERGER: MOTION: To recommend to national that the merger of the LWVs of Arden Hills and Shoreview be approved and that the new League be known as the LWV of Arden Hills/Shoreview.

Mover: Cushing                      Second: Waldo                      Carried

Cushing explained that the two Leagues have been sharing much League activity and both will benefit from the merger.

TRADE SUBSCRIPTION: The Board advise Llona that money in the IR budget could be used to purchase a subscription to Trade Negotiation Service without action by the Board if she felt it would be used.



**FUNDING:** Schmitz informed the Board of five appointments the Development committee has set up with corporations. Board members volunteered to make the calls. The corporations will be asked for unrestricted Education Fund money. Materials will be given to members making calls.

**SERVICE TO LOCAL LEAGUES:** Cushing explained the concern the committee has to increase the contacts with local Leagues, citing the need of the state Board to have input from local Leagues. It is the recommendation of the committee that money budgeted for visits be used for scheduled visits. The visits will be scheduled in the Outlook so that both the Leagues and state Board members can plan for them. Cushing also explained a form being sent to present local League presidents in order to assist the SLL committee in planning.

**WORKSHOP:** LWVUS has offered to conduct a litigation workshop at state Convention at no expense to LWVMN. Board members strongly supported the workshop. It was agreed that it should not be scheduled after the Convention.

**CONVENTION AGENDA:** The proposed agenda was distributed to the Board and discussed. It was agreed that the litigation workshop be scheduled Monday evening 7:00 to 9:30 and that other workshops not be scheduled at that time. Leagues will be encouraged to set up caucuses on all subjects, not just program, and to meet on some common basis. The content of the legislative report, action report and presentation of program was discussed. It was agreed that immediately following the Action report there would be a report on national programs on which there is action by the state, then presentation of program for adoption. Detailed plans will be made at the Action committee meeting. Members of the Willmar Bank Employees Union will be scheduled to speak at lunch on Tuesday.

**PRESIDENTS WORKSHOP:** Cushing commented on the proposed agenda for the Presidents Workshop and asked for suggestions. In response to her question, the Board agreed that the charge to presidents for the banquet be the amount charged for a regular dinner and the remainder of the cost of the banquet be absorbed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Borg reported that LWVMN gained 526 new members in 1978. Total membership is about 250 less, over half of that amount from a few large city Leagues. The concept of LWVMN's sending a questionnaire to members who drop was discussed, and Board members agreed that it should be tried to see what information could be gained. Cushing and Borg will develop the questionnaire.

**AWARDS:** Information had been included on the agenda about the public service awards sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Poppleton suggested that Myron Bud Heinselmann, past chairman of the Friends of the Boundary Waters, be nominated in the category of conserving and developing resources wisely. She will write the nomination and inform other groups who may wish to nominate him.

**ADVERTISING:** In light of the increased number of products other Leagues are asking LWVMN to advertise or purchase, Borg asked Board members if they wished to form a policy to handle such requests. The Board did not wish to make a policy at this time but will continue to follow past practice.

**MINNESOTA PROJECT:** Borg informed Board members of the Minnesota project, a non-profit corporation formed by former government employees. They intend to offer services to help small communities, may publish on public affairs and do research for other groups. The Board felt that the research service may be of use to LWVMN if it would meet League standards of quality and non-partisanship.

**ACTION:** Action committee minutes had been distributed. Berkwitz explained that recommendations for new program were not ready because of the small number of responses received. The recommendations will be written, distributed to the Board, and action will be taken at a meeting during the retreat on March 21.

Berkwitz explained provisions of a bill in the Legislature regarding nuclear power plants. LWVUS has been contacted, and it is their opinion that we cannot lobby on it. Crampton, LWVMN lobbyist, has contacted LWVUS and is contacting other states asking that the national energy consensus be updated.

D.C. AMENDMENT: Borg congratulated Buffington on the lobbying efforts which resulted in ratification of the D.C. Amendment by the Minnesota House and on the positive publicity that League received for the efforts. Buffington reported details of that effort and explained strategy for the Senate vote on March 19.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS: Kahlenberg reported that the Department of Human Rights has withdrawn the proposed rules on which LWVMN had testified. She said she feels the role of LWVMN now is to facilitate cooperation by the Department of Human Rights and the Department of Education in developing new rules. She also reported on legislation which would remove the present rule on equality of opportunity in athletics.

FOCUS II: Llona reported details of the Arms Control Focus on March 14 and suggested that public relations efforts not be done by the person arranging the program. Board members volunteered to assist Rosenblatt in setting up for the program.

FOCUS I: Information on Focus I was included on the agenda, and Board members added comments.

AmERicA PROJECT: Activities of the AmERicA project during the month were listed on the agenda. Sawyer asked for suggestions for a co-chair, and Board members made some recommendations. Senator Humphrey has agreed to be a co-chair.

RETREAT: The old/new Board retreat will be March 21, 9:30 - 3:00. Present Board members are to have plans for their portfolios.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Minutes of the Office Management committee had been distributed with the agenda. While Lucas will resume some duties of Action clerk, Berkwitz will continue to serve as the contact for Action, and there will continue to be more use of volunteers.

WINGSPREAD: Llona reported on the year-long project undertaken by LWVUS to update information on trade in all the states. Llona will give a report at the Wingspread Conference. Each state is to receive \$500 seed money. A proposal to upgrade information throughout the state will be written by Llona.

VOTER: Rosenblatt listed planned articles for the next VOTER, reminding members of the proper format.

LEADERSHIP MANUAL: Board members commented on the Leadership Training Manual being sold by the LWV of Massachusetts.

EDUCATION: Armstrong reported on the Education Focus, April 18. She also reported that the Governor is planning to set up a commission to study school financing, and she would like LWVMN to nominate someone for that committee. Suggestions are to be submitted to Armstrong. It was suggested that it be clear as to support of the League position by this nominee.

MEETING: The Hennepin County League is conducting a workshop on CETA, which Tews will moderate.

MEMBERS: Borg informed Board members that there are two national members from Minnesota. LWVMN service to national contributing members was discussed.

Sawyer reminded members of the press conference at 3:00 p.m., to be held by Leslie Brown, one of the speakers at Focus II.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dunn, Secretary

# Retreat

## BOARD MINUTES

League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
March 21, 1979

Board Present: Borg, Cushing, Rosenblatt, Schmitz, Waldo, Armstrong, Reeves, Poppleton, Tews, Anderson, Berkwitz, Llona, Kahlenberg, Phelan, Buffington  
Staff Present: Sawyer  
Others Present: Atchison, Sargent, Schefers, Newmark, Burkhalter, Evans, Higinbotham, Crampton, Lake  
Location: Silver Lake Camp

Borg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Poppleton reported that 30 out of 70 local Leagues had made program recommendations; those reporting included big city Leagues. Sixteen of those reporting recommended a study of initiative and referendum; recall was mentioned by several but not by a majority.

Rosenblatt suggested that the Board propose a study of initiative and referendum and specify that it be a one-year study. Anderson expressed concern about being tied to a one-year study if the committee found it needed more time. Poppleton commented that if the Board did not recommend initiative and referendum, the Convention would probably adopt it anyway.

Berkwitz pointed out that if the Board recommends the I & R study, planning can begin now. She added that all Program suggestions (even mentioned) from the local Leagues must be listed in the Convention Workbook or be available at Convention so that delegates can bring them up and debate them, if they wish, on the Convention floor. Many local Leagues have concurred or plan to concur with LWV-Minneapolis Family Violence position. For delegates to discuss Family Violence at Convention, it must be listed (some local Leagues did mention it on program-making forms.)

Borg suggested all topics mentioned by local Leagues be listed in the VOTER with no detail. Reeves urged that the Board include recall in the Initiative and Referendum Study; I & R and recall logically go together, and the study would be incomplete without recall.

Berkwitz asked if recall had been mentioned by local Leagues in Program returns. She suggested that delegates could add recall at the Convention if they want it. Poppleton said that several local Leagues had mentioned recall but that there was no groundswell to include it. Borg suggested the Board recommend a two-year study of initiative, referendum and recall because we might find ourselves with an incomplete position for lobbying. She also suggested that we study I & R the first year and recall the second year.

Motion: Reeves moved that the Board recommend a study of Initiative, Referendum and Recall.

Second: Waldo

Reeves divided her motion so that Board members could vote on I & R and recall separately.

Motion: Reeves moved that the Board recommend a study of Initiative and Referendum.

Second: Kahlenberg

The motion carried.

Motion: Reeves moved that the Board include recall in the Initiative and Referendum Study.

Second: Kahlenberg

The motion carried.



Motion: Anderson moved that the Board recommend changes in the wording of the appointment position as follows:

"LWVMN Position -- Support of apportionment substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governments. (The Legislature should reapportion itself regularly and equitably. Though primary responsibility for reapportionment rests with the Legislature, definite procedures should be established to use when the Legislature fails to act.) Support of regular and equitable reapportionment, with definite procedures established to ensure prompt redistricting by the Legislature or by a multi-partisan reapportionment commission. Support of procedures which provide for:

- compact contiguous districts giving advantage to no particular person or group
- public accessibility to legislative or commission deliberations and actions
- prompt judicial review

Additions are underlined, deletions are in ( ) .

EXPLANATION: The first recommended change combines LWVUS position with that of LWVMN, making our position inclusive regardless of future LWVUS action. The second change was recommended by several local Leagues. While some recommended simply to drop the rest of the MN position, several other Leagues (most notably St. Paul) recommended the concept (if not the exact wording) of the additional wording.

Anderson said that Program-making suggestions indicated that members would like to handle our apportionment position at Convention.

Rosenblatt and Berkwitz questioned the use of the term "multi-partisan," since we would presumably want not only representatives of parties but also independent public members.

Anderson commented that multi-partisan is the term used in testimony.

Berkwitz urged that we go back to independent reapportionment commission. Rosenblatt added that "independent" here means independent of Legislature, not composed of independents.

Armstrong commented that LWVMN is supporting procedures that will ensure prompt equitable reapportionment, not necessarily the commission itself.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that "multi-partisan" be deleted from the proposed wording and that the Board recommend the proposed wording change for the apportionment position.

The motion carried.

Reeves moved that the Board propose retention of LWVMN present program. Waldo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Sawyer, Executive Director



SUMMARY OF RETREAT DISCUSSION  
Silver Lake Camp - March 21, 1979

I. What it's like to be on the State Board

Personal support

Intellectual stimulation

Joy to deal with competent people

Able to disagree without being disagreeable

Respect for other person's point of view

Unique communication system

Grass roots organization - it really works

Feeling of growth - educational

Personal satisfaction

Painless way to "do your duty"

Sometimes overwhelming

Like local League Board - more intensive

Perspective broadened

Sometimes lonely - state Board members are farther apart - more self-reliance encouraged.

Some people prefer narrower confines of local Board

Work

More travel

Hard work, long hours - but significant work

Longer Board meetings (could we have elsewhere in state?)

LWV like a floating crap game - efficiency

Lots of reading, thinking, evaluating, planning, listening

Learning about time lines

Visibility in state as LWV representative

Prestige as LWV Board member

Relating to others

Some animosity from local Leagues

Board meetings - all members are "generals" but good and healthy discussions

People prepared for Board meetings - expanded agendas

Respect for local Leagues and desire to help

You get out what you put in.

Creativity appreciated

There are choices - how much to read, what to do - you can't do everything - learn to accept what you can't do without guilt.

It's a "possible" job and worth doing.

II. Where We Are

Accomplishments

1. We stated, worked through and reaffirmed our goals.
2. Keeping our goals in front of us was especially helpful for development.
3. We increased our development activity - raised funds for library, debates, three focuses; we are embarking on unrestricted fund drive.
4. We premarketed VOTERS GUIDES.
5. We increased the responsibility of the Executive Director to run office more efficiently.
6. We revised the budget format.
7. We separated Voters Service and Citizen Information.
8. We expanded the VOTER greatly.
9. We brought off the debates very successfully.
10. We send Board Memo to every local League Board member.
11. Action has moved ahead; we have over 30 lobbyists this year; they are not just testifying but learning other lobbying skills, talking to committee people, giving verbal testimony that differs from written testimony.
12. We are training female administrators - ERA, Energy.

13. The library study was completed, funded and well received (27 people from all over the state were on the committee).
14. We are producing a kit of materials to guide production of studies.
15. We have vastly improved P.R.

#### Improvements Needed

1. We need to reach others beyond our organization with our publications, VOTER.
2. We need to develop volunteer skills in working with staff.
3. We need to increase our P.R. activity - by doing things and following through with the press as Erica Buffington did with D.C.; we should appreciate local League efforts here; cable T.V. may open up many opportunities for LWV.
4. We need to re-establish regular communication with local Leagues. Convention '77 decided to drop consultant system. The state Board needs "feedbacks" and needs to feel that it is accurately reflecting the local Leagues. Liaison is a better term than consultant. Perhaps a limited number of visits can be made to selected local Leagues each year.
5. We can learn from the frustration of the Library Study. It was a non-recommended item, so there was no advance planning; that study needed an on-Board advocate; studies need a chair from the metro area or someone who can be on top of things much of the time; we cannot assume that research will be easily completed or that a study will be virtually free; we must include costs of committee in cost of project; Board should have positive attitude toward studies undertaken.

### III. Brainstorming for the Future - Group Discussions

#### Existing Conditions - Trends and the Role of the LWV

1. Changing role of women
2. The continuing Energy crisis - we should continue to educate.
3. The arms race (LWVUS should take position on SALT in light of our national position to promote peace in an interdependent world.)
4. Tide of conservatism - LWV too liberal image?
5. Distrust of Government
6. Post-Viet Nam attitudes
7. VOTER apathy
8. Single issue politics and a breakdown of consensus
9. "Me-ism"
10. Changing communications and media

#### LWV Can Best Meet These Conditions by:

1. LWVUS and MN should continue to speak out on the status of women.
2. We should continue to respond to the needs and time of the volunteer.
3. We should sell the LWV as a vehicle for personal development and the achievement of common goals.
4. We should address the problems of Distrust of Government, Voter Apathy, and Single Issue Groups by providing accurate information, by reaching out to the community. LWV may be in a unique position to mediate among single interest groups; we also traditionally have addressed many issues - it is a great strength and a weakness.
5. Through our Focus meetings, we should reach out for our audience; we can subsidize local League representatives to come to Focus meeting and set them up in our communities. We should provide written summaries of Focus meetings for participants and media, make videotapes, extend impact.
6. We should be prepared to take advantage of new communications opportunities (cable TV) and should develop P.R. expertise.
7. Does LWV have a "liberal" image? LWV is moderate, takes well-considered positions on issues.
8. We can make an impact by providing information on issues as well as taking positions.

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.

State Office - 555 Wabasha

Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

9:29 Determination of Quorum and call to order.

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of the March 13 State Board meeting\* - Dunn
- Minutes of the March 21 special State Board meeting\*
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 5 AMERICA Report - Sawyer
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Lobbyist Approval - Armstrong
- 5 Coalition of 15,000 Workshop - Berkwitz
- 10 Medicaid Funding of Abortion - Kahlenberg
- 15 Budget Amendments - Sawyer - Bergeson
- 5 Proposed Bylaw Changes - Reeves
- 10 Membership Tea with Governor Quie - Waldo
- 5 NSP Newsletter

SMOKER'S BREAK

- Disc.
- 5 Hennepin County Precinct Location Project - Waldo
  - 15 Focus Meetings - Maher, Llona, Armstrong
  - 5 Funding Calls - Schmitz
  - 5 1980 State Council Site - Bushing
  - 15 OUTLOOK Calendar Planning
  - 5 Guthrie Ticket Sales
- Info
- 15 Action - Berkwitz
  - 2 D.C. Amendment - Buffington
  - 5 Election Survey - Buffington
  - 5 Wingspread - Llona

11:30 Peggy Lynch - Army Corp of Eng. Proj.  
J. Crampton - nuclear

Humanities Comm.  
Coordinator  
Diabetes - Waldo

Comm. booklets - written  
reports  
Voter  
Trips - Cushing

Info - Communications

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (as we have them on the calendar)

- April 17 - Budget Committee Meeting - state office, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 - Education Focus Meeting, Lakewood Community College, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 19 - Nominating Committee Meeting, state office, 1:00 p.m.
- 24 - Action Committee Meeting, state office, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 - Election Survey Committee, state office, 10:00 a.m.
- April 30-May 3 - National Council
- May 3 - CMAL Board Meeting - state office, 9:30 a.m.
- 8 - LWVMN Board meeting - state office, 9:30 a.m.

Routine Attachments: Planning Form (Blue), Time Sheet for April 9-May 7, 1979 (canary),  
Voucher (green)

Reminders: Action Committee Meeting of May 1 has been canceled and rescheduled for  
April 24. April 24 is the next Capitol Letter deadline.

Please turn in Board Memo material at April 10 Board meeting. You were just  
great last month. You really helped the office get the Memo out ahead of  
the deadline. Thanks!

Remember OUTLOOK deadline is April 30.



ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the March 13, 1979, state Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the March 13, 1979, state Board meeting as circulated.  
motion: dispense with the reading of the March 21, 1979, state Board meeting.  
motion: approve the minutes of the March 21, 1979, state Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report - enclosed with this mailing - to be filed for audit.
3. AMERICA: see attached (white)
4. Development: Education Focus - \$750  
Paul Murphy (I & R Focus) - \$150  
  
At the end of the fiscal year our LWVEF books showed a balance of \$3,505.50.  
Unrestricted: \$ 725.50  
Education Focus: 1500.00  
Arms Focus: 1100.00  
  
We have retrieved \$20,780.95 fy 1978-79. Our EF fee totaled: \$1068.55 fy 1978-79.  
Non-EF: I & R Humanities Grant - \$1332  
Energy Directory Phase II - \$8412  
Hennepin County Precinct Locator - \$4250
5. Lobbyist Approval: motion: to approve Hazel Helgeson, Carol Pidcock and Sandra Shanley as lobbyists for Education.

Background Information

Hazel Helgeson, LWV-Edina, and Sandra Shanley, LWV-Anoka-Coon Rapids, served on the library committee and plan to lobby for our library position. Carol Pidcock, LWV-Minneapolis, will serve as a library lobbyist. Carol has been library chair for LWV-Minneapolis for many years. She will be Vice Chair of the Hennepin County League of Women Voters next year.

6. Coalition of 15,000: motion: to contribute \$100 -- to co-sponsor a workshop featuring Eva Schindler-Raimmen on May 10, 1979.

Background Information

Eva Schindler-Raimmen is a nationally recognized expert on volunteerism. She will be in the Twin Cities for another purpose but has Thursday morning free. We are investigating the possibility of her conducting a three-hour seminar on: how changes in society are affecting volunteer organizations; how organizations can adjust to these changes by restricting and doing things in new ways; long range planning; internal P.R. on how to get your members to agree to changes. 15 representatives of LWVMN would be able to attend. Ms. Schindler-Raimmen is highly recommended by representatives of AAUW and Minneapolis Junior League who have attended workshops with her.

7. Medicaid Funding for Abortion: motion: LWVMN should testify in support of restoration of medicaid funding for abortions.

Background Information

This motion is proposed by the action committee (Action Committee Vote: 12-yes; 9-no; 4-abstentions). Senate Health and Welfare Committee is hearing Bob Lewis' bill to restore medicaid funding for abortions on April 19.



8. Budget Amendments (Please bring proposed budget which you received in February):  
motion: to propose an amendment to the proposed 1979-80 budget to reflect the  
ERA America project expense and income as follows:

Income

17.	From cash on hand	-	<u>Proposed 1979-80</u>
	reduce from \$3350 to		\$350
17a.	ERA cost overhead reimbursement		2000 (same)
Add	b. Actual expense (3,000 repay		5500
	start-up loan 2,500 actual expense)		

Expenditures

Action

Add	726	ERA project salaries and supplies	\$2500
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Background Information

17 - We are reducing the \$3350 cash on hand to \$350 to reflect LWVMN loan of \$3000 to AMERICA project from last fiscal year.

17a - Same - overhead reimbursement

17b - LWVMN will be reimbursed for its actual expenses which are:

loaned to AMERICA -	\$3000
AMERICA, Salary, Postage -	\$2500
	<u>\$5500</u>

(salary - 8 hours/50 weeks/\$4.00/hour - \$1600

postage - \$900)

We're sorry to trouble you with this matter again; however, our bookkeeper has advised us to reflect the AMERICA project in the budget. It would be very difficult to keep a separate AMERICA budget which would involve additional employee identification numbers, separate forms for federal government. Expenses of project are paid out of LWVMN funds; we bill AMERICA project for their expenses...salary, postage, xeroxing. If you don't want to account for AMERICA in this way, you will have to tell the bookkeeper where to hide it.

motion: to propose to amend the budget as follows:

income

add to

17.	Cash on hand	\$2394 + 350 = \$2744
19d.	Energy Director Phase II	(\$ 512.00)*
19i.	Hennepin County Precinct Locator	(\$1882.00)*

\* \$ 512 from last budget designated for Energy Directory expenses

1882 from last budget designated for Precinct Locator Project

\$2394 (added to cash on hand)

add:

expenditures

904.1	Energy Directory Phase II expenses	\$ 512.00
988	Hennepin County Precinct Service Contract	1882.00

The Hennepin County Precinct Locator contract and Energy Directory Phase II were not completed in fy 1978-79 as anticipated. The bookkeeper needs these categories in the budget for bookkeeping purposes.

9. Bylaw changes: motion: to approve the proposed 1979-80 bylaw changes as attached (pink).

Background Information

We've discussed these at the February Board meeting. Final approval was pending suggestions from local Leagues. None have been received.

10. Membership tea at Governor's Mansion: motion: that LWVMN should plan to hold a membership tea at the Governor's Mansion next September.

Background Information

LWVMN has been offered an opportunity to hold a membership tea at the Governor's Mansion in August or September. Harriet Hentges, LWVUS executive director, is a relative of Gretchen Quie's secretary and would be interested in attending. It would be a super kick-off for the League year and could give us visibility.

11. NSP - Wants our Energy Resource person mailing list for newsletter.

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

1. Hennepin County Precinct Locator Project

Background Information

We are in the process of hiring someone to complete the project. (We have approached HCLWV.) Mary Waldo will supervise completion as a volunteer. We have \$1882.00 left of the original \$4250 we were paid. We are thinking in terms of a \$500.00 fee and mileage and parking. We must keep enough money to enable us to complete six more updates through 1981, at which time we will receive \$500.

2. Focus Meetings - What is your view of last Focus? Any special problems? Special thanks to Judy Rosenblatt for organizing volunteers. In planning for future Focus meetings, do we want to build in money for bringing in outstate local League representatives?

3. Funding calls by Board.

Background Information

We have made first five calls - those of you who made them may want to share your experiences. Be prepared to sign up for next batch.

4. 1980 State Council

Background Information

At the February Board meeting a committee was appointed to set the date and place of the 1980 State Council. Now that you've been to Silver Lake Camp, do you have further direction for the committee (Cushing, Chair, Reeves and Berkwitz)?

5. Preliminary OUTLOOK Calendar Planning (see attached 1979-1980 calendar - white - use for Planning your OUTLOOK). Keep in mind the following dates:

June 3 - Presidents Workshop

June 4-5 - Convention

June 19 - possible AMERICA news conference

September 11 - Primary

November 6 - General Election

February 26 - Precinct Caucuses

Board Meetings: June 12, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13

May 1 - LWVUS Convention (?)

Where do you want to plug in the following?

LWVMN Workshops - June? Fall?

Membership Drive - Membership Tea - September?

Focus Meetings - January, February, March?

February, March, April?

State Council - April ?

Other?

Studied?

At next Board meeting we will finalize calendar.

6. Guthrie Ticket Sales

Background Information

LWV-Minneapolis sold season ticket subscriptions last year as a very low-key fundraising project through their newsletter. They made a 10% commission on every new season ticket sold. The Guthrie Theater called us because they would like to reach people outside of Minneapolis. There are 4 campaign plans available: for a telephone campaign or direct mailing campaign, we would receive 15% commission; for a personal contact at meetings or a newsletter article campaign, we would receive a 10% commission. Are you interested?

INFORMATION

1. Action - progress report.
2. D. C. Amendment

Background Information

LWV is getting substantial credit for its passage. Berkwitz, Buffington, Jahnke were present at its signing and had their picture taken with Governor Quie and sponsors. We sent picture and pertinent information to LWVUS.

3. Election Survey (oral report)
4. Wingspread (oral report)

# Time Sheet

Name: APRIL 9 - May 7

Hours & LWV Activity

Week of	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./ Sun





## EXPENSE VOUCHER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGET CATEGORY Grant_____					
Date	Travel (1)	Sitter (2)	Meals (3)	Room (4)	Other (5)
TOTAL					
Describe - workshop, publication, affiliation, etc.					

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TOTAL					
Describe - workshop, publication, affiliation, etc.					

1. Travel - car (15¢ per mi.); train, air, bus, parking - actual cost
2. Baby sitting - \$1.00 per hour
3. \$9.00 per diem
4. Lodging (actual cost is reimbursed)
5. List here postage, phone calls, supplies, etc.

(See reverse side for additional instructions.)

For official League function, League pays actual cost.

LOCAL LWV-ERS AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE WHO IMPRESSED ME THIS MONTH:

Blue 25

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month of April 9 - May 7

Portfolio

STAFF AUTHORITY  
CODE: A - Complete;  
B - act and report;  
C - act after  
approval.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE TO START	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	TYPE OF STAFF ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CODE: A - Complete B - act and report; C - act after approval.

Proposed By-law Changes

For Board consideration - no changes from local Leagues.

1. Art. III Sec. 3. Types of membership  
c) Omit "They shall pay ... 20.00" and insert: "Dues shall be determined by LWVMN."
2. Art. IV Sec. 1. Insert after "... a second vice president" "a third vice president..."  
  
Sec. 2. Change "two" to "three" in first sentence and "no" for "neither" in second sentence.
3. Art. VI After c) insert d) In the event the non-qualifying League is merging with another local League its funds would go to the merged League minus a reorganization fee paid to and determined by LWVMN.
4. Art. VIII Sec. 2. Composition - insert after "... delegates chosen by members enrolled in the local League;..." "delegates chosen by members-at-large of LWVMN."  
  
Sec. 4. Representation - following last sentence add "members-at-large of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members chosen by a procedure determined by LWVMN."

Explanation for proposed changes.

1. The \$20.00 now stated is not enough - we are in fact now charging \$25. Amount of dues should not be in the bylaws.
2. A third VP is an attempt to formalize an arrangement that seems to make sense. One VP would oversee "Program/Action; one VP would oversee Voters Service and Citizen Information and one would oversee "Organization" - thereby assisting the president in a sound organizational structure.
3. Self-explanatory except perhaps the "reorganization fee" - it does cost LWVMN to help in the reorganization and also during the "dying" process - this is a way to recoup some of those costs.
4. According to the National Convention vote, MALS are "voting members" and we must provide a "place" and "opportunity" to do so.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF AMERICA PROJECT

March 1, 1979 \$3,000.00 CASH IN CHECKING  
March 31, 1979 543.81 CASH IN CHECKING  
March 31, 1979 138.54 CASH IN VISA/MASTER CHARGE  
March 31, 1979 682.35 TOTAL CASH

March 9-March 31  
 TOTAL  
 INCOME: SALES 1131.32  
 CHECKS/CASH 992.78  
 VISA/MC 138.54

TOTAL March 1-March 31  
\$ 1,289.24

EXPENSES:	3-19 - 3/31 PAID	UNPAID	3/1 - 3/31/79 OWED TO LWV	3/1/79 - 3/31/79 TOTAL EXPENSES
SALARY	\$ <u>212.26</u>	_____	_____	\$ <u>212.26</u>
P.P.C.	<u>340.20</u>	_____	_____	<u>2,635.20</u>
POSTAGE	<u>119.67</u>	_____	_____	<u>194.74</u>
SUPPLIES	<u>38.54</u>	_____	_____	<u>519.54</u>
XEROX	<u>6.15</u>	_____	_____	<u>6.15</u>
Admin. Travel	<u>39.00</u>	_____	_____	paid <u>39.00</u>
LWVMN	_____	_____	\$ <u>3,505.50</u>	<u>3,505.50</u>
LWVUS	_____	_____	_____	_____
1st Nat'l BANK	_____	_____	_____	_____
SALES TAX	_____	<u>6.10</u>	_____	<u>9.72</u>
TOTALS	\$ <u>755.82</u>	\$ <u>6.10</u>	\$ <u>3,505.50</u>	\$ <u>7,122.11</u>

# JUNE 1979

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full moon		Bd		FLAG DAY		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
FATHER'S DAY		ER America Kickoff		summer begins		
last quarter						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
new moon						

# JULY 1979

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# SEPTEMBER 1979

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Primaty</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>Bd</i>	<b>13</b>  last quarter	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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# OCTOBER 1979

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> YOM KIPPUR	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> full moon	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> COLUMBUS DAY	<b>9</b> Bd	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> last quarter	<b>13</b>
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# NOVEMBER 1979

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11 VETERANS DAY	12	13 <i>Bd</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Citizen Action Conf.</i>
last quarter						
18	19  new moon	20	21	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24
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# DECEMBER 1979

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16	17	18	19  new moon	20	21	22 winter begins
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26  first quarter	27	28	29
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
April 10, 1979

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102, 9:35 a.m., Helene Borg, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Borg, Reeves, Waldo, Dunn, Hall, Anderson, Armstrong, Berkwitz, Buffington, Cushing, Kahlenberg, Llona, Maher, Phelan, Poppleton, Rosenblatt, Scribner, Tews  
Board member absent: Schmitz  
Non-Board members present: Joanne Crampton, Mary Evans, Joan Higinbotham, Joyce Lake  
Staff present: Sawyer, Medelman

MINUTES: MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 13, 1979, state Board meeting as circulated.

Mover: Armstrong Second: Tews Carried

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 21, 1979, state Board meeting.

Mover: Poppleton Second: Armstrong Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand 4/1/78 \$ 5904.88 - checking  
5844.59 - telephone transfer  
Expenditures 4/1/78 to 3/31/79 117498.60  
Income 4/1/78 to 3/31/79 122354.53  
Balance on hand 3/31/79 10529.68 - checking  
3575.72 - telephone transfer

Borg commented that the report reflects a good year-end financial status, noting categories in which actual income exceeded budgeted income. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

AmERica Project: Cash in checking 3/1/79 \$3000.00  
Expenses paid 3/1/79 to 3/31/79 3606.89  
Owed to LWVMN 3/31/79 3505.50  
Income 3/1/79 to 3/31/79 1289.24  
Total cash 3/31/79 682.35

DEVELOPMENT: Education Focus - \$750, Paul Murphy (I&R Focus) - \$150, First Bank System - \$500. In fiscal year 1978-79 \$20780.95 was retrieved from the Education Fund Account; year-end balance in the account was \$3505.50; non-Education Fund grants totaled \$13994. Medelman explained that a request to First National Bank in Minneapolis was referred to the First Bank Systems, who made the contribution. Board members discussed the possible impact this may have on the Minneapolis League and agreed to encourage Minneapolis to make their usual financial request to the bank. There was discussion of the policy of sharing with local Leagues, Board members agreeing that the present policy is adequate, Borg and Anderson urging that we remain flexible and communicate with local Leagues. Board members who made finance calls in the last month reported. They related some of the questions and requests that they received and in general reported a receptive attitude. Medelman outlined the follow-up communication with each corporation. Reeves reported that the case study may actually be two separate pieces. The Board discussed the concept of an annual report and commented on possible contacts. Medelman listed five additional corporations with whom appointments had been made, and Board members volunteered for the calls. She asked that a written report be sent to her following the calls.

MOTION: To commend Marge Post and Kathy Gilder on the Energy Resource Directory.  
Mover: Reeves Second: Waldo Carried

Extra copies of the Energy Directory are available from the Minnesota Energy Agency. It was suggested that unused copies of the directory be brought to the state office and they may be used for finance calls.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Action: Poppleton, Crampton, Borg, Waldo  
Add to Discussion: Borg, Rosenblatt

ENERGY POSITION: Crampton explained reasons for desiring a clearer position on nuclear energy, especially in regard to nuclear waste. Her intention is to write to each state League president and to LWVUS, asking that the position be reconsidered at the 1980 Convention.

MOTION: To support Crampton's request to state League Presidents, to urge LWVUS to consider action on the request at Council in May and to immediately place a call to LWVUS in regard to this request.

Mover: Poppleton Second: Maher Carried

LOBBYIST: MOTION: To approve Hazel Helgeson, Carol Pidcock and Sandra Shanley as lobbyists for Education.

Mover: Armstrong Second: Dunn Carried

COALITION: MOTION: To contribute \$100 to co-sponsor a workshop featuring Eva Schindler-Raimmen on May 10, 1979.

Mover: Hall Second: Anderson Carried

The workshop will be co-sponsored with the Coalition of 15,000, and Berkwitz answered questions about the coalition. The seminar would be on topics of volunteerism. Board members felt that persons who will be on the new Board should attend and that the \$100 is a low workshop fee for the 15 members who may attend.

MEDICAID FUNDING: MOTION: That LWVMN should testify in support of restoration of medicaid funding for abortions.

Mover: Kahlenberg Second: Rosenblatt Carried

Kahlenberg explained that the committee will hold hearings on the bill, and the Action committee favored testimony by LWVMN and wished the Board to be informed. Board members discussed comments received from local Leagues, their perceptions of member understanding and support of the issue, political realities and the educational value of lobbying.

BUDGET: MOTION: To propose an amendment to the proposed 1979-80 budget to include amounts to reflect the ERA America project expense and income and to include monies from the 1978-79 budget designated for the Energy Directory and the Precinct Locator.

Mover: Maher Second: Waldo Carried

Incorporation of the ERA project avoids additional employee registration number, tax reports, and the money carried over from the projects results from not all bills being paid. The totals in the budget will also be changed.

BYLAWS: MOTION: To approve the proposed 1979-80 bylaw changes as follows:

1. Art. III, Sec. 3. Types of membership  
c) Omit "They shall pay...20.00" and insert: "Dues shall be determined by LWVMN."
2. Art IV, Sec. 1. Insert after "...a second vice president" "a third vice president..."  
Sec. 2. Change "two" to "three" in first sentence and "no" for "neither" in second sentence.
3. Art.VI. After c) insert d) In the event the non-qualifying League is merging with another local League, its funds would go to the merged League minus a reorganization fee paid to and determined by LWVMN.
4. Art. VIII, Sec. 2. Composition - insert after "...delegates chosen by members enrolled in the local League;..." "delegates chosen by members-at-large of LWVMN."  
Sec. 4. Representation - following last sentence, add "members-at-large of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members chosen by a procedure determined by LWVMN."



Mover: Reeves

Second: Hall

Carried

Bylaws had been discussed at the March Board meeting. No suggestions were received from local Leagues.

MEMBERSHIP: MOTION: That LWVMN plan a membership event at the Governor's Mansion in September.

Mover: Waldo

Second: Armstrong

Carried

Board members strongly supported following up on the opportunity to use the Governor's Mansion for this purpose. Some suggestions made were that it be held early in September during the afternoon and early evening and to consider some way of requiring those attending to show some commitment to League membership.

MAILING REQUEST: Sawyer informed the Board of a request from NSP for the list of energy resource persons so that they may receive the NSP energy newsletter. The Board agreed that the list could be used by NSP for that purpose and directed Post and the office staff to determine the most advantageous way to obtain some payment for the use, whether by a fee or a request for a contribution.

APPOINTMENT: Borg reported that Ann Thomas will complete her term on the Humanities Commission this spring and has suggested that LWVMN nominate two persons to serve on the Commission. More information about requirements will be obtained.

POSITION: Borg related information about a paid position as coordinator for a teacher seminar in August. A person with League experience and knowledge and possible teaching experience is preferred. Anyone interested in the position may contact Sawyer.

CONFERENCE: Waldo received a request that LWVMN have a Voters Service booth at a Diabetes Conference in May. The Board directed Waldo to contact them and suggest alternatives for informing participants such as material included in the conference packets or a speaker.

PRECINCT LOCATOR: Some of the funds remaining for the Hennepin County Precinct Locator Project will be used to hire someone to complete the project. Waldo will supervise completion as a volunteer. Some individuals were suggested, and it was also suggested that some metro area Leagues may be interested in the project as a fundraiser. Waldo was directed to proceed within the limits of the money and in cooperation with the office management committee.

The question of a Board member assuming the position was discussed. The Board did not see a conflict in a Board member assuming this paid position, but Borg suggested that the new Board may wish to formulate a policy concerning this.

COALITION: Peggy Lynch, LWV-St. Paul, informed the Board of a coalition to which the St. Paul League belongs. The coalition opposes two items in the proposed plan for the Mississippi River in St. Paul. Lynch gave background information on the issues, explained reasons for the coalition position, and asked that LWVMN join the coalition.

MOTION: To join the coalition, contributing \$50.

Mover: Reeves

Second: Dunn

Carried

Lynch answered questions. The amount of the contribution was discussed, and the possibility of contributing an additional amount later, if needed, was favored. Armstrong will represent LWVMN on the coalition.

FOCUS: Armstrong informed Board members of details of the Education Focus, April 18, and members volunteered assistance.

Llona commented on the Arms Control Focus, expressing thanks to NSP for their cooperation and use of excellent facilities. The downtown Minneapolis location was very good. Many compliments were heard about the program, and evaluation sheets were positive. Llona added that the program was certainly worth the effort.

There was discussion of using money to pay expenses of outstate League members to attend the Focus seminars. It was felt that having more members attend would be the best possible outreach, but that it is a matter of the time available, not financial considerations. Different methods of outreach were mentioned including reports, publications and video tapes, the latter being most favored.

OUTLOOK: Borg reminded Board members that material for the Outlook is due April 30.

The following dates were set for the 1979-80 calendar: The September Board meeting date will be September 12 because of the primary election September 11; Five fall workshops will be held - one in the Metro area September 29, the others to be scheduled later by the field service chair and staff. The membership event at the Governor's Mansion was scheduled for September 7, the lobbyist workshop for November 17. The precinct hotline for caucuses will be February 21, 22 and 25. Focus seminars were set for February 13, March 15, April 16, and workshops on June 11 (evening) and June 12 (day).

MOTION: To hold state Council April 21 and 22, 1980.

Mover: Cushing

Second: Tews

Carried

Other topics discussed were the difference between updates and studies and a possible video tape about precinct caucuses. Final approval of the Outlook will be at the May Board meeting.

FUNDRAISING: An opportunity to raise funds by selling Guthrie Theater season tickets was discussed. Minneapolis LWV has done this, and the Board recommended that Minneapolis expand their project statewide by using the State Board Memo.

Poppleton informed the Board that the "energy tips" placemat is ready to be printed, and LWVMN and LWV St. Paul will receive a 3% royalty which they will divide.

CONVENTION REPORTS: The Board considered written reports by Board members for the Convention Workbook. Most members favored the reports, citing the help they can be to local Leagues and new local League Board members. The reports are due in the state office April 30.

VOTER: Rosenblatt reminded members of material due for the VOTER and the need to observe the deadlines. She also gave information about New Day Films, and further information is available in the state office and will be included in the State Board Memo.

LEAGUE VISITS: Cushing mentioned that some visits to local Leagues have been planned and that it would be helpful if some people who are continuing on the Board would participate in the visits. The trips she mentioned were to Elbow Lake, Isanti and Fairmont. Individual Board members mentioned visits they have planned to local Leagues. Cushing informed the Board of concerns expressed by Fergus Falls LWV. Berkwitz mentioned the apparent need for a League in the Plymouth area.

INFORMATION: A Board member will attend the Minnesota Press Council 1979 Annual Dinner. Borg read comments from a letter from the New Brighton League which included some recommendations. As a result of one of the suggestions, a VOTER article about observer corps was planned. Information will be obtained from observers in different Leagues.

ACTION: Berkwitz commented on recent and current legislation. Messages of support for the ERA project have been received from LWVUS President Ruth Hinérfeld and from Rosalyn Carter's office. Kahlenberg explained the need for lobbying efforts in the area of school athletics. Buffington said election survey results and the monitoring guide are expected to be out in May. Messages of thanks for the successful ratification efforts for the D.C. amendment have been received from LWVUS and LWV-Washington, D.C.

WINGSPREAD: Llona reported on the Wingspread Conference, describing it as a good conference and mentioning some of the participants. She mentioned some of the plans she has for the project in Minnesota.

Waldo reported that she is on an ad hoc committee on roadside wildlife and reseeding roadways and will use the State Board Memo to inform local Leagues.

Borg reminded continuing Board members that Board policies should be rewritten by the new Board.

Reeves reported that the vacancies on the Humanities Commission will not be filled according to a geographical distribution. It was felt that the LWVMN nominees should not be on or resigning from the Board. Five persons were mentioned as possible nominees. Scribner will contact them to assess their willingness and interest to serve and to obtain information for the resume for the nomination.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dunn, Secretary



STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.

State Office - 555 Wabasha

Do not bring lunch - Salad Lunch is provided

AGENDA

9:29 Determination of Quorum and Call to Order.

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of the April 10 state Board meeting\* - Dunn
- 5 Treasurer's Report\* - Hall
- 2 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 AmERICA Report - Sawyer
- Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Resignation of Berkwitz - Borg
- 10 Isanti County recognition - Cushing
- 5 Grant County recognition - Cushing
- 10 Hope Washburn Award - Cushing
- 10 Election Survey/Monitoring Guide - Buffington
- 2 U.N. Rally Support - Llona
- 2 Spring Hill Conference - Crampton
- 5 Development-PR Staff Position - Hall, Schmitz

DISCUSSION

- 5 Willmar Women - Kahlenberg
- 10 Call-In Nights - Cushing
- 30 Monitoring Juvenile Justice Sites - Phelan
- 30 Outlook Review - Borg
- 5 U.S. District Court news release - Borg
- 5 Fairmont and Fergus Falls - Cushing
- 2 Choice - An American Right - Borg
- 5 League procedures - Borg
- 5 LWVUS Development Policy - Borg and Schmitz
- 5 Litigation Workshop - Borg
- 5 Humanities Commission recommendation - Scribner

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Berkwitz
- 2 Girls Athletics - Kahlenberg
- 3 Funding calls - Schmitz
- 10 Report on LWVUS Council - Berkwitz, Lake
- 5 LWVUS and AmERICA - Berkwitz
- 5 Guidelines for State Study Programs - Anderson, Rosenblatt
- 1 LWVUS Presidential Debates in '80
- 1 Nuclear response
- 1 Conn. LWV Convention Speaker
- 1 Texas Mini Guide - Borg
- 2 SLL - Thompson

*Focus - Barb*

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (as we have them on the calendar)

- May 8 - Board
- 9 - Election Survey Committee meeting, 10:00, state office (S.O.)
- 14 - 18 - Convention Workbook assembled, mailed
- 21 - 25 - Preparation of OUTLOOK for Convention
- 24 - CMAL Convention
- 25 - Capitol Letter deadline
- 29 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office

(Continued)



June 3 - Presidents' Workshop

4 - 5 - State Convention, St. Cloud State University

12 - State Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office

Routine Attachments: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for May 9 - June 11, 1979, (Canary),  
Voucher (green)

Reminders: Board Memo material is due at May 8 Board meeting - the office will be swamped with preparing Convention Workbooks, Capitol Letter, and the Outlook, plus handling Convention registrations. Please help us - thanks!

Workbook summaries are also due (last Monday).

Thanks for getting your Outlooks in!

#### ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the April 10th Board minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report - enclosed with this mailing - to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: LWVMN received a check for \$500 from First National Bank of Minneapolis. As LWV-Mpls. received \$250 last year in unrestricted tax deductible money from them and were told that they would not receive that amount this year, LWVMN split the contribution with LWV-Mpls.: \$250 each.

Our balance in the Education Fund is \$3,755.50

4. AmERICA: (see attached - white)

#### REVISION OF AGENDA

5. Motion: to accept the resignation of Pam Berkwitz as Action Chair with deepest regret.

#### Background Information

Berkwitz is resigning to seek party endorsement for her candidacy for the Senate seat in District 41 vacated by the death of Senator Robert Lewis.

6. Isanti County: motion: to grant recognition to the state unit in Isanti County.  
Dues shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Background Information

Isanti County - 8th Congressional, 18 and 19 legislative. Most of these people will be in 18A. Population - 16,500. Cambridge is the core city, though most of the impetus has come from Braham.

Our first contact was back last fall. A January meeting was cancelled, and the April meeting had no more people than the first. Almost everyone who has shown any real interest works full time. There hasn't been that one person or two with the time necessary to get a large enough group into the organization process. There is that core of really interested people, so state unit was suggested, with the idea that they may very likely grow slowly into a provisional League, and they jumped at the change.

They will have a chairman and secretary-treasurer. They will meet once a month, handling Program like any other unit. They will report to SSL once a month, and we will keep in close touch with them. This is not a structured group like Houston County - for one thing, it's much smaller - and will not be trying to do very much other than Program discussion.

Dues: We had talked in terms of \$15.00 dues before the state unit concept developed for them. \$25.00 - our current mal dues - seems a big jump. We may lose them. They won't cost, as a group, what a single mal does because they will receive only one mailing as a group. \$20.00 dues would give national their \$10, give state \$7.00 which we would get if they were provisional, and allow them \$3.00 return so they would have a few dollars to work with.

7. Grant County: motion: To recommend that the national Board grant recognition to the provisional LWV of Grant County.

Background Information

Grant County - 7th Congressional District, 11A legislative district (that's Olhoft and Aasness!). There's a small strip in 11B, but it's virtually unpopulated. Population - 7,500. Elbow Lake is the core city.

Their paid membership is 32 and will probably go higher for the first year. Budget - \$1050.

An unusually rapid organization. If there hadn't been a mid-February blizzard, they would have reached this point a month sooner. Their first small meeting was in January with representatives from Alexandria. From then they moved through the organization process about as rapidly as it can be done. They have had dynamic leadership, and the Board looks very good. They have six members and two Board members from one of the smaller communities and have made contact in a couple of others.

They will have one general meeting - ERA - and one set of unit meetings - How A Bill... and the Open Meeting law - before things close down for the summer. Their advisor will be Arlene Johnson, LWV-Alexandria.

8. Hope Washburn Award: motion: that the Hope Washburn Award be presented only at State Conventions (every other year) rather than annually.

Background Information

Discussions in the Nominating Committee have recognized the disparity not only of the recognition provided, but also of the interest generated in local Leagues from year to year. There is a consistent pattern with 2 to 3 times the number of nominations being submitted for the Hope Washburn Award in Convention years versus Council years.

9. Election Survey/Monitoring Guide (see draft enclosed with this mailing, sent to all present Board members): motion: to approve for publication to Local Leagues Election Survey/Monitoring Guide.

Background Information

Direction given to the state Board at the 1977 Convention requested that the Voters Service Chair put out a Monitoring Guide. Since this also involved Election Laws, the Government portfolio took over this project. Two years, two surveys, and countless hours later, here is the Guide, ready for Convention 1979.

10. U.N. Rally Support: motion: to approve a \$25.00 contribution to the U.N. Rally to be held October 25.

Background Information

LWVMN has sponsored this for years. Jean Young, who chairs the U.S. Commission on the Year of the Child and wife of Andrew Young, will speak.

11. Motion: that Jeanne Crampton may attend a conference entitled "Minnesota's Water Resources: A Strategy for the Future" at Spring Hill Center, May 29-31.

Background Information

Cost is \$60 - agenda looks comprehensive. Jean wants to go!

12. Development/P.R. staff person: motion: that the current Office Management Committee and Berkwitz stay on for the hiring of a PR/Development person.

Background Information

It is a strong possibility that Judy Medelman will leave our staff in mid-June to work for the Landmark Center. The present committee has been through the process recently and did a terrific job.

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

1. Willmar Women: May the Willmar Bank women take up a collection quietly after their presentation at lunch on Tuesday at the Convention?
2. Evaluation of Call-in Nights as communication tool. Suggestions for Discussion: Consider scheduling some Board meetings as afternoon/evening meetings (e.g., August, October, March, and May would meet 2:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)

Points to consider:

- 1) Would make whole Board accessible to callers;
  - 2) Would provide more flexible meeting time for employed women to attend at least part of the time. (Some local Leagues have alternate months designated as daytime/evening Board meetings.) This could be a plus for visitors, off-Board positions, and even an occasional Board member whose employment precludes regular attendance of daytime meetings.
  - 3) As long as time was designated well in advance, supper meetings need not be disruptive to most households. It should not affect non-metro Board members any more than an ordinary meeting does. Those within driving distance could drive home; those staying over would do so anyway.
3. Monitoring Juvenile Justice Sites: Ann Jaede will be with us to discuss an on-site monitoring of Juvenile Facilities project. The State of Minnesota is charged with on-site monitoring for the Juvenile Justice Act. Ann would like local Leagues to become involved in monitoring, interviewing, checking local facilities for compliance.
  4. OUTLOOK review (see attached packet). This is very rough - read with eye to additions, deletions, discrepancies.
  5. U.S. District Court news release: see attached (canary)
  6. Fairmont and Fergus Falls: see attached (green)
  7. Choice - An American Rights: see attached (blue)
  8. League procedures: Re: concentrating on inner workings of organization to excess. Quote from Local League minutes: "There were several problems and considerable discussion concerning them. One problem was that the positions of Second Vice President and Treasurer are presently held by Board members the League had elected last year for 2 years, and they are on the proposed slate in other positions. There was discussion that since neither member submitted resignation to the Board, did the present nominating committee go beyond their duties filling these positions? \_\_\_\_\_ read from Article IV, Section 2; \_\_\_\_\_ read from Article IV, Section 1, and Article V, Section 1. There was discussion on whether it was the Board's responsibility to present the slate to the membership or the nominating committee's responsibility. \_\_\_\_\_ read from page 57 of the Handbook concerning the responsibility of the nominating committee. It was decided that all discussion be terminated. Some members felt that the Board should be able to discuss this so that it can be properly discussed with the membership if it should come up at the annual meeting."
- There's more, but eventually they passed a motion to drop the discussion and allow the nominating committee to do things the way they are done now.
9. LWVUS Development Policy: see attached (goldenrod)  
From LWV-Oregon: "The League of Women Voters of Oregon has been engaged in a state finance drive for some months now. One of the businesses on our list was Burlington Northern, which has an office and does business in Portland. When I finally managed to reach the person in charge of the corporate giving, a Ms. Tana Hinton, I was told that all such requests had to be sent on to the Burlington Northern Foundation in St. Paul and that it would expedite matters if I wrote there directly.  
  
"I checked with National to be sure Burlington Northern wasn't one of their contributors and found that it wasn't. They suggested that I go ahead but let you know, which I would have done anyway. Ms. Hinton told me that it was not unusual for



Burlington Northern to contribute to organizations and projects in states where they do business, so I trust we are not in any way infringing on one of your sources of income."

10. Litigation Workshop: see attached (pink)
11. Humanities Commission recommendation (oral report)

INFORMATION

1. Girls Athletics bill update (oral report)
2. Funding calls - We have made calls on: the Bemis Company, Sperry-Univac, the Peavey Company, 3M Company, Gamble-Skogmo, Dayton Hudson Corporation, Northwestern Banco. We will make calls on Apache and Medtronic, Inc. Be prepared to sign up for the next batch.
3. Report on LWVUS Council (oral report)
4. LWVUS and AmERICA (oral report)

Background Information

On April 23rd we sent a Mailgram to Betty Ford: "On February 16 I wrote to ask that you join Senator Muriel Humphrey as Co-chair of the League of Women Voters Minnesota America project, designed to raise money for ratification for ERA. We offer to pay your expenses to Minnesota for a news conference at a time agreeable to you and Senator Humphrey. ERA funds are desperately low; we know you share our commitment to its ratification. We would appreciate hearing from you immediately.....We would be honored to have you join us in this effort."

We received this reponse, dated April 23rd: "Thank you, on behalf of Mrs. Ford, for your kind invitation to co-chair the League of Women Voters Minnesota America Project. Mrs. Ford greatly appreciates your thoughtfulness in extending the invitation; however, she feels it best to limit her involvement to the national level, and must therefore regret the kind offer. I trust you will understand our situation." (Signed Caroline Coventry, Secretary to Mrs. Ford.

5. Guidelines for State Study Programs: This adaptation of "Publication Guidelines" is turning into a 3-piece set of guidelines. Judy Rosenblatt and Karen Anderson will give an oral report on the contents of the guidelines, which will be ready by Convention.
6. LWVUS Presidential Debates in '80: see attached (blue)
7. Nuclear response
  - 1) From LWV-Allentown, PA: "Your communication to Presidents of state Leagues, April 11, 1979, re radioactive wastes disposal has come to my attention this past week. I have asked our local presidents to bring the matter up at the Board meeting and to 'feel out' the membership at the annual meeting in May. At this point, I may not comment. "
  - 2) From LWV-Oregon: "...We have received your letter regarding the difficulty you experienced in trying to act on nuclear issues. We have had the same experience and are equally upset. We concur completely with you and your efforts to have Council find a way for us to resolve this problem, though concurrence is possible. You will be hearing from Norma Jean Germond, who is our Energy chairperson and president-elect. She will be at Council, and you will find her a willing and effective supporter of your viewpoint."



8. Connecticut LWV Convention Speaker: "FLASH: Koryne Horbal will be the Friday luncheon speaker at the LWV Convention. Since she has to be in Minneapolis Thursday night, she was not able to be with us that evening - but is flying in Friday especially for the luncheon. We will have other fabulous entertainment Thursday evening.
9. Texas Mini Guide: oral report
10. SLL - Not much going on. Everyone's busy with annual meetings.  
SHAKOPEE - having a social get-together to be taught disco by some pros and then to have breakfast!  
ST. CLOUD AREA - HRA accepted the League proposal to conduct seven community meetings to inform people about the city's use of CDBG's - and being paid \$700 for doing it.  
MOUNDS VIEW - One of their contributors outdid himself. He also donated wine enough for the entire League.  
Aware of League members' ability to do anything well, the following request was sent to:  
NORTHERN DAKOTA COUNTY - McDonald's is in need of breakfast and lunch hour workers.  
The president raced right out to sign up.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand April 1, 1979 \$10529.68 - checking  
 April 31, 1979 - 3575.72 - telephone transfer  
 3866.31 - checking  
 3575.72 - telephone transfer

*OPERATING EXPENSES	PROPOSED BUDGET	April
1. Maintenance of Equipment	\$ 575	--
2. General Supplies	5200	370.16
3. Postage	10000	1000.00
4. Telephone and Telegraph	2000	195.38
5. Insurance	273	--
6. Rent	4690	390.80
7. Salaries and Salary taxes		
All employees	45000	3522.00
8. Copier	5100	614.60
9. Bank and miscellaneous charges	25	--
10. Audit expenses	125	--
11. Capital expenditures	1754	277.36
TOTAL	74742	6370.30

EXPENDITURES		April
		6370.30
100 Direct Service to Local Leagues	\$ 36767	336.04
200 Administration	16064	437.14
300 Publications	4854	--
400 VOTER	6949	--
500 Delegates and Affiliations	9335	743.00
600 National PMP for Members at Large	40	--
700 Action	15976	344.49
800 Development and Public Relations		
General Fund	4868	7.10
Grant	9041	--
900 Educational Activities		
General Fund	3947	46.80
Grant	12906	--
980 Voters Service		
	207	63.46
	12589	--
990 Citizen Information		
General Fund	110	--
Grant	10585	128.47
General Fund	\$ 94853	8348.33
Grant	40137	128.47
GRAND TOTAL	\$134990	8476.80

\*Operating Expenses are not allocated to their budget categories.  
 Script type indicates grant amounts.

## INCOME

PROPOSED  
BUDGET

APRIL

1. Local League Per Member Payments	\$ 50514.00	--
2. Provisional Leagues	1239.00	--
3. Balance of previous year's LL support	200.00	543.25
4. Member-at-large dues	75.00	--
5. CMAL assessment	100.00	--
6. Non-cash contributions	6000.00	277.23
6A. Cash contributions	200.00	25.00
7. Publications	5000.00	30.21
8. MN VOTER	510.00	5.00
9. DPM subscriptions	300.00	--
10. Capitol Letter	(accr. 760.00)	--
	106.00	8.00
11. State Convention/National Council	6000.00	--
12. Workshops: Leadership and general	4500.00	--
13. Lobbyist training workshop	420.00	--
14. ABC Precinct reporting		
15. Interest on savings	200.00	--
16. Miscellaneous	6500.00	921.24
17. From cash on hand	3504.00	--
17a. ERA Product Sales Overhead	2000.00	--
17b. ERA Actual Expense & Loan	5500.00	--
18. State Development Fund Raising	7979.00	--
	4264.00	--
19. Designated grants:		
a) New study	10394	--
b) International Relations	585	--
c) Natural Resources - Energy	1400	--
d) Energy Directory - Phase II	(512)	--
e) Voters' Guide (accrual)	3000	--
f) TV Debates (accrual)	5000	--
g) 3 Focus on Issues	7000	3.50
h) Voters' Hotline (accrual)	2500	--
i) Hennepin County Service	(1882)	--
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General Fund	100847	1809.93
Grant	34143	3.50
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GRAND TOTAL	134990	1813.43

Reserves \$17,992.24

On account with Ed. Fund \$3,755.50

# PLANNING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Portfolio \_\_\_\_\_

Month of May 9 - June 11

STAFF AUTHORITY  
CODE: A - Complete;  
B - act and report;  
C - act after  
approval.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE TO START	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	TYPE OF STAFF ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CODE: A - Complete B - act and report; C - act after approval.



# Time Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hours & LWV Activity

Week of	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./ Sun
May 7						
May 14						
May 21						
May 28						
June 4						

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF AMERICA PROJECT

<u>March 1</u> , 1979	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	CASH IN CHECKING
<u>April 30</u> , 1979	<u>297.53</u>	CASH IN CHECKING
<u>April 30</u> , 1979	<u>170.46</u>	CASH IN VISA/MASTER CHARGE
<u>April 30</u> , 1979	<u>467.99</u>	TOTAL CASH

	<u>April 1-30, 1979</u>	<u>TOTAL March 1-April 30</u>
INCOME: SALES	<u>\$ 329.85</u>	<u>\$ 1,619.09</u>
CHECKS/CASH	<u>297.93</u>	
VISA/MC	<u>31.92</u>	

EXPENSES:	<u>PAID</u>	<u>UNPAID</u>	<u>OWED TO LWV</u>	<u>March 1-April 30, 1979</u> <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
SALARY	<u>38.21</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>\$250.47</u>
P.P.C.	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>2,635.20</u>
POSTAGE	<u><del>26.58</del></u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u><del>221.32</del></u>
Brochures 467.17	<u>479.42</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>998.96</u>
XEROX	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>6.15</u>
ADMIN. TRAVEL	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>39.00</u>
LWVMN	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>3,505.50</u>	<u><del>3,505.50</del></u>
LWVUS	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
1st Nat'l BANK	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
SALES TAX	<u>          </u>	<u>5.95</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>15.67</u>
TOTALS	<u>544.21</u>	<u>5.95</u>	<u>3,505.50</u>	<u>7,672.27</u>

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MAY 4 1979

May 2, 1979

Ms. Helene Borg  
President  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
555 Wabasha  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

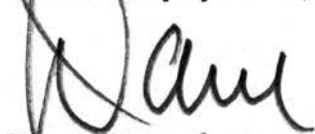
Dear Ms. Borg:

Thank you for your letter of January 30 urging my support of a qualified woman for the vacant eighth Circuit Appeals Court judgeship. While I regret that I will have no input in this decision process, I would like to share with you some of my own thoughts and activities in connection with the Minnesota federal district court vacancies.

As you are undoubtedly aware by now, Senator Boschwitz and I, with the assistance of the Vice-President, have set up a Judicial Nominating Commission to review and recommend candidates for the vacancies on the Minnesota federal bench. My hope and expectation is that the presence of several outstanding qualified women on the Judicial Nominating Commission, including one of my own designees, will greatly facilitate the Commission's process of identifying qualified women candidates, soliciting their applications, and giving them full and fair consideration.

Thank you once again for your letter. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely yours,



Dave Durenberger  
United States Senator

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APR 23 1979

NEWS RELEASE

FROM THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT NOMINATING COMMISSION FOR THE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA . . .

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE . . .

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The U. S. District Court Nominating Commission for the State of Minnesota announced today that it is seeking potential nominees to fill the vacant judgeships on the State's U. S. District Court.

According to the Commission's Co-chairmen, James M. Rosenbaum and John French, names of the prospective nominees should be sent to them in care of the U. S. Judgeship Nominating Commission, 1300 Northwestern Bank Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55402.

The Commission, said James Rosenbaum and John French, will confine its consideration to members of the Bar in good standing from the State of Minnesota.

Recommendations of nominations must be received on or before May 1, 1979. The Commission suggests that "It will be helpful, though not a requirement, if reasons are given why the persons suggested are well qualified for the judicial position."

The Chairmen indicated they are actively seeking as candidates women, members of minorities and persons who have demonstrated a commitment to equal justice under law.



FAIRMONT

4/21/79

Buffington, Thompson

This is sort of a "what else is new" situation. We were supposed to be there for their annual meeting - Buffington as a speaker, both of us to consult with everyone about their situation which continues to be no membership growth, no leadership, etc. Well, the annual meeting was never arranged; it will be in May instead, and four Board members were there to meet with us. That's not as bad as bad as it sounds - they have only six at the most.

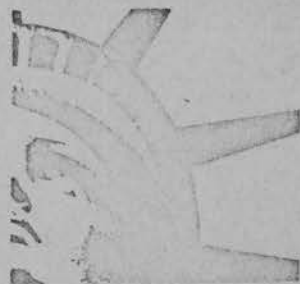
We suggested they need a 'commitment' sheet - list every sort of League job they could possibly need done. Mail it to the members and ask them to bring it to the annual meeting and then lay the situation on the line. We told them by all means to take a positive attitude but to say the word 'disband' out loud. Their members obviously need to be jarred because if they receive no response at that meeting, disband is what they're going to have to do. They can't go on like they have for the last year.

If they do get some positive response, we suggested what we saw as priority Board positions, realizing that the Board would remain small. They haven't even bothered to sort this out before. Two of these - a bulletin editor (they've had no bulletin all year) and a full time membership chairman - are a must. They're never going to solve the membership problem if they continue to handle it in a slapdash fashion.

Their chances of survival are slim. The Board seems willing to go to most any length to keep it going but can't do it alone. Their members don't even come to meetings. No one can help them anymore unless their members decide to pitch in.

Their demise may also be imminent. It must be a Fergus Falls syndrome, but it's galling. Within anyone's memory, we've never lost a provisional. It really seems like money down the drain. Their Board feels it gets no support from the membership; they think they're overworded, etc. Their solution to all this is to complain about what's expected of them as a provisional. They don't have a unit meeting schedule set up because the couple of times they had unit meetings the attendance was poor (they had six or seven which we didn't think was that bad), but then their attendance is poor all the time. They've lost a couple of Board members, not unusual, and they're going to lose their president this summer - whcih they don't know yet. Instead of attacking their problems, they choose to complain and get increasingly negative - oh, are they negative. Some of all this might have been avoided if they had had the kind of attention they should have from the advisor. Their advisor bit the dust before she even got started but declined to let anyone know she wasn't going to do it. Then they didn't let us know she wasn't showing, and the upshot was they had no help for the first six months.

Several of their Board members are going to quit for various reasons; some are willing to continue. At their annual meeting they intended to assess the interest of their members - were they going to pay dues, were they going to do anything else. Jeanette Kahlenberg was the speaker at their meeting and her report of the meeting was dismal. They're going to finish out the year - May meeting will be general plus Board combined, June they will decide if they will continue. They may well be just putting off the inevitable. Here, as in Fairmont, they have to hlep themselves before we can do anything more. If they, Fergus, continues, teh'y're going to have to regroup and almost start over. They're behind in almost everything except maybe the survey, and they even complain (there's a better word) about doing that. All in all, it's hard to find a bright spot.



# CHOICE

## AN AMERICAN RIGHT

Is a differing point of view becoming heresy in the state of Minnesota?

Is America still the land of choice?

*If the opportunity for public expression is repressed,  
other freedoms may be jeopardized in the future.*

## DEFEND YOUR FREEDOMS!

**Rally With:**

**DON FRASER**, former U.S. Congressman

*Speech of February 24, 1979 cancelled because of threats of violence.*

**DR. SOL GORDON**, professor of family life at Syracuse University

*Invited to speak by student group but was denied the opportunity by the school administration — September 11, 1978.*

**FRANCIS X. PIRAZZINI**, Conference Minister — United Church of Christ

*Will address the issue of choice and freedom of religion.*

**KORYNE HORBAL**, U.S. Representative to the United Nations — Commission on the Status of Women

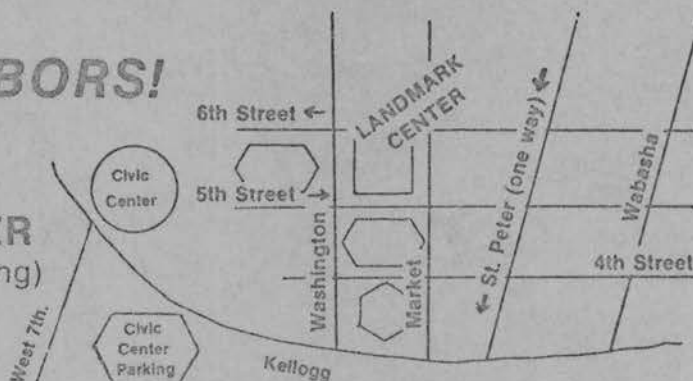
*Will speak on women's rights and the emergence of the new right wing.*

**ROBERT C. BELL**, former Republican legislator  
Master of Ceremonies

Each of these people have a personal story to tell about how our freedoms are being threatened.

## JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Thursday,  
May 17, 1979  
**LANDMARK CENTER**  
(Old Federal Courts Building)  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.



This event is being sponsored by an Ad Hoc Committee of representatives from Midwest Health Center for Women, Abortion Rights Council of Minnesota, Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, DFL Feminist Caucus, and The GOP Feminist Caucus.

A \$1.00 donation will be collected at the door to help defray costs

Contact Person: Laurie Laner 292-0944

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April 9, 1979

Helene Borg, President  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
555 Wabasha, Suite 212  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Helene:

The bottom line of the financial status of the LWVUS and LWVEF is that we need to raise more unrestricted money--a lot more--given our wish not to ask for an increase in the PMP. Our two major sources of unrestricted funds are individuals and corporations. The National Board Report of the January 1979 meeting explains our plans to address each of these--the former with testing the League's viability for raising contributions (not membership) through mass direct mail; the latter by working together with state and local Leagues to solicit corporations.

It is about soliciting corporations that I am writing to you. Like all fundraisers, I am convinced that there is enough money for all levels of the League. As you know from the National Board Report, the national board has increased sharing of corporate unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more to 10% each with the local and state Leagues in the place where the solicitation was made. In addition, the new policy states that no state or local League will be able to withhold indefinitely a company from national solicitation and, as always, the national board may not prevent other levels of League from soliciting corporations. The emphasis will be on increased communication between the national board and the local and state Leagues about soliciting corporations.

We want to begin to implement this policy by soliciting large companies, with the hope of gaining new supporters and increasing the contributions from those that already support some level of the League. We know that some companies will never support the League at any level; we know that some prefer to support only their state or local League, or the Leagues in towns where they have plants. The rest of the companies are a potential source of funds to one or more levels of the League and we would like your help in approaching them. Working together will benefit all of us.



Helene Borg

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April 9, 1979

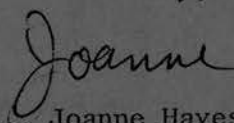
We have listed the nation's largest companies by the states in which their headquarters are located. I enclose the list for Minnesota, with a history of national League contact, if any, with each company. We do not want to interfere with your own fundraising activities and we will be guided by you in the timing and manner of our approach to these companies. Will you let us know for each company:

- \* What has been your history with them--successful solicitations, manner of those solicitations--mail or appointment, arranged through personal friends or "cold", size and year(s) of gift(s)
- \* Any advice or requests about how and when we ought approach them, to whom we should write?
- \* Do you recommend that we request a joint appointment for a national board member and the state or local League president or development chair? Remember, most of our gifts come in response to a letter rather than an appointment.

Should you wish to discuss any of these matters by phone instead of writing, call Dorothy Kuper or Gail Enright, collect, at 202-296-1770, ext. 234 or 238. Or if you wish to speak with me, they can take the message.

We look forward to working with you and appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Joanne Hayes  
Development Chair

Copies to LWV St. Paul  
LWV Minneapolis  
LWV Chaska  
LWV Austin  
LWV Duluth  
LWV Fergus Falls

Major companies with headquarters in MINNESOTA

Area of LWV Austin: George A. Hormel - no contact with national LWV

Area of LWV Chaska: Green Giant - no contact

LWV St. Paul's area

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing - turned down voters service request in 1975 and trade project request in 1975; turned down general support request in 1976; gave \$1,500 for energy education project in May 1977; turned down trade education project request in 1978; we will go back to them again.

American Hoist & Derrick - turned down general support request in 1974, voters service request in 1975 and 1976; general support request in 1976 and 1977

Economics Laboratory - no contact at national level of LWV

Burlington Northern - turned down voters service request in 1975 and general support request in 1978

St. Paul Companies - no national contact

Northwest Airlines - no national contact

Area of LWV Duluth: Minnesota Power & Light Co. gave \$500 for energy education project in 1976

Area of LWV Fergus Falls: Otter Tail Power Company gave \$500 for same in 1976

Area of LWV Minneapolis:

Jan. 1974

Honeywell, Inc. - Virginia Sweet had appointment with Edson Spencer, Exec.VP and Russell Laxson (now retired); resulted in gift of \$1,000 to LWVUS in December 1974 for lobbying. LWVUS used Honeywell's Energy Quotient quiz at Council 1975. Turned down voters service request in 1975, but gave \$2,000 for IR trade conference at Wingspread in 1976 and sent his assistant Glen Scovholt to the conference.

Turned down request for UN research project in 1976; turned down general support request in 1976 after debates; turned down voters service request in 1977; gave \$1,500 for trade education project November 1978

General Mills - \$1,000/year general support since V. Sweet's appointment in 1974 with William Humphrey, plus \$1,500 in August 1978 for trade education project

Control Data - turned down general support request in 1973; turned down request for Presidential Forums in 1976; turned down trade project request in 1978

Pillsbury - no contact at national level of LWV

Land O'Lakes - no contact

International Multifoods - no contact

Bemis - turned down general support requests in 1973, 74 & 75

Peavey - turned down general support requests in 1974,, 1976, 1977, 1978 in favor of local League; turned down trade project request in 1978, same reason

Midland Cooperatives - no contact

Northwest Bankcorp - no contact

First Bank System - no contact

Northwestern National Life Insurance - no contact

Investors Diversified Services - no contact

Dayton Hudson - turndown 1973; would have given to debates in 1976 if FEC had permitted; turndowns in 1977

Gamble-Skogmo - no contact

North Central Airlines - no contact

Soo Lines RaiRoad - no contact

Northern States Power Company gave \$500 in 1976 for energy education project.

We welcome your suggestions of other companies that might contribute to national LWV

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April 23, 1979

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Ms Helene Borg  
LWV of Minnesota  
555 Wabasha, Suite 212  
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Dear Ms Borg,

This is to confirm that we will conduct a litigation workshop as part of the state convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Our workshop will be scheduled for June 4, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by Doris Bernstein, Litigation Chair, Cynthia Hill, Staff Attorney in the Litigation Division, and me.

We will not be doing a full-scale workshop, so I expect our session should take 2 1/2 to 3 hours, depending on the questions from the audience. We will discuss public interest law and its place in League activities, the assistance available from the Litigation Division, issues to take into account when considering litigation, and also the experiences of some Leagues with litigation. We will welcome questions from the audience. We want the session to be relevant to the needs of Minnesota League members, and we would welcome your suggestions of points of stress.

I would appreciate it if you would reserve three single rooms for us for the night of June 4, 1979. We have not made our travel plans yet, so I do not know when we will be arriving at the airport. I expect we might be arriving at different times, as we will be coming from different places. We will inform you of our travel plans as soon as they are settled.

We will be in contact to go over details. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen T. Thornton  
Director  
Litigation Department

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cc Bernstein  
Sally Sawyer, Executive Director  
Minnesota League





APR 20 1979

# memorandum

April 17, 1979

TO: State League Presidents  
FROM: Ruth Hinerfeld, Chair  
RE: League sponsorship of Presidential Debates in '80.

Recently a report was published by the 20th Century Fund's Task Force on Presidential Debates urging that the League of Women Voters Education Fund sponsor debates again in 1980. At that time we issued a statement indicating that we were pleased with their findings and were, in fact, already making preparations for sponsoring '80 Presidential Debates.

Last week, syndicated Washington Post columnist David Broder wrote the enclosed column urging that Presidential Debates be sponsored by the two political parties rather than the League. We do not believe he presented convincing arguments for sponsorship by parties.

In order to offer the public our side of the story, we have sent a letter to the editor of the Washington Post -- where David Broder is a columnist. However, since David Broder is syndicated, we want our letter to be available to every paper that published his comments. So we are sending you a copy of our reply, in case the Broder column has been used in your community and you want to send this letter to your editor.

David Broder's column marks the beginning of what we are sure will be considerable discussion about Presidential Debates. We look forward to the discussion and to the challenge of securing the sponsorship of the 1980 Debates. We hope you share our enthusiasm.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

April 12, 1979

Editor  
Editorial Page  
Washington Post  
1150 - 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20071

To the Editor:

We love David Broder. But we don't agree with his premise in the April 11th column, "Yes Aunt Agatha, Politics is Partisan," that sponsorship of presidential debates by political parties will cure what ails either the debates or the political parties.

Presidential debates were never meant to be the super bowl of politics. However, they were meant to provide citizens with a rare opportunity to see the candidates square off in a face to face discussion of the issues. In fact, they provide the only opportunity of this sort.

There is no doubt that the events can and should be more stimulating in format. But it is difficult to understand Mr. Broder's rationale for stating that political parties would produce a more lively exchange among candidates than a group like the League could. Generally, we have found candidates' representatives more conservative than the League in using formats that encourage lively discussions. For example, in 1976, it was the candidates' representatives who shied away from a number of League suggestions for a more creative debates format -- including direct exchange among candidates.

In today's world, political parties are the agents of the candidates. Therefore it is unlikely the parties would be any more committed to free-wheeling debates than were the candidates' representatives in 1976. The League of Women Voters, however, as the facilitator of the '76 events demonstrated that a credible group can help mediate the differences between candidates that might otherwise prevent debates from taking place.

Furthermore, we question whether or not the political parties would be willing to put in the time and effort necessary to secure the debates. As you may recall, during the last presidential campaign no one was willing to press for debates except the League. Moreover, we stuck with the fight through a wide range of difficulties to ensure they occurred.

In the past year, Leagues have sponsored more than a dozen debates in key races across the country. Those debates used a variety of formats -- thus giving us the opportunity to try out new approaches for raising issues and presenting candidates. We're all for lively campaigns and active political parties, but when it comes to presidential debates we believe those events are best sponsored by a group like the League -- a group with broad objectives and a commitment to ensuring the continuation of presidential debates. Indeed, "Aunt Agatha" has run many a "lusty" and "uninhibited" candidates event, Uncle David, and we will continue to do so.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Ruth J. Hinerfeld  
Chair

THE WASHINGTON POST, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1979

*David S. Broder*

## Yes, Aunt Agatha, Politics Is Partisan

I love the League of Women Voters, each and every one of them. And I am indebted to the Twentieth Century Fund for any number of useful studies and reports on public policy issues. But candor compels me to say that I smell a rat in the recent report from a Twentieth Century Fund task force recommending that the League of Women Voters be asked to sponsor televised

sibility is not even hinted at in the Twentieth Century Fund task force report—not even in a footnote or a dissent—may be related to the makeup of the task force. It is full of eminent, high-minded people; two print journalists, two professors; two television executives; a pair of campaign consultants; assorted businessmen, lawyers and civic busy-bodies.

*"What we need to do is tie these free-floating presidential characters down to their party's history, interests and philosophy."*

pation in those debates a condition for the Democratic or Republican nominee's obtaining public subsidy of his campaign costs.

It does not strike me as unreasonable to insist that a candidate who is enjoying a \$14-million taxpayers' subsidy be required to show up four times in a



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
May 8, 1979

MEETING PLACE: State office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102, 9:35 a.m., Helene Borg, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Borg, Reeves, Waldo, Dunn, Hall, Anderson, Berkwitz, Buffington, Cushing, Kahlenberg, Maher, Phelan, Poppleton, Rosenblatt, Schmitz, Scribner, Tews  
Board member absent: Llona (excused)  
Non-Board members present: Harriette Burkhalter, Joyce Lake, Jeanne Crampton, Joan Newmark, Virginia Reiner, Faye Sargent, Pat Wirtanen  
Staff present: Sawyer

MINUTES: MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 10, 1979, state Board meeting as circulated.

Mover: Armstrong Second: Poppleton Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand 4/1/79 \$10529.68 - checking  
3575.72 - telephone transfer  
Expenditures 4/1/79 to 4/30/79 8476.80  
Income 4/1/79 to 4/30/79 1813.43  
Balance on hand 4/30/79 3866.31 - checking  
3575.72 - telephone transfer

The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

AMERICA PROJECT: Cash in checking 3/1/79 \$3000.00  
Expenses paid 3/1/79 to 4/30/79 4160.82  
Owed to LWVMN 4/30/79 3505.50  
Income 3/1/79 to 4/30/79 1619.09  
Total cash 4/30/79 467.99

It was noted that no support or action to assist ERA ratification efforts has been requested by South Carolina.

DEVELOPMENT: Schmitz reported that six finance calls have been made in the last month. The contribution received from First National Bank was shared with LWV-Minneapolis according to our policy.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Add to Information: Maher

RESIGNATION: To accept the resignation of Pam Berkwitz from the Board of Directors of LWVMN if she receives party endorsement for the state Senate on May 23.  
Mover: Anderson Second: Hall Carried

Lake is prepared to serve as interim Action chair.

RECOGNITION: MOTION: To grant recognition to the state unit in Isanti County. Dues shall be \$15 for one year.

Mover: Hall Second: Reeves Carried

Information about the unit was distributed with the agenda. The Board discussed the amount of dues, agreeing that because of the commitment to gaining new members it may be necessary to subsidize units for a period of time.

RECOGNITION: MOTION: To recommend that the national Board grant recognition to the provisional LWV of Grant County.

Mover: Cushing Second: Maher Carried

Information had been distributed with the agenda, and Cushing answered questions.

AWARD: MOTION: That the Hope Washburn Award be presented only at state Convention rather than annually.

Mover: Cushing Second: Rosenblatt Failed

The nominating committee recommended the change because of the disparity in recognition provided and in the interest generated in the local Leagues. It was noted



that the recipient at Council speaks at Convention the following year. There was also discussion of the award itself, agreement that if it is given it should be given every year and that it generates PR. It was suggested that the nominating committee make clear that a nomination submitted one year may be simply updated for the following year.

GUIDE: MOTION: To approve for publication to local Leagues the Election Survey/  
Monitoring Guide.

Mover: Buffington

Second: Anderson

Carried

The guide had been distributed with the agenda, and Board members are to return them to Buffington with any comments or corrections. The manner of printing and distribution was discussed. Xerox copies will be made, and different bindings considered. They will be distributed through local Leagues to all election officials. The Secretary of State's office will receive some, and PR will be arranged for that. The Board agreed that the names of Leagues who participated in the surveys should be included in the cover.

U.N. RALLY: Money is budgeted for the U.N. Rally; no Board action is necessary in order to make a contribution.

CONFERENCE: MOTION: That Jeanne Crampton attend a conference entitled "Minnesota's Water Resources: A Strategy for the Future" at Spring Hill Center, May 29-31, with costs paid by the leadership fund.

Mover: Anderson

Second: Scribner

Carried

COMMITTEE: MOTION: That the current Office Management Committee and Berkwitz stay on for the hiring of a PR/Development person.

Mover: Schmitz

Second: Scribner

Carried

It is possible that the present PR/Development person will be leaving the LWVMN staff in June, and it was seen desirable that the present committee do the interviewing/hiring. Medelman has made a commitment to do Convention PR even if leaving the staff.

WILLMAR: Kahlenberg asked if the Willmar Bank Employees Union representatives may take up a collection after their presentation at lunch on Tuesday at Convention. The Board agreed that they could.

CALL-IN: Cushing informed the Board that the call-in nights set up as an experiment did not result in many calls, and in one case, the Board member with the best information was not there to answer the call. She asked for opinion on having four Board meetings a year as afternoon/evening meetings and inviting calls on those evenings. Items mentioned in the discussion were that three months may not have been adequate time to test and evaluate the call-in evenings, that the office receives many calls, most of which can be answered by the staff, and that calls during Board meetings may be disruptive. It was suggested that phone numbers of Board members go into each Board Memo.

OUTLOOK: A draft copy of the Outlook had been distributed with the agenda, and Board members made corrections. Additions included noting a possible increase in copying costs, calendar dates, recent publications, the sharing formula for development funds. Deletions and corrections were made, and there were general comments. Rosenblatt recommended that the Outlook have an editor.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Ann Jaede, a member of the Crime Control Board and the LWVMN, appeared before the Board, presenting information about the Juvenile Justice Act. She said understanding of the act by citizens has not happened and that implementation of the act across the state is not uniform. She asked if the local Leagues would assume a project of monitoring compliance, offering support and informing the community in the process. In response to questions, she said that the first report is wanted in January of 1980, but since it is a continuing project, it could be done after that. No LWVMN staff time would be required, and other

funding could be negotiated. Board members felt that this project should be discussed at Convention, presented with Program, so that local Leagues could react directly. Jaede will prepare information for the Convention workbook. Board members felt that the present position covers such a monitoring project and noted that members were enthusiastic about the original judiciary study. Armstrong recommended that other items could be monitored at the same time, such as treatment of women. Borg expressed thanks to Jaede and indicated that the League would contact her after the June Board meeting.

LOCAL LEAGUES: Information about faltering Leagues had been included in the agenda, and Cushing answered questions of Board members. There was general discussion of what help the state League can offer, either directly or through other local Leagues. The possibility of sending more materials directly to each member was discussed, and it was mentioned that a mailing permit for a cheaper rate would make that more realistic.

RALLY: Information about a rally on choice/public expression was distributed with the agenda. Borg and Sawyer informed members of the contacts received regarding the rally in case they are questioned.

PROCEDURES: Borg reminded members of the necessity to not spend unnecessary time on procedural concerns.

DEVELOPMENT: LWVUS has informed LWVMN and the appropriate local Leagues of their intent to make contact with some corporations in Minnesota, seeking funding. Schmitz noted that the development committee recommended to them that Sperry-Rand be included. Anderson suggested that LWVMN cooperate wherever possible and give what advice we can so that as much money as possible can be gotten for League work. It was agreed that if LWVMN makes contacts which are refused, LWVUS will be informed, and they would be informed of our efforts at least annually.

WORKSHOP: LWVUS has confirmed the time for the litigation workshop at Convention, Monday, June 4, 7:00 p.m., and asked for suggestions for topics. Topics suggested included girls' athletics, open meeting law and how to find an attorney.

HUMANITIES: Scribner reported on the contacts she had made for nominations to the Humanities Commission. She recommended that LWVMN nominate several persons.

MOTION: To nominate for a position on the Humanities Commission Sister Alcantara Schneider, Helene Borg, Ellen Dunn, Fran Berninghausen, and Jerry Jenkins.

Mover: Reeves                      Second: Scribner                      Carried

ACTION: Berkwitz reviewed Action minutes and answered questions. Borg and Lake will judge the Action recognition award. It is planned to do PAR on a few issues at the end of the session. The Capitol Letter will be distributed at Convention. Poppleton and Anderson commented on legislative issues and committee hearings.

ATHLETICS: Kahlenberg briefly reviewed the bill regarding athletic opportunities for girls and stated that defeat is the most desirable option.

DEVELOPMENT: Schmitz listed two appointments made for finance calls. She also called attention to the proposed brochure which Board members had received and asked that they be returned to Medelman within a week with written comments.

COUNCIL: Berkwitz and Lake reported on National Council which they attended. The proposal from LWVMN on nuclear energy was much discussed, and the resolution passed was read to the Board. It asked the National Board to review amplification of the energy position as regards nuclear power and also to begin public education on nuclear power and immediately search for funding to do so. They reported on the ERA project and mentioned that it has been proposed that other national organizations take on the ERA-America project. No action has been taken. They described the Council as friendly and profitable and expressed thanks for the opportunity to attend.

GUIDELINES: Rosenblatt and Anderson reported on the progress of the Guidelines for state study programs. It will be three parts, relating to the study, communicating results of research, and publication guidelines, and the style guide will be updated. It is expected to be ready by Convention, and they asked for suggestions from other Board members.

FOCUS: Armstrong reported on the Education Focus. The comments received were positive, but not as many attended as were expected. It was felt that the location could have influenced attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dunn, Secretary



THE STATE BOARD REPORTS

May, 1979

SECRETARY - Ellen Dunn

The secretary's report is a result of reviewing LWVMN Board minutes since Convention, 1977. The following are notes on some of the Board action since then.

The concept of Board responsibility was discussed at several Board meetings. Board members made some changes in that concept, acknowledging the varying time, talent and priorities of individual Board members and the priorities of LWVMN. Board policies were also refined. Review and evaluation of progress as a Board occupied the major time at two Board meetings: one meeting was held the evening of the last day of state Council, 1978, to take advantage of the input we had received at Council; the second evaluation took place in November, after the Debates; we assessed LWVMN activities in light of the long-range planning the Board had done.

Finances were a large part of Board discussions. Ten of twenty Board meetings involved some budget discussion, and in that discussion words always mentioned were "goals," "priorities," and "realities." Because the budget format was changed, the Board changed the voucher form and asked for expanded quarterly treasurer's reports. A policy for the administration of LWVMN grants was developed and approved. The Board followed through on a commitment to development, individual Board members making finance calls for grant monies and for undesignated funds. LWVMN loaned money to initiate a marketing project - "ERA, a Part of AMERICA."

Relationships with and concern with local Leagues was a high priority. Board members visited all local Leagues in 1977-78. The League expanded into new areas of Minnesota, and Board members questioned each recommendation to disband a League, establish a provisional League, or recognize a new League. The Board dropped the requirement of a minimum of forty members to begin a new League and discontinued the consultant system. A decision was made to send the state Board Memo to local League Board members and to try other means of communication with local Leagues. Of course, there was Board input and decision on all events such as workshops, Focus meetings, and this Convention.

The Board also discussed its relationship with LWVUS. The recommendations accompanying the annual report to LWVUS involved much discussion at the February Board meeting each year. A change in the national bylaws recommended by LWVMN passed at the national Convention last year, making it possible to become a member of the League of Women Voters without joining a local League. The Board made special contact with LWVUS regarding national positions on ERA extension and nuclear energy.

The Board made some major decisions about office staff. More flexibility was given to the executive director, and changes were made in organization of the staff. Job descriptions were reviewed, and an attempt was made to set wages at a rate comparable to what is paid by other employers. Board members in turn had to become more organized, write job descriptions, keep time sheets, and fill out planning forms to enable the executive director to schedule and assign staff. The resignation of Harriett Herb was accepted, an advertising and interview process conducted, and our new executive director, Sally Sawyer, was hired.

LWVMN received many requests to participate in or co-sponsor events. The following is a sampling of those in which LWVMN did participate, in addition to events in which we usually take part: Public Finance Symposium; People, Jobs and Environment, and Action Conference for Minnesotans; Power and Politics in Health Care; Federal Women's Day; a Conference on Salt II. Individual Board members have appeared on TV and radio and given speeches for groups on behalf of LWVMN. The Board also recommended League members for various positions and appointments.



There are some recurring items in Board minutes familiar to all Leaguers: reports due, ad hoc committees, notice of other meetings, and VOTER deadlines.

In March of this year the Board and nominees for the new Board met in a planning session. And some commitments have been made which the new Board will carry out, such as a part in the Mid-Continent Dialog on the Changing World Economy in September.

Reports and requests by Program chairs, voters service, citizen information, membership and action chairs and the VOTER editor were a large part of each meeting, always generating discussion and sometimes action. Their individual reports give some idea of all they accomplished -- read on!

TREASURER - Georgeann Hall

Wow! More income than expenditures - thanks to the efforts of the Development Committee and the staff person.

The local Leagues were terrific about paying PMPs on time. A great year!

OFFICE MANAGEMENT - Georgeann Hall

1978-79 was indeed an exciting year for the Office Management Committee. The LWVMN's long-time office manager and later executive director, Harriett Herb, resigned to take a position in private industry. The Office Management Committee received over 50 applications for the position. We interviewed eight finalists and had a tough time making a final decision. I was impressed that 50+ people applied for executive director of the LWVMN at an advertised salary of low teens. We are indeed an impressive organization.

The changing role of women in society has had an impact on LWVMN and work of the Office Management Committee. We must consider realistic salaries and try to be somewhat competitive. As more women look for careers outside the home, the full-time volunteer is becoming a rare person. With a limited budget we must try to carry out projects the most efficient way possible. We have not added staff in the last two years, but some are working more hours.

DEVELOPMENT - Emily Schmitz

The Development Committee's responsibility is to raise the funds necessary for the LWVMN to carry out its projects. In addition, the Development Chair is in a good position to suggest to the state Board other projects LWVMN might undertake which could be funded. In order to accomplish these ends, monthly Development Committee meetings are held in the state office; anyone wishing to become a member of that committee should contact me at 507-645-8582 or drop me a note at the state office. (Enclosed in the Workbook is a report of Projects Funded for 1978-79.)

MEMBERSHIP - Jean Reeves

The figures this year show clearly that Leagues know how to attract new members. If there is a problem, it lies with keeping members - enough eager men and women to do the work we are organized to accomplish. The League attracts members by doing its "thing" as well and as visibly as possible: lobbying, monitoring, voters service, education of citizens, and so forth.

We are getting better at doing many things, and we are working to get better public recognition for those things we do so well.

We are all striving to become more flexible to fit more complicated lives. This is a difficult task but of utmost importance. The fact that a few local Leagues are gaining members (a net gain) is proof that it can be done, and they offer a challenge to all of us to follow in their footsteps.

SERVICE TO LOCAL LEAGUES - Carolyn Cushing

Service to Local Leagues (Field Service) has seen a busy year. The two-day Leadership Workshop in June is the responsibility of SLL as are the mechanics of the fall area workshops. Both sets last year were well attended and well received.

Many of your state Board members have spoken at annual meetings and special events throughout the state. Most of the requested consultant visits, follow-up visits to newly recognized Leagues, and the organization of provisionals fall to the chair and staff member who managed to log 6,300+ miles this year. Eight Leagues received consultant visits - some more than one. In addition to keeping an eye on two newly recognized Leagues (Grand Rapids and Shakopee), two Leagues were organized (Grant County and Fergus Falls), a state unit made the transition to provisional League status (Houston County), and a new state unit has been established (Isanti County).

VOTER - Judy Rosenblatt

This has been a year of experimentation with the Minnesota VOTER. Everything was changed: the size, the kind of paper and the content, after delegates to state Council '78 approved exploration of some alternate formats.

1. This year's VOTERs have contained up to four times as much copy as the 8½" x 11" four-pager published in the past and have been 11" wide x 14" plus 17" long.
2. We have printed on newsprint, roto (slightly heavier than newsprint) and a whiter, heavier 45-pound stock.
3. The additional copy has included feature articles, Program material (studies and updates), reports on legislative action and state activity in general, and more pictures. Of course we continued to keep members informed on the workings of the organization.

In making these changes, we've spent more on the VOTER than was anticipated, but it's impossible to estimate how much would have been spent to publish separately some of the items included--or what would have gone unpublished because of money constraints.

What do you think --have the new features and pictures helped readers to feel more a part of a statewide effort? Does an expanded VOTER help us keep members? Do reports on legislative action encourage more participation in lobbying and local action? You must decide whether the effect is worth the money.

VOTERS SERVICE - Mary Waldo

The citizens of Minnesota had ample opportunity to know the candidates and issues for Election '78 due in large part to LWVMN. We produced three hour-long televised debates among the three major party candidates for U.S. Senate, both four-year and six-year terms, and the candidates for governor. We published an 8-page Voters' Guide as an issue of the Minnesota VOTER. Over 120,000 copies were distributed throughout the state. The League was one of the principal organizations to distribute Election '78, the voter information pamphlet prepared by the Secretary of State. The first edition of the Hennepin County precinct locator was submitted. These activities are the culmination of the efforts of many members and staff who gave time and commitment to the League of Women Voters and to the citizens of Minnesota.

CITIZEN INFORMATION - Barbara Maher

In 1979 our Focus meetings brought up-to-date information on the crucial issues of Initiative and Referendum, Arms Control, and Current Trends in Education to over 350 people. Many of these were LWV members, but we also reached a good number of people representing legislators, citizens groups and lobbyists. The high caliber of the programs did a lot to maintain our organization's image of competency.



ACTION - Pam Berkwitz

Throughout the year the Action Committee has worked with local Leagues to help them enhance LWV impact and visibility in their communities. We have provided speakers to local Leagues and to other groups about how to be effective at the state and local levels.

In November, 1978, LWVMN had a workshop entitled "Citizens and Effective Political Power" in St. Paul attended by 200 people; they represented both local Leagues and other organizations and came from both the Metropolitan Area and from all over the state.

We conducted a follow-up session for LWV lobbyists to train them for lobbying at the Legislature. As a result, LWVMN has developed a lobbying corps of thirty members. As Action Chair, I was particularly pleased by the skills displayed by LWV lobbyists. Not only did lobbyists monitor issues, write letters, Times for Action and give testimony, but many have learned that the essence of effective lobbying is to work with authors of legislation and to contact legislators personally and early. LWVMN has also worked productively with coalitions such as the Coalition of 15,000 (includes the Council of Jewish Women of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the AAUW of Minnesota and the Junior Leagues of Minneapolis and St. Paul) and the Coalition for the Gifted and with organizations such as Common Cause. However, without the response to Times for Action we've gotten from local Leagues, we wouldn't have accomplished anything -- thank you for your help -- you've been fantastic!

During the legislative session the Action Committee held monthly meetings to discuss LWV action on pending legislation and published monthly issues of the Capitol Letter (the wrap-up issue is available at Convention).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE - Betty Phelan

This past year the Criminal Justice Committee kept abreast of current issues in the field by attending workshops and seminars.

Although much interesting legislation was introduced in the Minnesota Legislature, which the Criminal Justice Committee followed, not much action other than a few committee hearings took place. The Legislature did take time to deal with the increased costs of the new prison, however.

We began publishing a series of Updates on the Judiciary in the VOTER in early 1979. The final section should be completed in the summer VOTER. Updates on other topics will follow.

Current issues in Criminal Justice were published for your information and mailed with each Board Memo. Watch these issues for legislation and change as well as discussion.

EDUCATION - Ruth Armstrong

LWVMN joined the Coalition for the Gifted to work for state funding for gifted and high potential students. LWVMN directed the lobbying for the Coalition.

Education lobbyists observed both House and Senate education committees in the Legislature and lobbied for those specific bills our education position covers.

The Education Committee planned the program for the April focus meeting entitled "New Trends in Education." Topics included competency testing, K-3 class size reduction, parent/community involvement in local schools, gifted student legislation, and computers in education.

LWVMN published Library Funding In Minnesota and reached consensus in March, 1979. (The Library Study Committee was chaired by Katharine Muff, LWV-Mid-Mesabi.) The library funding position (inserted in Program for Action 1977-79 included in this Workbook) has been the basis for lobbying at the Legislature this session.

(Education, Ruth Armstrong, continued)

LWVMN received a Certificate of Merit from the Minnesota Library Association for Library Funding in Minnesota. The library position will now be a part of the Education portfolio.

GOVERNMENT - Karen Anderson

The half of the Government Program concerned primarily with "Organization of Government" issues faced a year of varied activities. Lacking the focus of a new study, efforts were spread in many directions.

During the fall months the Government Committee researched and wrote drafts for the reapportionment update which appeared in the November-December VOTER.

The change in Governor and House makeup after the election required a review of priorities for action in the Government portfolio. The Government Committee chose taxes, reapportionment and size of the Legislature as its priorities. We also monitored initiative and referendum proposals and a variety of other Constitutional amendment proposals.

In preparation for Convention, the Government Program item was reviewed, and the Board recommended a wording change for the apportionment position.

Of particular interest to me this year was my assignment as a reader and commentator for the open meeting update and several administrative guidelines. This same function extended to assembling a packet of materials for state study committees to use as procedural guidelines for future state studies.

GOVERNMENT - Erica Buffington

The D.C. Amendment and its eventual ratification took up the bulk of my time from September, 1978, to March 19, 1979. Countless letters were written, phone calls made (my phone bill was unreal during February and March!), Times for Action sent out -- as you all are only too aware -- and visits to legislators' offices were made. Jan Jahnke, LWV-Crystal-New Hope, did all the testifying for the LWVMN. Finally -- on March 19th, Minnesota became the fourth state to ratify -- thanks to Jan, all the Leaguers who contacted their legislators, and the LWVMN office staff who typed letters and memos and Times for Action, often with very little advance warning.

February also brought the publication of an update on the open meeting law. Numerous Leagues who were having problems with their local councils and/or school boards had requested the update.

In late May, the Election Survey/Monitoring Guide finally was published. Local Leagues participated in this effort by taking part in two surveys: one for election officials, the other for election judges. Recommendations for local Leagues are included, and a meeting with the Secretary of State will be set up to discuss possible election law changes.

On the national front, letters were sent to our Senators urging their support of S.F. Resolution 1, the direct election of the President. House members also received letters urging their support of H.R. 1, public financing for House general elections.

Campaign financing bills were beginning to appear toward the end of this legislative session, so it looks like this issue will be back again in the 1980 session.

Election law bills always seem to be popular, and while there were few that we could take a position on in this session, the 1980 session will most likely have more than enough bills introduced in this area to keep lobbyists busy.

One thing can be said: Government issues are never dull, and Government lobbyists never have to wonder if they'll have enough to do to keep busy!



HUMAN RESOURCES - Jeannette Kahlenberg

1978-79 has been an active - and controversial - year for the "Equality of Opportunity" half of the Human Resources chair. We organized and staged a "Women's Equality Day" observance on August 26, participating in the State Fair parade and holding an ERA rally, almost cancelled due to anti-ERA ferment. We undertook a major monitoring project in about 50 local school districts to monitor equality of opportunity in athletics. The State Department of Human Rights funded a training workshop we organized in October to prepare for this League project. We testified on the Department of Human Rights proposed rules on sex discrimination in athletics in February. We have also testified three or four times on this issue before the state Legislature in 1979. We testified before the Legislature on the issue of reinstating medicaid funding for abortions. We have lobbied on behalf of elimination of discriminatory provisions relating to inheritance taxes. A number of articles on ERA and on athletics have appeared in the VOTER, Capitol Letter, the Board Memo and in Times for Action. I have given many speeches on ERA to schools, churches, and community groups and recruited other League speakers to meet other requests for ERA presentations.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Jean Tews

In fall, 1978, five workshops were held throughout the state on Housing and Family Violence. In December and March letters were sent to President Carter and Senators Boschwitz and Durenburger expressing LWVMN opposition to proposed budget cuts for CETA and for subsidized housing programs. At the state Legislature we have testified at committee hearings in support of the state building code and in support of a sliding fee scale for daycare services. In addition, observers have attended hearings on bills for handicapped housing, minimum wage, community services grants, full employment, migrant workers. I have attended weekly meetings of a human services coalition during the legislative session. In April I served as moderator for a Hennepin County LWV Focus on CETA. Articles written include a January-February VOTER article on Brooklyn Center LWV's action in housing and a For Your Information publication sent to all local Leagues in March on building code legislation.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - Pat Llona

As International Relations chair, I chaired the Program for the U.N. Rally in October which featured Lincoln Bloomfield as keynoter and three workshops, one of which featured Edith Segall, the U.N. observer for LWVUS; Albert Maes of the European Community and Susan Rogers, African specialist from the University of Minnesota. The LWVMN is a supporting organization of the U.N. Rally.

The International Relations Committee planned the focus on Arms Control, "World Arms Control: Facing Off or Facing Up" in March was chiefly organized and sponsored by the LWVMN with financial help from the UNAMinnesota (\$200) and the World Affairs Center. There were approximately 140 attendees. Focus on Arms Control speakers included: Barbara Stuhler, Associate Dean of Continuing Education and former Board member of LWVUS; Robert J. White, Associate Editor, Minneapolis TRIBUNE; Robert E. Wesslund, Vice President, Control Data Corporation, Technology Transfer; Lester Brown, State Department (former assistant to Lucy Wilson Benson, Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance); Terrence Hopmann, Director, Quigley Institute for International Affairs, University of Minnesota; Mary Swanson, former League member from Richfield (who gave a five-minute talk on "Securing the Seas").

LWVMN co-sponsored two other SALT programs. One was with the Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. State Department: "U.S. Security and the Soviet Challenge." All International Relations chairs and local League presidents received an invitation (those within distance to come easily), and quite a large number attended. Most members of the state Board also came. Among the speakers were Leslie Gelb and Bill Farrand. Keynoter was Vice President Walter Mondale. The other SALT II program was at the AAUW clubhouse on April 26, and once again the League,

(International Relations, Pat Llona, continued)

the World Affairs Center and the UNAMN were co-sponsors. There was a premier showing of a film on verification by the Union of Concerned Scientists, and speakers were Curtis Kamman, assistant to Marshall Shulman, the Russian specialist for the State Department, and Townsend Hoopes, former Undersecretary of the Air Force, speaking for SALT.

Helene Borg, Judy Rosenblatt and I were invited to an appearance by Paul Warneke, former chief negotiator for SALT II, at the Minneapolis Club. Sandy Gottlieb also spoke.

The Minnesota League was represented by International Relations Committee members at all meetings of the World Affairs Council of which we are also a supporting member organization.

Judy Rosenblatt and I represented LWVMN on the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Center.

Marguerite Benson of the LWV-Minneapolis and I have been attending planning meetings for the World Economy Dialogue (WED) to be held in September, sponsored chiefly by the UNA-US and the YMCA.

I represent the state League on the Executive Board of World Trade Week, Inc., which plans the May program for World Trade Week for the State of Minnesota.

I also attended the Wingspread Conference at Racine, Wisconsin, representing Minnesota on the Trade Education Project that will take one year. I was one of four LWV state International Relations chairs who spoke about trade education projects already undertaken (at Wingspread).

At state League's suggestion three Leagues - Rochester, Mankato, and Anoka - participated in Export Expansion Programs. Our Ed Fund pamphlet, "Current Crisis in Trade," was given to most of the participants.

We have continued the trade education process by giving courses on International Relations at the YMCA Community Center on North Broadway instituted by the North Hennepin Community College. The first two sessions were on trade. More ed fund pamphlets were given to the participants.

International Relations Committee members have attended many international relations programs, among them "Playing the China Card" at the new Earl Brown Center, the Farm Forum and many others. On May 22 I will be a discussion leader at Anoka Ramsey Community College in a program on Corporate Responsibility. The overall theme is "Technical Explosion: How to Harness for World Development."

The state League wrote action letters regarding repeal of the Helms Amendment and extension of the Countervailing Duty Authority. Other local Leagues also participated at our request. We received positive letters from our Congressmen in reply. We also send a letter to the state legislative members at the beginning of the legislative session asking for consideration in repealing the "Buy America" bill. No legislation has been introduced, and we will pursue this at a more favorable time...possibly after some of our trade education project begins to take effect.

Judy Rosenblatt and I continue on the UNAMN Board of Directors, where we have been supporting education projects.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES - Mary Poppleton

The Natural Resources Committee concentrated primarily on Energy issues this year. LWVMN received another grant to continue its citizen education activities. We monitored power plant siting meetings and held several meetings with people interested in forming a solar lobby. A once-a-month lunch with the P.C.A. Director exchanged useful information. Minnegasco asked for support in exploring peat mining in northern Minnesota.

(Natural Resources, Mary Poppleton, continued)

A week of lobbying in Washington, D.C., culminated in passage of the BWCA bill. LWVMN moderated panels or conferences on air, energy and land use. We joined the LWV of St. Paul to oppose expansion of barge terminals at Pigs Eye Island.

Energy was our priority legislative item. Our frustration with our national Energy position led us to write LWVUS and LWV state presidents to request an updated realistic statement on nuclear power and waste.



We are determined to make equality a national imperative. This fight we wage not only for ourselves, but for the future, for our children. In this, the International Year of the Child, we must remind ourselves and others that in this great struggle we speak and fight for generations to come. You share with us a vital goal. We ask your support and participation in this event on July 1st. Won't you join us in making important use of these first days of the ERA Extension? For equality for ourselves and for the children, we must make each day of the Extension count.

Patron \$100 (8 tickets)  
Sponsor - \$50 (4 tickets)  
Friend - \$25 (2 tickets)

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

1. Development

Library Study

There is a possibility we may seek about \$950 to print 2,000 copies of the library study. We have 1,500 left, and 775 of those are scheduled for distribution. The White House Conference will take about 2,000 copies. The Associate Director of the American Library Association is very impressed and is encouraging other organizations to do similar studies in their states, so we may be getting out-of-state requests for the publication. Should we pursue this?

Election Survey Monitoring Guide

Apache Corporation has agreed to make an in-kind contribution by printing the Guide for distribution to county and local election officials. The Secretary of State's office has encouraged us to print enough copies for distribution to township officials as well. Total: 3,000 copies. Secretary of State's office will distribute some; we are also applying to LWVEF for monies to distribute the Guide.

The Tennant Foundation will contribute \$250 in unrestricted money to LWVMN rather than the \$750 requested because they will continue to support LWVs of Golden Valley and Minneapolis.

2. LWVUS and ERA - LWVUS ERA staff person Rebecca Miller called to tell us that both LWVUS and ERA America Boards decided not to take over the project. LWVUS ERA person Madeline Appel will write an article about the project in the VOTER and will include an ad free. LWVUS cannot offer any other financial support.

Does the Board want to continue to charge 10% of its monthly operating costs to the project - it's amounting to \$505.00 per month - by March 1, 1980, that's \$6,000 owed to LWVMN above the initial front-end investment. Will we ever begin to send anything to the ERA?

3. Gas reimbursement/voucher.

Background Information

We have planned our 1979-80 committee expenses in the budget based on 15¢/mile reimbursement for gas. Should we simply increase that amount to the going rate of 17¢ per mile? (Met Council - 17¢; Energy Grant - 17¢; State - 14¢) \$12,000 is budgeted for committee expenses. We have budgeted \$6,000 in non-cash contributions in our new budget. When the Board agreed to the 15¢/mile, gas allowance in November costs were much less.

4. Fall membership event at Governor's Mansion

Background Information

Planning must begin soon - your ideas/suggestions are welcome.

5. Convention direction to the Board - The following are motions and directions to the State Board from the Convention delegates:

motion: Return Statement of Position of Tenure and Collective Bargaining to committee for clarification of language.



motion: Since there has been much misunderstanding concerning the position of the tenure/collective bargaining in education; since this consensus was computerized, eliminating any opportunities for variations of ideas or even new approaches of the subject studies, we ask the state Board of Directors to refrain from using a computer to write a position of a study.

motion: to request the state Board to present the Clarified Statement of Position on Collective Bargaining and Tenure to the general membership in a reasonable length of time.

motion: be it resolved that LWVMN recommends and intends to promote the adoption at the 1980 LWVUS Convention of the following item: "A study of nuclear energy, including, but not limited to, technical, environmental, political, social and economic aspects."

Direction to send the Nuclear Study resolution to LWVUS.

St. Paul delegation requests the natural resources chair to gather information on all hazardous waste disposal sites used by Minnesota industries in order to assess their safety and adequacy. We also request a summary and explanation of any new PCA regulations regarding hazardous waste, so that local Leagues can monitor compliance.

Direction to the Board to pursue the criminal justice monitoring project.

VOTER should be dated by the month in which it is published.

Election Survey/Monitoring Guide should be disseminated.

PROGRAM FOR ACTION should be revised so that it is more easily understood and published promptly.

Convention sessions should be held in the evening or on weekends to accommodate employed members.

Local Leagues must pay assessed PMP.

Make clear to local Leagues the kinds of help available from state Board and office.

#### 6. Convention Review

##### Background Information

Evaluation sheets are in the office - 10 were returned for the Presidents' Workshop; 86 for the Convention. Staff members have reviewed them:

- Comments on arrangements and accommodations were enthusiastic - pillows too hard though.
- Mixed reviews on budget and Program adoption. The difficulty of reading the numbers on the overhead projector was frequently mentioned. Some comments on dullness of both.
- Legislative report received very well - a few comments on length.
- Litigation Workshop reactions divided about evenly: some liked it, some thought it a waste of time - a few delegates thought LWVMN paid for it.
- Caucuses: a lot of interest in providing more opportunities for these, especially as a preparation for initial Program discussion.
- Board/staff accessibility generally rated good and excellent.
- Columbia Heights people were very angry because no one told them how to offer a resolution.
- Many comments about wanting more opportunities to mingle with Board and other delegations.

#### 7. Initiative, Referendum and Recall

##### Background Information

Do we want to set a completion date(s) for Initiative, Referendum and Recall? Do we have a chair or committee?

#### 8. Education consensus

##### Background Information

LWVMN was directed to return the tenure and collective bargaining position to committee

for clarification (see above), and local Leagues would like the position as soon as possible. What is involved, how soon can it be accomplished, and how will we disseminate it?

9. Changes in Calendar resulting from Convention/Council action? Program for Action publication?
10. Willmar women project

Background Information

Several local Leagues suggested that LWVMN undertake some visible project to assist the Willmar women in their struggle. One possibility is to sponsor a premiere in the Twin Cities of the Lee Grant documentary film about the women...with P.R. to LWVMN and proceeds to Willmar women. What do you think?

11. VOTER

Background Information

Would you like a brainstorming session to plan the VOTER content for the next year or two?

11. Orientation for new Board members - It would be helpful to set up an orientation meeting for new Board members. When should it be held, and what topics should be covered?

INFORMATION

1. Action - PROGRAM FOR ACTION 1979-81.  
Program chairs are requested to review their sections of PROGRAM FOR ACTION and to return updated and/or revised sections to the office by the August Board meeting.
2. Hibbing debate - LWV-Hibbing has been asked to sponsor a debate on the family planning issue between Senator George Perpich and an MCCL representative.
3. "Dear Helene: The purpose of this note is limited to a single word..."bravo!"  
In your column, "Helene's Refrain" (March-April 1979 Minnesota Voter) you clearly said, without raising hackles, some sensible, basic things vis-a-vis member support and non-support of this grass roots organization. It was a pleasure to work with you on the current year's budget committee...and the constructive points you make so well in your column will be of interest, I'm sure, to oncoming budget committee members as well. All good wishes for a satisfaction-filled League year!" (Signed Rita Wasmuth, Organization Staff, LWVUS)
4. "Dear Helene: On behalf of Common Cause/Minnesota, I want to thank the League for all the effort they put into working with us on HF 38 and SF 129. Karen Anderson and Joyce Lake have been wonderful allies. There is no way to express our appreciation for their time, advice and emotional support! Pam Berkwitz and Jeannette Kahlenberg also helped a lot, as did Sally and Betty Ann at the office. We are disappointed that we got so close, although not quite close enough; but we'll be back in 1980. Some of the nicest parts of my job in the past year have focused on projects undertaken in cooperation with the League: the debates, D.C. Voting Rights and Reapportionment. I just wanted to say thank you to you as you end your term as president. Have a nice summer." (Signed Ellen Sampson, Executive Director, Common Cause/Minnesota)
5. SLL - WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT THE OPERATION (Taken from LL Annual Reports)  
Mankato Area - State is doing an excellent fund-raising job. Need to help locally with grant applications. Need to offset St. Paul focus of the League. If state people would attend local/regional activities, it would help; it would give local members the feeling that what they do is important. (Theirs but to ask...)

New Ulm - Board Memo is too long.

St. Cloud Area - Keep up the great work.

Cass Lake - Would prefer a fiscal year from 7/1 to 6/30.

Edina - Their Board is favorable about state lobbying efforts and the materials provided. Set publication dates they can count on. Give ample time from publication to consensus. Like each member receiving the Memo. Felt the library study was confused.

Bemidji Area - State is not responding to correspondence requesting help. (?????)

Minneapolis - Questions the practicality of using the PMP as basis for financing state and national.

St. Paul - members are responding to tax-deductible PMP. Can it be done on the state level? They are concerned about state fund-raising.

Owatonna - Get Program material out faster.

Battle Lake - Feels many policies that are established lean strongly to urban area.

Duluth - If state is going to ask for consensus, then it should wait until they receive complete consensus from LLs before making report or statement. If the League makes statement which draws on different positions, it should report this to LLs.

Red Wing - Likes Board Memo going to all.

Not too many comments this year. Most of their wrath was vented on national, thank goodness.

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STATE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, August 14, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha  
Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

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There will be a tour of the office for interested new and old members at  
9:00 a.m. before the Board meeting.

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9:29 Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of June 12, 1979, State Board Meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 2 Development Report - Sawyer for Schmitz
- 2 AmERicA Report - Sawyer

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Resignation of Bredesen - Berkwitz
- 5 Appointments - Berkwitz
- 5 Adoption of Speakers' Bureau Policy - Lake
- 5 Adoption of Pricing, Publication Policy - Rosenblatt
- 5 Water Quality Conference - Crampton
- 5 Mid-Continent Dialogue - Llona
- 10 BWCA Intervention - Nelson/Berkwitz
- 15 Focus Topics - Maher
- 5 National Convention Group Travel, Accommodations - Berkwitz
- 15 Tenure/Collective Bargaining Position - Armstrong

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

- 10 I/R & R - Burkhalter
- 15 VOTER - Rosenblatt
- 15 Fall Workshops - Nelson
- 10 Governor's Membership Event - Schefers
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REMINDERS: BOARD MEMO material is due August 14. Please bring it with you to the Board meeting. Remember, the sooner we get our MEMO out, the more useful it is to Local Leagues. Thanks.



UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- August 14 - State Board meeting; BOARD MEMO, VOTER deadline  
16 - Coalition of 15,000, 9:30 a.m., state office  
23 to
- September 3 - State Fair - ERA booth open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
August 24 - First Class BOARD MEMO mailed from office  
26 - Women's Equality Day Event at State Fair Booth  
27 - Third Class BOARD MEMO enclosures mailed from state office  
31 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
- September 4 - I/R & R Committee meeting, state office, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
10 - CMAL Study Committee, state office, 9:30 a.m.  
11 - Primary Election Day, September-October VOTER mailed from office  
12 - State Board meeting, state office, 9:30 a.m.  
19 - League on the Summit, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for August 13-September 9, 1979  
(canary), voucher (green).

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the June 12, 1979, Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the June 12, 1979, Board meeting as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - attached (green) - to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report - see bottom of Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
4. AmERicA Report - enclosed (green) - to be filed for audit.

Revision of Agenda

5. Resignation of Bredesen: motion: to accept the resignation of Judy Bredesen from the LWVMN Board with regret.

Background Information

Judy Bredesen submitted her resignation from the LWVMN Board to President Berkwitz on June 25, 1979, for personal reasons.

6. Appointments: motion: to approve the appointment of Geri Nelson to the LWVMN Board.

Background Information

Geri is the immediate past president of LWV of Anoka-Coon Rapids; she will serve as the Service to Local Leagues chair; she is also very interested in natural resources.

motion: to approve the appointment of Geri Nelson to the Nominating Committee.

motion: to approve the appointments of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Budget Committee.

7. Speakers' Bureau Policy: motion: to approve the following statement as a policy of the LWVMN:

"It is the policy of the LWVMN to request that an honorarium be paid to a speaker who appears before a non-LWV group. A suggested figure is \$50, to be adjusted up or down depending on the financial circumstances of the group and the expenses of the speaker. The only exception would be a request to talk about the League, which we will do without charge.

"The speaker is expected to contribute the honorarium to the LWVMN; however, any expenses (such as mileage, food, lodging, or child care) will be reimbursed by LWVMN."

8. Pricing, Publication policy: Motion: to approve the attached (pink) suggested Publication Policy.
9. Water Quality Conference: motion: to approve the payment of registration fees for Jeanne Crampton and Virginia Reiner to a conference on Water and Health to be held in Minneapolis November 1 and 2.

Background Information

The Conference is sponsored by the Minnesota Medical Association, the Freshwater Society and the Minnesota Department of Health; it will explore the sources of the pollution of water, the effects of water pollution on health, and what can be done. Cost is \$25 per person; it can be taken from the Leadership Fund.

10. Mid-Continent Dialogue on the World Economy: motion: to approve the payment of registration fees for Pat Llona and others wishing to attend.

Background Information

The Conference will be held at the Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis from September 13-15. Registration is \$30 before August 15 and \$40 after. See details in July-August VOTER. We could pay registrations from our Leadership Fund; perhaps we could use some of our Trade Education pass-through grant from national to pay some registrations.

11. BWCA Interventions: motion: to formally approve LWVMN's intervention in the law suit challenging the constitutionality of Public Law 95-495 (BWCA).

Background Information

Please refer to the memo you received a week ago on the subject dated August 3, 1979. An initial hearing was held in Duluth on Tuesday, August 7. The Judge denied a motion for a restraining order against the implementation of the BWCA law. Environmental groups, including the LWVMN, were represented in court by Charles Dayton, who won the right for the groups to intervene as defendants in the suit.

LWVMN has strongly supported the establishment of the BWCA Wilderness since 1976. Mary Poppleton (we have nominated her as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the BWCA) lobbied on our behalf in Washington, D.C., on the bill. LWVUS testified in support. The vast majority of LWVMN Board members see this intervention as an extension of our support. A copy of the intervention affidavit is available in the office for your examination.

LWVMN will not have to pay any costs; the Sierra Club is raising funds. We could, however, choose to donate to the litigation fund. Georgeann Hall suggests making an appeal through the BOARD MEMO or the VOTER to members to give them a chance to be a part of the action.

12. Focus Topics: motion: to approve Hazardous Waste as the February Focus topic.

Background Information

Jeanne Crampton and Virginia Reiner are both very enthusiastic about this topic and are willing to plan the Focus meeting.

Another possibility for a topic is Democracy Under Stress: a look at what is likely to happen if we have a recession and energy crisis, requiring unpopular legislation to combat the situation. Maher has had no other suggestions, so please come with ideas. We could cut down to two Focus meetings if there is no other topic of high interest. However, we are in the process of preparing a request for funding for all three Focus meetings for H.B. Fuller; H.B. Fuller has solicited our project request! It seems a shame to waste such an opportunity, so please give it some thought.

We had many comments on the evaluations last year that the five-hour conference was too long. So much factual information could not be assimilated in one session, and the last speaker was too much. Maher suggests that we try running the first conference from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and see if this works better. The NSP site would be good if it

is available. Downtown sites will probably be even more important with the fuel situation. If anyone knows of a central St. Paul site, please let Maher know. Do any of the big companies in Midway have auditoriums? We need to make decisions on topics soon so Emily can seek funding.

13. National Convention Group Travel: motion: to explore the possibility of arranging a group flight and group accommodations for the Minnesota delegation to the LWVUS Convention in 1980.

Background Information

In Convention years past, LWVMN has arranged for a group flight to LWVUS Convention of all Minnesota delegates. Should we do this again? We could also consider arranging for hotel accommodations, as we did for the 1974 Convention in San Francisco. If delegates wish to stay in the Convention hotel, then it makes more sense for individuals to make their own arrangements. Because of the expense, however, we could look into a cheaper neighboring hotel either for our own state delegates or for the whole Minnesota delegation.

14. Tenure/Collective Bargaining: motion: to approve the Education Committee's suggested revision of the position (to be distributed at the meeting).

Background Information

Convention directed LWVMN to clarify the position.

DISCUSSION

1. Initiative, Referendum and Recall: Update. Ann Duff is serving as chair. Committee is articulate, well-informed, hard-working, and has set June 1, 1980, as consensus deadline. Plans to publish 1 or possible 2 FACTS AND ISSUES, to be available January, 1980. Draft will be ready for state Board review in November, 1979. Consensus questions ready for state Board approval February, 1980. Need suggestions and guidance from Board at this meeting as to areas they want covered in consensus.

Preliminary Outline of Publication for your comments (also at this meeting):

- I. History of I/R&R  
Focusing primarily on Minnesota but including movement in rest of country.
- II. Initiative  
Definition, various kinds, i.e., direct, indirect, advisory, mechanism, limitations.
- III. Referendum  
Same as above but some differences.
- IV. Recall  
Same as II, but here we may include case study info. also.
- V. Chart - or map, showing use in other states.
- VI. Info. on how Minnesota could get I/R&R.

Last 2 sections may be a separate piece.

Committee members are finding good supply of material available, and LWVs in 14 other states have been contacted for their comments on experiences with I/R&R.

Committee plans initial drafts of separate segments done by early September so editing, rewriting, re-editing process can begin.

2. VOTER: see attached goldenrod sheet.
3. Fall Workshops: We must finalize topics. We are planning at this point workshops in Program and Action (Lake); Juvenile facilities on-site monitoring (Scribner); job-sharing (Tews); I/R & R (Burkhalter); we are also considering workshops in finance/development (Schmitz, Hall), and Trade (Llona). Please come prepared to discuss your plans and turn your worksheets into Geri Nelson so that a final schedule can be announced in the BOARD MEMO and arrangements can be made for transportation, housing, food, and equipment.

4. Governor's Membership Event (League on the Summit): Plans have been laid for the September 19 reception at the Governor's residence in St. Paul. Details are in the July-August VOTER. We are requiring a \$3 admission charge, that reservations be in by September 10, and that those attending bring a new LWV member. We hope that the charge will cover the costs of the event. This event will kick off our membership drive and is also a recognition of 60 years of service to the state (our 60th is October 29, 1979). Questions, comments, concerns? We need 10 Board members to serve as crowd movers.
5. 60th Anniversary-LWVMN, LWVUS: Our anniversary is October 29; LWVUS' is February 14, 1980. Do we want to make any special plans to celebrate either of those events other than the League on the Summit?
6. Humanities Commission: see attached blue sheet. Comments?
7. Precinct Caucuses: Should local Leagues be encouraged (directed?) to include a discussion of precinct caucuses with their January unit meetings? LWVMN will be sending a precinct caucus committee guide in November BOARD MEMO and could include a discussion guide and background information.
8. Conference on the New Right: The Women's Political Caucus is planning a conference on the New Right in January. Will we endorse it? Will we be on planning committee? Other groups present at the initial meeting were: the Citizens League, MCLU, the Minnesota Project, Common Cause, AAUW, JRLC, Urban League, Church Women United, Planned Parenthood, DFL Feminists.

Berkwitz has some reservations about direction the conference was taking - her concerns were shared by others present. Will the conference be an informational meeting, or will it have political overtones?

#### INFORMATION

1. Action: see attached Action Committee minutes (white).
2. Development: We will have a chart at the Board meeting to show you how well we're doing in raising funds. Funding calls will resume in September; we will try to make about five calls per month. At the September Board meeting we will have a priority-setting discussion: for which projects shall we seek funding? We know we will be looking for funding for I?R & R and for the Focus meetings and perhaps money for precinct caucus TV spots or hotline; other possible projects: Judicial Structures and Procedures (a book), INDIANS IN MINNESOTA revision, a Guide to State Government. Others? Think about your plans and priorities.
3. State Fair Booth: We will be selling ERA products at the State Fair from August 23 to September 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Local Leagues will staff the booth. Those of you who volunteered may be called upon to fill in as substitutes.
4. Women's Equality Day, August 26: We have planned a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the booth for Women's Equality Day. Senators Humphrey and Durenberger have been invited to participate and speak; we have not heard from either of them as yet but will follow up and ask Joan Grove, Jean King if they cannot attend. You are invited to come by; we'll let you know time and place when plans are finalized.
5. Election Survey booklet: It is finished, and Apache is printing it. Hopefully it will be done by September 1, in time to distribute to regional meetings of election administrators. (It looks beautiful, thanks to Pat Lucas, Betty Ann, Jeannette, and of course, Erica. And it was Georgeann's nifty idea!)
6. Elections Administration Conference: Report to the Board on F.E.C.'s Midwest Regional Workshop Conference on Election Administration - Madison, Wisconsin, July 23-24 (Joan Newmark):  
Thanks for sending me. It was a very well-run, informative meeting. I seemed to be the only League representative there. I attended four half-day workshops: Voter Out-



reach and Registration, Voting Equipment, The Media and Election Administration and Re-Districting. I got a lot of good ideas from the first workshop which I will be working on with local Voters Service chairs. We saw some cute 30-second TV spots prepared for the Chicago Board of Elections on registering, voting, and how to operate a voting machine. I'd like us to do some to promote precinct caucuses. I met a bunch of Metro-area election officials. These personal contacts will be valuable in the future. The Hennepin County official mentioned that he might want League help in producing a TV training film for election judges. Wisconsin Gov. Dreyfus spoke to us at the banquet on Monday night. He is a very witty speaker, and we just loved one of his stories.

It seems that Moses was on the shores of the Red Sea, explaining to his advisors how he was planning to part the waters to get the children of Israel across. The engineer expressed concern about the pressure of the water at the edges of the sea, the medical advisor complained about the bacterial contamination, as all the sea creatures would be left high and dry, the lawyer explained that O.S.H.A. would be on Moses' tail and lawsuits would be filed, but the P.R. person said, "Mo-baby, I love it. If you pull this off, I'll get you 5 pages in the Old Testament!"

Contact me for a detailed report and bibliography of materials that I brought back from the conference.

7. Election Law Task Force: Governor Quie has announced his intention to form a task force to look at election laws and make recommendations for legislation. He evidently was unaware of the Secretary of State's Election Law Task Force, chaired by none other than Pam Berkwitz. Pam and others from the task force have informed the Governor of the existence of the task force, have offered to help the Governor's group, and have nominated several people to sit on the task force: Berkwitz, Buffington, and Lake.
8. Job-sharing: Tews, Berkwitz, Peggy Lucas, Lake, and Marilyn Bryant and Carol Connolly of the Women's Political Caucus met with Jean King last week to discuss job-sharing. LWVMN is attempting to draft legislation to permit job sharing in state employment and is meeting with a variety of groups to determine what sorts of problems and issues will have to be addressed.  
  
The Job-sharing Committee is also planning informational material for local Leagues; it will include an informational booklet on job-sharing, a discussion guide and a piece outlining the situation in Minnesota. The material will be ready for local Leagues at the September workshops, which will serve as a briefing for local Leagues on the subject. LWVMN is writing for tax-deductible unrestricted money from the Education Fund to pay for the booklet (one copy per local League).
9. Conference: LWVMN has been asked to join the planning committee for a Conference on Women and Social Security. The conference, to be held on November 1, 1979, is being organized by the Council on the Economic Status of Women in cooperation with the Center for Regional and Urban Affairs at the University of Minnesota.
10. V.I.P. Conference: For your Information, see attached white brochure. The conference is sponsored by the Voluntary ACTION Centers of St. Paul, Minneapolis, and St. Croix Valley Areas, will be held September 19-21 and is about volunteerism. Cost is \$75.
11. Service to Local Leagues: When you visit a local League, talk to Peggy Thompson first to get a briefing. She has very helpful information and insights! Every time you visit a LL or give advice over the phone, write up a memo so others will have access to the information you obtain.

Publications for LL Board members: Turn corrected copy into Geri Nelson, please.

STATE BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, September 12, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha  
Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

9:29 Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of August 14, 1979, State Board Meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 AmERica Report - Sawyer

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Budget Committee approval - Berkwitz
- 10 Hazardous Waste Focus Conference - Lake
- 5 Women and the Energy Crisis Conference - Lake
- 10 Metro 2000 - Lake
- 30 Development priority setting - Schmitz
- 10 Tenure/Collective Bargaining Position - Armstrong
- 5 Family Violence - Tews/Higinbotham

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

- 5 Fall Workshops - Nelson
- 5 Focus Meetings - Sawyer for Maher
- 5 June Leadership Workshops - Nelson
- 5 1981 Convention Site - Nelson
- 10 Budget 1980-81 - Wirtanen
- 10 LWVUS Program-making - Berkwitz
- LWVUS Bylaws
- 10 Membership event - Schefers
- 5 Women and Social Security - Tews

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Lake
- 5 Election procedures - Buffington
- 5 I, R & R progress report - Burkhalter
- 5 World Economy Dialogue - Llona
- U.N. Rally - Llona
- Progress on Trade and Agriculture Focus - Llona
- 5 SALT II and the State Department - Llona
- 5 BWCA - Nelson
- SLL - Thompson

\* Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

REMINDERS: . BOARD MEMO material is due September 12. Please bring it with you to the Board meeting.

. If you have a copy of Minnesota Judiciary: Structures and Procedures, that you are willing to return, please bring it with you to the meeting. We need copies for potential funders.

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- September 10 - CMAL Study Committee, 9:30, state office
- 11 - Primary Election Day

(UPCOMING EVENTS continued)

- September 12 - State Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
13 - International Relations Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office  
13, 14, 15 - Mid Continent Dialogue on the Changing World Economy, Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis  
19 - League on the Summit, 5-7 p.m., 1006 Summit Avenue, St. Paul  
20 - CMAL Quarterly Meeting  
21 - First Class Board Memo mailing  
24 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing  
25 - Development Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
25 - Fall Workshops, Wilkin County  
26 - CMAL Study Committee, State office, 9:30 a.m.  
27 - Fall Workshop, Minnetonka  
29 - Fall Workshop, Roseville
- October 2 - Fall Workshop - Grand Rapids  
4 - Fall Workshop - Austin

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for September 10-October 5 (canary), Voucher (green).

ACTION

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motion: approve the minutes of the August 14, 1979 Board minutes.
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3. Development Report - see bottom of Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
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Revision of Agenda
5. Budget Committee approval: motion: to approve the appointments of  
Beverly McKinnell, LWV St. Paul  
Leann Jorgenson, LWV Marshall  
Cathy Hegg, LWV Alexandria  
Ann Huntley, LWV Grand Rapids  
Cathy Isernhagen, LWV Duluth  
to the Budget Committee.
6. Hazardous Waste Focus: motion: to pursue the possibility of obtaining funds from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency to sponsor a conference on Hazardous Waste.

Background Information

After the LWVMN Board chose Hazardous Waste as the March 15 Focus topic, we learned that at a Waste Alert conference in Madison, put on by the EPA, attendees were instructed to go back to their states and put on similar "Waste Alert" conferences. Participants from Minnesota chose two co-chairs to have responsibility for organizing such a conference: Mattie Peterson (Izaak Walton League) and Linda Peck (who is also LWV St. Cloud president). A meeting of conference participants is being called for this month. We have tentatively proposed that we (LWVMN) assume responsibility for the conference. Several points to consider:

- . If we put on the Waste Alert conference, it will be an expanded version of what we had planned. It will exceed the time limit - perhaps a day or a day and a half and will include a larger group of people; it will include other co-sponsors.
- . It will have to include information about Solid Waste too - not just Hazardous Waste. It will be called "Waste Alert."
- . We could get perhaps \$5,000 from MPCA to put the conference on.

- . We don't want to put our own Hazardous Waste Focus on in March and have this other group put one on two weeks later on the same subject.
- . The Madison conference participants are really looking for a group to assume responsibility for this.
- . Do we want this as our Focus topic or as a separate conference? Should we choose another topics for the Focus?
- . The conference may have to be held in St. Cloud or a more central location in the state.

7. Women and the Energy Crisis: motion: that LWVMN co-sponsor "Women Can Affect the Energy Crisis" conference to be held November 2nd and 3rd.

Background Information

Prime movers are Huldah Curl of Continuing Education in the Arts, Extension Division, U. of MN, and Marge Christianson, Center for Renewable Resources. Jean Crampton says we are sponsors unless the Board objects.

The conference will be held at the Earl Brown Center, November 2 and 3, at a cost of \$15-\$20. The program will feature a session on Action: How to organize and lobby and six workshops on what you can do in your own lives.

8. Frameworks for the Future: Minnesota Prospective:  
motion: to participate in Frameworks for the Future:  
Minnesota Prospective by having Joyce Lake attend the two-day conference at a cost of \$20.

Background Information

The conference was originally Metro 2000 but during the planning process the focus changed to statewide rather than metropolitan. Pam was one of sixty invited to attend but cannot because of Rosh Hashana and she asked Joyce to substitute. The conference is intended to focus on the process of fostering public awareness in order to help Minnesotans anticipate and respond to the critical issues influencing our future. It is anticipated that there will be two additional conferences in the future.

9. Development/Priority Setting: motion: to direct the Development Committee to seek funds for \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (in addition to I/R & R and the three Focus meetings).

Background Information

The Development Committee would like input from Board members - 1979-80 LWVMN funding priorities (in the Budget) are I/R & R and the three Focus meetings. However, there are other possibilities for 1979-80 and 1980-81:

- . Voters Service Project(s) - Precinct Caucus Hotline?, TV spots?
- . INDIANS IN MINNESOTA - last revised and reprinted in 1974 - now out of print. It is much in demand - we have had requests for 62 copies in the state office since May, 1979. Potential funder (Dayton-Hudson?) has expressed interest. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Red Lake School District, Minneapolis Public Schools, Wilson Library (U of MN) among those making requests.
- . Minnesota Judiciary: Structures and Procedures - 1972 is out of print and is also much in demand. It has been revised and printed in five issues of the VOTER. State Bar Foundation is good prospective funder.
- . We have had a few requests for a booklet on state government. LWVMN last published such a book in 1970 entitled You Are the Government.
- . Speakers Bureau - funding would allow a more systematic service throughout the state.
- . Two unforeseen projects for which we have used unrestricted Ed Fund money are: Election Procedures (1345) and the Job-Sharing booklet (200).
- . SALT II Pros and Cons could be sent to newspapers, social studies teachers, etc. if we could get funding, immediately, for distribution and possibly printing.



10. Tenure/Collective Bargaining: motion: to recommend that the LWVMN position on Tenure/Collective Bargaining read as follows: (addition is underlined)

Support of improvements in the Collective Bargaining and Tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only.

Background Information

Delegates to LWVMN Convention asked for clarification of the tenure/collective bargaining position. The addition of the underlined phrase makes clear that our position applies only to K-12 teachers. The other support statements are completely consistent as applied to K-12 teachers.

11. Family Violence: motion: to send Family Violence concurrence material to local Leagues that have not concurred in the LWV Minneapolis position.

Background Information

Two local Leagues had requested material on Family Violence- evidently the questions were originally printed in the Sept.-Oct., 1978 VOTER and material was available at workshops. Apparently nothing went out in 3rd class mailing to local Leagues. At this point 34 local Leagues have concurred. If LWVMN wants to have a state position we are going to have to remind Leagues and provide materials.

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

1. Fall workshops

Background Information

They are all set for : Wilkin County - Sept. 25  
Minnetonka-Eden Prairie-Hopkins - Sept. 27  
Roseville - Sept. 29  
Grand Rapids - Oct. 2  
Austin - Oct. 4

Any hitches foreseen?

Unless we hear otherwise the office will order the lunch for you at Wilkin County. You'll get information on motels, etc. next week.

2. Focus meetings.

Background Information

The February 13, 1980 Focus on Agriculture and World Trade will be in the NSP auditorium on the Nicollet Mall.

We had talked about the St. Paul T.V.I. for Hazardous Waste Focus on Saturday, March 15. If we expand this conference we may want to choose a different site - in fact, St. Cloud has been mentioned as a possibility.

We have no location or program chair on the April 16 Focus on Transportation. Perhaps the St. Paul T.V.I. would be suitable. There is a charge for the T.V.I. - for a half day it would come to about \$110. Jeanne Crampton and Milo Schefers will be working on this Focus.

3. June Leadership Workshops.

Background Information

Do we want to offer these in June, 1980? Come prepared with topic/location suggestions.

4. 1981 Convention Site.

Background Information

Should we go to St. Cloud again or do you have another suggestion that we should investigate?

5. LWVMN Budget, 1980-81.

Background Information

Enclosed is a Budget Request sheet (canary) to assist the Budget Committee in planning for the 1980-81 LWVMN Budget.

We will ask you to return these forms at the October 12 Board meeting.

6. LWVUS Program-making - Bylaws.

Background Information

In the past, LWVMN Board had made Program and Bylaw suggestions to LWVUS. Who is interested in serving on short-term committees to make recommendations to the Board?

7. Membership Event.

Background Information

All plans are being finalized - remember we will need Board members to serve as people movers and some to pour coffee. At this point we have 76 reservations. The deadline is September 10 - if registration is low we will meet after the Board meeting to discuss the situation.

8. Women and Social Security.

INFORMATION

1. Action (minutes previously distributed).

2. Election Procedures - booklet. Apache Corporation delivered booklets on Friday, August 31. 400 copies were delivered to the Secretary of State's office for regional election officials workshops which started Sept. 5. The rest will be distributed at:

- 1) the election official workshop in St. Paul;
- 2) mailed to all county auditors
- 3) mailed to municipal election officials
- 4) one copy to each local League.

3. I/R&R Progress Report (oral)

4. World Economy Dialogue

5. U.N. Rally (oral)

6. Progress Report on Trade Focus (oral)

7. SALT II and the State Department (oral)

8. BWCA.

Background Information

The hearing on the BWCA is in Duluth on Monday, September 10. We hope to have some news of the outcome. Defendant/intervenors (including LWVMN) are seeking to have the case dismissed - plaintiffs are seeking a permanent injunction against the BWCA law.

9. Service to Local Leagues. Things will pick up pretty soon.

EXCELSIOR-DEEPHAVEN are scheduling two 3-hour Board meetings each month. The question that comes to mind - are they that busy or that disorganized?

BLOOMINGTON - sending Constitutional Amendment by Convention to all contributors.

HOUSTON COUNTY - for their September membership kick-off are having wine/fondue parties in both units.

MEETINGS in LEAGUE TOWNS -

MARSHALL - Nuclear Power Conference 10/20. League members being paid as facilitators.

WILLMAR - state NOW Conference - 9/29. Bella Abzug, speaker. Lee Grant documentary will be shown.

HOUSTON and GRANT COUNTIES have been visited by our merry band of Program people. Lake, Armstrong, Higinbotham and Buffington got the Program people set to go this fall, thus eliminating a certain degree of panic and bringing color to ashen faces - to say nothing of color to their own at 11:00 p.m. upstairs at the Home 20 in Elbow Lake.

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STATE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, October 9, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha  
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AGENDA

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5 1979 LWVMN Convention Minutes - Evans  
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5 AmERicA Report - Sawyer

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

5 Future Frameworks: Minnesota Prospectives - Lake  
5 Overseas Education Fund - Berkwitz  
5 1981 LWVMN Convention date - Nelson  
10 LWVUS Convention flight/hotel - Berkwitz/Sawyer  
60 1980-1981 Budget Discussion - Wirtanen

DISCUSSION

5-10 Development Report - Schmitz  
10 Fall Workshops - Nelson  
5 Volunteerism - Lake  
10 Hazardous Waste Focus Meeting - Crampton  
5 New Right Conference - Berkwitz  
5 LWVMN 60th Anniversary - Berkwitz  
5 Voters Service Report - Newmark  
10 Minnesota Economic Security System proposal  
3 I/R&R - Burkhalter

INFORMATION

5 Citizens and Effective Political Power Workshop - Lake  
5 Lobbyist Follow-up Dates - Lake  
10 Action - Lake  
7 Silver Lake - Workshops/Council - Nelson  
5 Let's Talk League revisions - Nelson  
2 INDIANS IN MINNESOTA update - Higinbotham  
2 Election Laws - Buffington  
2 Hennepin County Precinct Locator - Hall  
5 Governor's Reception Report - Schefers  
2 UN Rally - Llona  
5 Focus Meetings on Trade, Transportation - Llona/Lake  
SLL - Thompson

\* Mailed earlier - bring with you to the meeting.

REMINDERS:

- Board Memo materials and VOTER articles are due October 9. Please bring them with you to the Board meeting.
- If you have a copy of INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, 1974 Edition, that you would be willing to part with please bring it with you to the Board meeting. We are getting frequent requests from scholars and libraries for copies.

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- October 5 - CMAL Board Meeting, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.  
9 - LWVMN Board Meeting, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.  
11 - Office Management Committee Meeting, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.  
12 - Coalition of 15,000  
18-19 - MEA-MFT Meetings  
19 - First Class Board Memo Mailing  
22 - Third Class Board Memo Mailing  
22 - CMAL Study Committee, state office, 9:30 a.m.  
23 - Development Committee, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.  
24 - LWVMN Budget Committee Meeting, state office, 9:30 a.m. - all day  
25 - UN Rally, St. Paul Radisson Hotel  
26 - Legislative Interviews due in LWVMN office  
29 - 60th Anniversary - LWVMN  
31 - Local League Membership Lists due in state office
- November 1 - LWVMN on Boone and Erickson, 10:30 a.m.  
1 - CMAL, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.  
5 - Action Committee Meeting, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.  
13 - LWVMN Board Meeting, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for October 8-November 9 (canary), Voucher (green)

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the September 12, 1979, Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the September 12, 1979, Board meeting.
2. Convention Minutes: (in your mailing)  
motion: to accept the report of the appointed committee which approved the minutes of the 47th LWVMN Convention.
3. Treasurer's Report: attached (green) - to be filed for audit.
4. Development Report: see bottom of Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
5. AmERicA Report: enclosed (white) - to be filed for audit.
6. Future Frameworks: Minnesota Prospectives  
motion: to actively participate in the process begun at the conference on Future Frameworks: Minnesota Prospectives and to designate \_\_\_\_\_ as the LWVMN representative.

Background Information

Joyce Lake attended the conference for Berkwitz; her report: The conference was excellent and I think we need to continue to be involved in this process.

7. Overseas Education Fund: motion: to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Overseas Education Fund of the League of Women Voters Board of Trustees.

Background Information

OEF works with voluntary organizations abroad (chiefly women's groups), through training programs and consultation, to help them deal more effectively with their community problems. Our field representatives have worked in many countries of Latin America, Southeast Asia, and most recently in East Africa. New pilot programs are aimed at increasing the income producing capacity of urban and rural poor women and assessing child care programs in many countries.

This year we are focusing especially on skills which we feel our Boards presently need: Business acumen (especially commercial), advertising, market analysis, all the various media. It is our intention to bring more skills to bear on the problems of Women in Development. If these individuals have experience in cross-cultural relations they will be even more helpful to us and enjoy working with us even more. We are, of course, also looking for people who can help assure the financial viability



that's essential if we are to respond to the opportunities and challenges of OEF's fourth decade.

The Trustees meet annually, in June, to elect nominees for the Board of Directors and to fill any vacancies among the Trustees. They may act as consultants, assist in fund-raising, or serve on committees. The Board of Directors is a working board. It usually meets three times a year. In addition, Directors are expected to chair or serve on committees, which may meet once, twice, or more times . . . and to help in fund-raising.

We will welcome your suggestions of women or men (and they need not be League members) with the qualifications we've outlined. The enclosed sheet for information about your "nominess" should be in our hands by October 20th.

8. 1981 LWVMN Convention Date: motion: to hold the 1981 Presidents Workshop and 48th LWVMN Convention at St. Cloud State University on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, 1981.

Background Information

While the Board voted to hold the Convention in St. Cloud, we neglected to choose the date. It's hard to make arrangements for facilities without them.

Here are the months of May and June, 1981:

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9. LWVUS Convention arrangements: motion: to proceed with group flight for LWVMN and local League delegates to LWVUS Convention as arranged by executive director.

Background Information

We have booked 60 round trip reservations with Northwest Airlines.

Departure time from Minneapolis is May 2 at 6:05 p.m. on NW Flight #70

Arrival time in Washington is 9:16 p.m.

Departure time from Washington, DC is 5:55 p.m.

Arrival time is 7:16 p.m. in Minneapolis.

The cost is \$181.00 per person round trip + \$3.00 for transportation to and from airport. Total cost per person: \$184.-

We need names 30 days before departure; we can cancel if we've overbooked. Fare may go up March 15 but for groups 18 and over, rate will probably stay the same.

Hotel reservations: motion: to reserve block of 25 rooms for local League delegates at the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel at an estimated cost of \_\_\_\_\_ per night per person.

Background Information

The estimated cost per person per night at the Sheraton Washington, the Convention hotel, is \$40.00 double occupancy.

Total package cost would be: \$184.00 (flight) + \$200 (hotel for 5 nights) = \$384.

We have an option on 25 rooms at the Shoreham Hotel at an estimated \$33 per night per person double occupancy for a total package cost of \$349.

LWVUS will send out hotel reservation cards to local Leagues well before the Convention. Do we want to let local Leagues make their own reservations? We will reserve a suite for LWVMN delegates.

10. 1980-81 Budget Discussion

Background Information

Please have three copies of the Budget Request forms prepared for the meeting and be prepared to discuss your request with the Board. We need your input as to priorities and future plans and needs.

DISCUSSION

1. Development Report: (oral) come prepared to sign up for more funding calls.
2. Evaluation of Fall Workshops: we don't have the finals in on Austin yet, but on the basis of the registration that we have on that one: 52 Leagues were represented by 240 people, approximately - not too shabby.

The turnout at the two northern ones was particularly gratifying. Every League we could possibly have expected to attend either of those, with one exception, did - right down to Battle Lake and Cass Lake.

Trade played three times with the biggest turnout in Wilkin County. Finance played once, in Minnetonka. The other three sections had rather evenly divided attendance with I/R&R a little heavier overall. The largest turnout, by far, was in Minnetonka. A member from North Dakota attended one, and a member of the press attended one.

The response from participants has been enthusiastic to say the least, virtually no criticism of any kind. In all, they've been a rousing success. Y'all did good! Locations, timing, topics - any changes for next year?

3. Volunteerism.

Background Information

LWVMN and positions on Volunteerism. The Coalition of 15,000 is exploring possible issues on which we might take action this year. One possibility is "volunteerism" - incentives, tax breaks, credit for doing, etc.

4. Hazardous Waste Focus Meeting.

Background Information

LWVMN has proposed that it undertake a Hazardous Waste Conference with funds from the MPCA - Minnesota participants in the Madison Waste Alert Conference met on September 24 to discuss such a conference. LWVMN was represented by Linda Peck of St. Cloud and Virginia Reiner. The group was receptive to LWVMN as chief organizer. Details of funding proposal and organization of conference remain to be worked out.

5. New Right Conference: the conference has been scheduled for January 19, 1980.

The keynote speaker will be Thomas MacIntire, author of the Fear Brokers. Issue workshops and precinct caucus training will be held in afternoon. LWVMN must decide the level of our involvement from co-sponsoring to giving information to our members to ignoring the whole thing.

6. Anniversary October 29th: There is a possibility that Harriet Hentges, LWVUS

Executive Director, may be in St. Paul on the 29th. Pam is willing to have a reception for her on the 28th. If she doesn't come, do we want to do anything on that day?

Boone and Erickson will have Pam and one other, possibly Mildred Hargraves, on Thursday, November 1, at 10:30.

7. Voters Service Report: (oral report) the VS Committee recently chose its goals for the coming years.

8. Minnesota Economic Security System Proposal.

Background Information

LWVMN has been approached to serve as grant applicant and sponsor for this project. (See attached proposal - goldenrod) The Council on the Economic Status of Women has already been approached. Ms. McCabe, who is an experienced League member, would rather work through LWV because of certain "restrictions" which the Council would place on her, such as a lower salary - \$18,000 as opposed to 24,000. The Council has since decided that it might submit its own proposal which would be competitive with Ms. McCabe's proposal.

Things to consider:

1. LWV would benefit by having the final report come out under its name.
  2. Financial return would be minimal - perhaps \$600 of Jeannette's salary.
  3. If the project were located in our office we couldn't cope, given our space limitations now.
  4. A project director who is paid more than any of our staff people might cause a "philosophical" problem.
  5. Receiving a grant of \$50,000 would jeopardize our standing with the Minnesota Commerce Department unless we funneled it to LWVEF. The Commerce Department would require a certified audit of LWVMN, which is expensive and very painful to go through. Our auditor, Mary Allard, has advised us to be very careful about going over the \$10,000 limit in contributions/grants directly made to LWVMN.
9. I/R&R: Newmark, Evans, Berkwitz, Buffington and Rosenblatt - first draft is out - please read and return to me with comments. You will get consensus questions next month.

INFORMATION

1. Citizens and Effective Political Power Workshop: (oral report - you received tentative schedule in previous mailing.)
  2. Lobbyist Training follow-up dates: when do we want to schedule the training of LWVMN's lobbyists? Should all schedule training in December or in early January?
  3. Action - oral
  4. Report on visit to Silver Lake Camp: looks good for Council/Workshop combination. Any more topic ideas? Seven meeting rooms of various sizes are available.
  5. Let's Talk League revisions: (oral report)
  6. INDIANS IN MINNESOTA Update: Liz Ebbott has been contacted about updating the INDIANS IN MINNESOTA book. She indicated some interest in working on the project if funding could be secured to do it.
  7. Election Laws: hearing for proposed election law rule changes has been set for Tuesday, October 30th, 10 a.m., 50B. I will prepare a statement and testify at the hearing.
  8. Hennepin County Precinct Locator: LWVMN has received permission to sell copies of the Precinct Locator. We have tentatively decided on \$100 for a complete bound set, \$75 for an unbound complete set.
  9. Governor's Reception: we've heard nothing but enthusiastic comments. We will probably clear about \$300 - which will almost pay for our new Membership brochure Questions and Answers about the LWV.
  10. UN Rally: (oral report)
  11. Focus meetings on Trade, Transportation: (oral reports)
  12. SLL: CASS LAKE - participated in walkathon for ERA, 16 miles around Lake Bemidji, netted \$350.
- HOUSTON COUNTY - asked to help write up orientation program for courthouse workers.  
NORTHFIELD - may co-sponsor town meeting on SALT; State Department would be represented.
- ROCHESTER - 26 prospects attended their salad luncheon - and for their membership kickoff, ALEXANDRIA sent 192 invitations!
- BEMIDJI AREA - their Land Use work is mentioned in the Great River report.  
MANKATO AREA - no longer satisfied with 'bipartisan' - they have become 'multi-partisan.'

STATE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, November 13, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha  
Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

9:29 Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of October 9, 1979, State Board Meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 AmERicA Report - Sawyer

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Withdrawal of recognition from Fergus Falls - Nelson
- 5 Lobbyist Approval - Lake
- 5 White House Conference on Families - Tews

DISCUSSION

- 5 Citizen Information and Natural Resources Board Positions - Burkhalter
- 15 Focus Meetings - Burkhalter, Crampton, Llona
- 15 Funding Calls and Sharing Policy - Schmitz
- 15 Membership Proposals - Schefers
- 10 P.R. Direction - Weinig
- 10 Local League Liaisons - Nelson
- 10 Framework Water Plan - Crampton
- 5 Local League Action - Lake

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Lake
- 5 Cable T.V. Action - Burkhalter
- 2 Convention 1981 Dates - Nelson
- 2 SLL Corps - Nelson
- 2 "League Language" - Nelson
- 2 New Member Orientation Materials - Nelson
- 3 Citizens and Effective Political Power Workshop - Lake
- 2 Power Plant Siting Committee - Crampton
- 2 H.F. 43 - Constitutional Convention - Buffington
- SLL - Thompson

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

REMINDERS: . BOARD MEMO materials are due November 13. Please bring them with you to the Board meeting.

- . If you plan to have work done by the office, please fill out and turn in the blue planning form attached to this agenda; it really helps us plan our work schedule. Thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (as we have them on the calendar in the office)

- November 13 - LWVMN Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 17 - Citizens and Effective Political Power - 9:00 - 2:45, College of St. Thomas
- 21 - First Class BOARD MEMO Mailing
- 22 - Thanksgiving
- 23 - Office Closed
- 26 - Third Class BOARD MEMO Mailing
- 27 - LWVMN Development Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 28 - Lobbyist Followup and Training, 9:30 a.m., state office

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- November 29 - CMAL Study Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office  
29 - Lobbyist Followup and Training, 1:00 p.m., state office
- December 3 - Action Committee, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.  
5 - CMAL Study Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office  
5 - I/R&R Study Committee - 10:00 - 2:00, state office or Common Cause (upstairs)  
6 - CMAL Board meeting, state office, 9:30 a.m.  
11 - LWVMN Board meeting will be held, 9:30 a.m., state office  
14 - Mini Mailing to Local LWV Presidents only

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for November 12-December 7 (canary),  
Voucher (green).

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the October 9, 1979, Board minutes.  
motion: approve the Minutes of the October 9, 1979, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report: (green - in your folder) - to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report - see bottom of Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
4. AmERicA Report - enclosed (green) - to be filed for audit.

REVISION OF AGENDA

5. motion: to recommend to the national Board that recognition of the provisional LWV of Fergus Falls be withdrawn.

Background Information

This is the pits! We've never lost a provisional before. They usually operate on such a high of enthusiasm that it carries them through their problems. That kind of enthusiasm really never existed here - at least it didn't show.

They were recognized in the late spring of 1978. They had time for just two Board meetings and one general meeting before the "summer break." Their advisor attended one of those two meetings. Thompson attended their summer calendar-planning meeting - spoke with a concerned president beforehand and contributed most of her concern to natural uncertainty in the early stages and the lack of communication she was experiencing to summer and very new Board members who didn't understand their roles very well yet.

During the fall the advisor was twice reminded to get reports to us - to no avail. Finally, the president got word back - our communications were nil during a long holiday season - that they hadn't seen their advisor since the one meeting back in June; yet they hadn't let us know.

Cushing and Thompson beat a track up there for their February Board meeting. The general atmosphere was kind of blah, and we left feeling some concern. We returned in April to a let it "all hang out" meeting, and the handwriting was on the wall. They were beset by all the problems of a tired, old League, and their solution to their problems was to complain bitterly of all that was required of them as a local League.

They went ahead with an annual meeting, where they confronted their members - most of whom would do nothing or at least hadn't been motivated to - with their problems and their slim hope of survival. The response was apparently - we want a League; you make it work. They had one more meeting, and this summer a letter went out asking members to indicate what they thought the future held, and the response was a resounding "Nothing."

Through all of this, as you could guess, attendance had been sluggish at best; they were losing Board members and finding no replacements. They weren't even making much headway on their survey.

We can say that their unfortunate lack of advice along the way was a factor, but that along didn't do them in. There was no rapport among Board members; they never had a chance to get support from each other and advice from each other. Every time we were there, we would ask that they please schedule a meeting place where we could spend all

the time we wanted/needed. Every time we arrived at one of two places, both of which closed at 9:30 on the dot. Meetings got under way at 7:45 at the best. This is obviously not time enough for a new Board. The leadership was willing but hardly dynamic.

It just wasn't there. This is not the first League to fold in Fergus. If it's any small consolation to us, we had the information volunteered in Fergus and from Elbow Lake to Breckenridge that Fergus Falls was a "strange" town.

6. motion: to approve Karen Anderson as an LWVMN lobbyist on Government.

motion: to approve Verna Higson and Peggy Lucas as LWVMN lobbyists in Human Resources.

motion: to approve Arlene Nystuen as LWVMN lobbyist for Criminal Justice.

#### Background Information

Karen Anderson, LWV-M.E.P.H., is a former LWVMN Board member and will be following reapportionment. Verna Higson is LWV-Mahtomedi Action Chair and lobbied H.R. issues last year. Peggy Lucas, LWV-Minneapolis Board member, is heading LWVMN's effort to draft and have introduced job-sharing legislation. Arlene Nystuen, LWV-M.E.P.H., will follow Criminal Justice issues.

7. White House Conference on Families: motion: to approve \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, as LWVMN representative(s) to the White House Conference on Families Planning Committee.

#### Background Information

The conference, one of three regional meetings, will be held in Minneapolis in June, 1980.

#### DISCUSSION

1. Citizen Information/Natural Resources Co-chair Board positions

#### Background Information

We still have no one to fill these positions. Please think of possibilities and tell us at the Board meeting.

2. Focus Meetings - February 13, World Trade and Minnesota Agriculture, is coming along.  
March 15, Transportation, has not gotten underway. Do we want to keep it, drop it, or replace it?  
April 11-12, Hazardous Waste, will probably be funded by a grant from EPA through MPCA. Planning is well underway.

3. Funding calls and sharing policy

#### Background Information

(Be prepared to sign up for more funding calls.) As LWVMN becomes more active in making funding calls to corporations and as local Leagues are also becoming more active, we are becoming more and more aware of Leagues seeking money for corporations outside their boundaries.

Our present sharing policy does not take that into consideration, so we are facing sharing 10% of our gift with several Leagues. We have also been in the position of thinking we have invited the appropriate League to accompany LWVMN in a funding call only to find out during the call that other Leagues are being supported by the company. The Development Committee would like the Board to discuss solutions to these problems which we are encountering more and more frequently. Among alternatives open to LWV are:

1. Local Leagues be asked not to solicit funds from corporations outside their geographical boundaries and that LWVMN share 10% with only the League in that area.
2. Local Leagues be asked to give us a list of companies from which they receive or solicit support outside of their geographical area and the amounts received. This information would be included in our funding letter, and they would be included in our

funding call.

3. That corporations and foundations of corporations be governed by two separate rules. Local Leagues could not seek funding from any corporation outside their geographical area, but foundations and corporate foundations are fair game for all. The latter is a suggestion from LWV-Minneapolis' Finance Committee. Should CMAL and Hennepin County have to notify the state and local Leagues when they have received funding?

We would strongly recommend that there be a discussion on this problem at Council.

4. Membership proposals

Background Information

(See attached Memo and letter - goldenrod.)

We have no firm figures as yet for statewide membership - about half of the membership lists are in. However, we have been hearing concerns from several Leagues about declining membership, Minneapolis and Northfield most notably. Nationally membership was down last year by 8,000 to below 130,000. As you know, LWVUS is sponsoring a membership contest this year, with winners in several categories.

Enclosed are two proposals for facing the problem in Minnesota. Please give some consideration to these proposals and come prepared for discussion.

5. P.R. Direction

Background Information

Weinig would like some Board direction for publicity - what our priorities are, what our emphasis should be. The two main schools of thought (in brief) are (1) to try and publicize everything that is being done, or (2) to emphasize selected items. She would also like to have a committee composed of Joan Newmark, Joyce Lake, Milo Scheifers, Judy Rosenblatt, Emily Schmitz, and whoever else wished to come - overflowing with exciting ideas. We'd discuss specific ideas, priorities, emphasis, what Board members were doing for publicity in their own areas, and how to coordinate what is going on. We would only need to meet two or three times during the year.

6. Local League Liaisons

Background Information

See attached white sheets for tentative assignments. Come prepared with comments and needed changes. In principle, we have avoided placing Board members as liaisons with their own local Leagues.

7. Framework Water Plan

Background Information

You received a copy of the Summary of Framework Water Plan at the October Board meeting. Please read and bring with you to the meeting.

8. Local League Action

Background Information

Action is being taken by local Leagues in leaps and bounds - most really good, but there's at least one notable problem - Mounds View and airports - of which you ought to be aware.

INFORMATION

9. Action (minutes sent earlier)

10. Cable T.V. Action

Background Information

Testimony on proposed amendments to Cable TV rules: Action Committee decided LWVMN does not have a position under which to act; however, Action Committee recommends strong direc-

tion to Local Leagues to monitor the granting of franchises in their communities because of the possibility of losing access to the system.

11... Convention 1981 dates

Background Information

Convention 1981 is set for June 11, 12, and 13 (Thursday p.m., Friday and Saturday). May 28-30 was too early; St. Cloud personnel need a week to clean the dorms after school is out. A thousand Methodists will be there June 4-6, our second choice.

12. Service to Local Leagues Corps

Background Information

SLL invitations have been sent out to some ex-state Board members. If you think of anyone we may have missed, check with Geri or Sally.

13. "League Language" - a revised "League Language" is being edited by Board readers now.

14. New Member Orientation Materials

Background Information

I am encouraging LLs to use "League-L-ese" and "League Language" rather than "Let's Talk League." If someone knows of a niche for "Let's Talk League" that cannot be filled by "In League" for Board members and "League-L-ese/League Language" for new members, please tell me!

15. Citizens and Effective Political Power

Background Information

Volunteers are needed for registration and hostessing chores. Also, we need to know how many Board members will be attending. You'll need to make reservations for lunch if you're planning on that. Please take care of reservations before you leave on Tuesday.

16. Power Plant Siting Advisory Committee

Background Information

Jean Crampton has been appointed chair of the Power Plant Siting Advisory Committee, which is advisory to the Environmental Quality Board.

17. H.F. 43 - Constitutional Convention

Background Information

House Judiciary Committee is traveling around the state gathering testimony re H.F. 43 - calling of constitutional convention for balanced budget. So far they have been in Duluth and Moorhead. Local Leagues there have testified. On November 12 the committee will be in Rochester. The Rochester LWV has been notified.

SLL

Brooklyn Center - Conducted Elections and the Law through community education. J. Newmark aided and abetted. Because of that success, they will continue community education programs through the winter quarter - and - to prepare members for consensus on an upcoming resolution, they hiked the involved park at 7:00 a.m. on a Saturday!

New Brighton - \$100.00 for ERA from their book sale.

Moorhead - the immense job they did on the railroad survey is netting them \$2,000.

Fridley - ever an exciting community, their candidates' meeting is being billed as the Battle of the Candidates.

Mankato Area - follows up their finance campaign with a TGIO (Thank God It's Over) party for everyone - spouses included.

Bloomington - president's speech on the importance of voting was aired on KUXL.



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Grand Rapids Area - workshops serve all sorts of useful purposes. GR picked up two new members as a result of that one.

Rochester - asked to present a workshop on local issues for educators interested in government and politics.

Marshall - presenting a segment on "Being a Candidate" at Urban Concerns workshop.

Moorhead again - local radio station wanted to interview LWV observers for their local news report.

Hutchinson - can't think of the name of the award, but they get it. This one, 10-member Board has among themselves 12 pre-school children.

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.

State Office - 555 Wabasha

Coffee, tea, and pop - Bring your own "bag"

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AGENDA

9:29 a.m.: Determination of quorum and call to order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of November 13, 1979, state Board meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 AmERica Report - Sawyer

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 2 Board meeting time - Berkwitz
- 15 Initiative, Referendum and Recall Consensus Questions - Burkhalter
- 10 State Unit Guidelines - Nelson
- 5-10 Proposed LWVUS Bylaw Change - Nelson
- 5 Bylaws Committee Appointment - Berkwitz
- 5 Lobbyist Approval - Lake
- 5 Minnesota Children's Public Policy Network - Higinbotham
- 10 Correction Program Survey - Scribner/Busek
- 10 BWCA Intervention - Crampton/Nelson
- 5 Sierra Club Request - Crampton

DISCUSSION

- 10 Mailing Lists - Lake
- 60 1980-81 LWVMN Budget - Wirtanen
- 15 Transportation Focus - Schefers
- 5 White House Conference on Families - Tews
- 5 Minnesota Fillies - Sawyer
- 10 Membership Task Force Report - Schefers
- 10 Council/Leadership Workshop - Nelson
- 5 History of Women in Athletics - Kahlenberg

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Lake
- 2 Development - Schmitz
- 5 Waste Alert - Crampton
- 5 Trade Education Update - Llona
- Focus on Trade - Llona
- SALT II - Llona
- 1 Framework Water Plan - Crampton
- SLL - Thompson

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

REMINDERS: We will be doing a "mini-mailing" to local League Presidents...if you have anything to go, please bring it to the Board meeting. Thus far we are planning a short MEMO with January calendar and enclosures of PROGRAM FOR ACTION, 1980-81, precinct caucus resolutions, trade education report form, LWVMN Development Committee letter.

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- December 10 - Membership Task Force, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN Office  
11 - LWVMN Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
14 - Mini-Mailing to Presidents Only  
24 - LWVMN office closed  
25 - LWVMN office closed  
26-27-28 - LWVMN office open 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
31 - LWVMN office closed  
January 1 - LWVMN office closed  
7 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
10 - CMAL Board Meeting, LWVMN office - 9:30 a.m.  
15 - LWVMN Board Meeting, LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m.

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: voucher (green), planning form (blue), time sheet for December 10 - January 11 (canary)

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the November 13, 1979, Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the November 13, 1979, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (green - attached): to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: See bottom of Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
4. AmERicA Report - enclosed (green) - to be filed for audit.

Revision of Agenda

5. Board meeting time: motion: to start all state Board meetings promptly at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

Background Information

Some state Board members from outside the metropolitan area have difficulty in getting to the Board meetings by 9:30 a.m. Were we to begin later, members begin to leave at 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. - this meeting was originally scheduled for 10:00 a.m. because we expected it to be shorter than usual.

6. Initiative, Referendum and Recall Consensus questions: motion: to approve the consensus questions as proposed by the I/R&R Study Committee (see attached goldenrod)
7. State Unit Guidelines: motion: to approve the attached suggested state unit guidelines (see attached pink)

Background Information

The Buffalo-Monticello LWV has too few members with too little time to continue as a League - they are disbanding. BUT their enthusiasm for League remains; they are not the typical guilt-ridden, down-and-out disbanding group that can hardly wait to get the gory details finished. These guidelines, adopted from the LWV-Wisconsin, seem to be made for this group. This would maintain League's influence in Wright and Sherburne Counties and give these women a more manageable workload.

8. Proposed LWVUS Bylaw Change: motion: to pursue a bylaws change that would give groups of fifty members-at-large (MALs) a vote a LWVUS Convention.

Background Information

See Guidelines for State Units (pink)

9. Bylaws Committee Appointment: motion: to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to review LWVUS bylaws for possible changes.

Background Information

LWVMN must submit proposed bylaws changes to LWVUS by February 5; Board will have to approve any proposals at the January 15 meeting.

10. Lobbyist approval: motion: to approve \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ as lobbyists for LWVMN.
11. Minnesota Children's Public Policy Network: motion: to join the Minnesota Children's Public Policy Network with Mary Ojeda representing LWVMN.  
Background Information  
Mary Ojeda is LWV-Minneapolis Human Resources Co-chair and Chair of the Women and Children Study. There will be further information about the network at the Board meeting.
12. Corrections Program Survey: motion: to approve optional local League participation in a Corrections Program Survey.  
Background Information  
Joanna Buzek, LWV-Minneapolis, wants to talk about involving local Leagues in monitoring of Corrections programs - it would be similar to the Criminal Justice Monitoring project that fell through. (1:00 p.m.)
13. BWCA: motion: to intervene as a co-defendent in the BWCA suit filed by the State of Minnesota.  
Background Information  
See attached Memo.
14. Sierra Club request: motion: to send list of local League presidents and/or N.R. chairs to Regional Sierra Club.  
Background Information  
The Sierra Club has a grant from the Mississippi River "Great Plan" Commission to produce a directory of environmental groups and individuals.

#### DISCUSSION

1. Mailing lists

Background Information

We've had several requests for the list of local League presidents. One came from Senator Durenberger's office to enable them to give people wanting ERA info. a local contact. The second was for inclusion in an environmental organization directory. Past practice has been for the Board to make a case-by-case decision. Should this be continued, or do we want a blanket policy?

2. 1980-81 Budget (see attached - green)

3. Transportation Focus (see attached - canary). We need Board ideas regarding length, sponsorship and cost.

4. Advisory Commission to the White House Conference on Families.

Background Information

Grace Harkness, LWVMN delegate to the Conference, will report briefly to the Board on the first meeting.

5. Minnesota Fillies

Background Information

Minnesota Fillies have approached LWVMN about co-sponsoring a LWV Night at a Fillies game. It would be a fund-raiser for the League and give the Fillies support. Anybody interested? Local Leagues might want to take advantage of the offer - we could put information in the BOARD MEMO.

6. Membership Task Force Report

Background Information

First meeting is Monday, December 10. Looks like it will be well attended.

7. Council/Leadership Workshop . Suggested topics are: Time Management, Futures (Joel Barker), Voter Registration Distribution, Parliamentary Procedure, LWVUS Convention, Delegate Training, Bulletin, P.R., Finance, Local Program, Special Interest Caucuses (counties, similar local programs, Mississippi River Leagues,



Minnesota R. League), Leading good discussions. Let's set a planning meeting date: 9:30 a.m. on January 7 or 8 (Monday or Tuesday)? (January 7 is Action Committee.)

8. History of Women and Athletics

Background Discussion

A staff member of the MN Humanities Commission came to see me about our doing a program or series of programs this winter about women in athletics. Ideally, it would be an evening, series of evenings, or Saturday program in the Twin Cities, then replicated outstate in a number of different communities where there are active Leagues, using humanists from those local colleges, etc. The idea began with a speech on public radio by Dr. Gretchen Kreuter of St. Olaf on the history of women in athletics. Mary Birmingham says it was superb! MHC staff member also suggested other humanists who could approach this subject, plus educators, parents, legislators, feminists, etc. Program could not be advocacy of our LWV position but could present facts on the subject. Deadline for first draft of a proposal is January 4, final proposal by February 1. We have to match the MHC grant, but some staff time and project director could be included in grant moneys. We could aim for audience of school administrators, legislators, public, Leaguers--whoever needs to hear the full story. We could include a philosopher talking on ethics of equal opportunity. Program could be videotaped, and we apply next November for grant to distribute, though MHC tends to prefer live presentations.

INFORMATION

1. Action (minutes enclosed with this mailing)
2. Development Report: IDS - \$1,000 pledged April, 1980.  
Control Data pledges the purchase of 10,000 VOTERS GUIDES (\$1,000+)  
SICO - \$100

There are no appointments scheduled for december.

3. Waste Alert: April 11-12; North Hennepin Community College. Douglas Costle, head of the EPA, has been invited as keynote speaker for Friday P.M. Saturday morning will address problem of both solid and hazardous waste; possible solutions Saturday afternoon. Sandra Gardebring, Region 5 EPA (previous head of MPCA) will be noon luncheon speaker.
4. Trade Education Report (oral)
5. Focus on Trade Report (oral)
6. SALT II (oral)
7. Framework Water Plan - Ad Hoc Committee to make recommendations on "Framework" water plan is being formed.
8. S.L.L.

Grand Rapids - MN Government Learning Center has asked them to conduct a panel on the appointive process.

Austin - Asked by the Community College to help them present a 15-week course on Energy through the newspaper. They'll be paid for it.

Cass Lake/Bemidji - Had over 40 people attend their legislative interview.

St. Louis Park - It can happen. 200 people attended their candidates meeting.

St. Paul - Has four members on the Housing Advisory Commission.

Fridley - Has scheduled a children's night at the Council as a step in urging citizen participation.

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S T A T E   B O A R D   M E E T I N G

Tuesday, June 12, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.  
state office - 555 Wabasha

Coffee, Tea, and Pop - Bring your own "bag"

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AGENDA

9:29 Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of the May 8 state Board meeting\*
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 2 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 AmERiCa Report - Sawyer

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Appointments - Berkwitz
- 5 Committee Sign-ups - Berkwitz
- 10 Adoption of goals/priorities - Berkwitz
- 15 Adoption of Board policies and procedures, non-partisanship - Berkwitz
- 10 Criminal Justice Monitoring project - Scribner
- 10 Fall Workshop topics - Berkwitz
- 2 1980 State Council site approval - Berkwitz
- 5 Appointments to Coalition of 15,000 - Lake
- 2 Hazardous Waste Conference - Reiner
- 2 Federal Election Commission Conference - Newmark
- 5 ERA NOW Fundraiser - Higinbotham

SMOKERS' BREAK

DISCUSSION

- 10 Development - Schmitz
- 10 LWVUS and ERA - Berkwitz, Sawyer
- 5 Gas reimbursement/voucher - Sawyer
- 5 Fall Membership Event - Schefers
- 15 Convention direction - Berkwitz
- 15 Convention review - Berkwitz
- 5 Initiative, Referendum and Recall - Burkhalter
- 5/10 Education consensus - Armstrong
- 5 Changes in Calendar? Berkwitz
- 5/10 Willmar Women's Project - Higinbotham
- 5 VOTER - Rosenblatt
- 5 Orientation for new Board members - Berkwitz

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

INFORMATION

- 2 Action - Lake
- 5 Hibbing Debate - Berkwitz
- 1 LWVUS "bravo" to Helene - Sawyer
- 1 Common Cause thank-you - Sawyer
- 1 Service to Local Leagues - Thompson

REMINDERS: Board Memo material is due June 12 - please bring it with you to the Board meeting. Thanks! If you picked up an OUTLOOK at Convention, bring it with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- June 14 - CMAL Executive Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m., state office  
Job-Sharing Committee - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
18 - Betty Ann, Pat, Jessie - Memory Processor Training; Sally on her own!  
25 - Action Committee meeting (tentative) - 9:30 a.m., state office  
26 - Development Committee - 9:30 a.m., state office
- July 2-9- Sally on vacation  
3 - May-June VOTER mailed  
4 - Office closed  
10 - July-August VOTER deadline
- August 6 - Action Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office  
7 - July-August VOTER mailed  
14 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m., state office  
September-October VOTER deadline

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Planning Form (blue), Time Sheet for June 11-August 12, 1979 (canary), voucher (green).

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the May 8, 1979, Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the May 8, 1979, Board meeting as circulated.
2. Treasurer's Report - in your folders - to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report - appended to Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit.
4. AmERICA Report - enclosed - to be filed for audit.  
F.Y.I. - \$417.84 in sales at Convention.  
Revision of Agenda
5. Appointments: motion: to approve the appoints of Ruth Armstrong, Joan Higinbotham, Barbara Maher, Milo Schefers, Judy Bredesen, Virginia Reiner to the LWVMN Board.  
motion: to approve the appointments of Judy Bredesen and Erica Buffington to the Nominating Committee.  
motion: to approve the appointments of Emily Schmitz and (a volunteer) to the Budget Committee.  
Committee assignments: Please think about which LWVMN Committees you would like to serve on. The following is a list of probable committees: Criminal Justice, Natural Resources, Human Resources, Education, Government, International Relations, Membership, CI., VS, Service to Local Leagues, VOTER, Development, Initiative, Referendum and Recall, P.R., Marketing/publications, and Membership Event at Governor's Mansion (Waldo, chair).
6. Adoption of goals/priorities for 1979-81: to adopt the following as the goals of LWVMN Board for 1979-81: (see attached goldenrod)
7. Adoption of Policies (see attached pink sheets): motion: to adopt policies as attached (or as amended).

Background Information

The new Board must review these policies, make changes or suggestions, and adopt them. Please look them over carefully. We suggest the Development Sharing policy be added (see Development Section in OUTLOOK).



8. Criminal Justice Monitoring project: motion: The LWV should undertake the Criminal Justice Monitoring project and encourage local Leagues to participate.

Background Information

(See attached blue sheet.) Convention direction to the Board was to pursue this. A caucus was held on the topic which generated enthusiasm.

9. Fall Workshop Topics: motion: to select the following topics for the fall workshops: Action, Membership, and Initiative and Referendum.

Background Information

We must choose the subjects for the Fall Workshops now so that we can contact local hostess Leagues and begin making arrangements. Some suggestions have been offered: Action, Membership, the New Study on Initiative, Referendum, and Recall. Are there others?

10. 1980 State Council Site Approval: motion: to approve Silver Lake Camp as the site for the 1980 State Council meetings on April 21 and 22.

Background Information

Silver Lake Camp was the site of the March 21 Board retreat; it is available on April 21-22, 1980.

11. Coalition of 15,000: motion: to appoint Lake and Berkwitz as LWVMN representatives to the Coalition of 15,000.

Background Information

The Coalition of 15,000 is the LWVMN, AAUW, Junior Leagues of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and National Council of Jewish Women of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Representatives from these groups meet regularly to discuss issues and to determine if they have common positions on which action may be taken. The Coalition for the Gifted and Talented was started by the Coalition of 15,000. All member groups now have positions on the ERA and are also moving toward family violence positions. Pam and Helene were LWVMN representatives last year.

12. Hazardous Waste Conference: motion: to pay Reiner's expenses from Leadership for attendance at the LWVUS Hazardous Wastes Conference in Madison in July.

Background Information

The Conference is free; meals and lodging costs are \$42.00.

13. Midwest Regional Workshop Conference on Election Administration: motion: to pay Joan Newmark's expenses of \$59.50 to \$79.00 (from the Leadership Fund) to the Midwest Regional Workshop Conference on Election Administration to be held in Madison from July 22-24.

Background Information

Topics to be discussed of special interest to LWV include Training of Election and Poll Workers, Voter Outreach and Participation, Absentee Registration and Voting, the Media and Elections Administration. She will prepare a written report after the conference.

14. ERA NOW Fundraiser: motion: to sponsor and contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the ERA - for our Children Reception to be held July 1 at Butler Square.

Background Information

"I am writing to you on behalf of the ERA, to ask your support for a special fundraiser to be held at Butler Square in Minneapolis on July 1st. This reception is part of the National Organization for Women's new National ERA Campaign. Special events in cities throughout the country are being planned to signal the beginning of our campaign to win ratification in the extended time period. The National Organization for Women has been in the forefront of the ERA struggle - building a massive grassroots network, organizing workers, phone banks, marches, and rallies. We are determined to give of ourselves, our talent, and our resources. The harder the fight has become, the more determined we have become.